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# Temporary Protection for People Fleeing the War in Ukraine

## Challenges Ahead and the Way Forward for a Common EU Response

**5 MAY 2022, 09:00-16:00**

Tune in on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for our joint Webinar “*Temporary Protection for People Fleeing the War in Ukraine. Challenges Ahead and the Way Forward for a Common EU Response*”, which is jointly organized by Sergio Carrera, [ASILE](#) Project Coordinator, Luc Leboeuf, [VULNER](#) Project Coordinator, and Hakan G. Sicakkan, [PROTECT](#) Project Coordinator.

Researchers and external collaborators of the three sister H2020 projects will discuss the EU responses to people fleeing war in Ukraine, including the implementation challenges and the way forward for the Common European Asylum System (CEAS).

A first panel will examine the current refugee inflows into the EU from Ukraine, how the EU’s Temporary Protection Directive (TPD) aims to address it, the efficiency of the TPD in safeguarding the fundamental rights on the ground, and other implementation issues that have arisen (or are likely to arise).

A second panel will discuss the experiences of some non-EU countries in dealing with temporary protection and large-scale displacement of refugees. Discussions will aim at transferring knowledge on alternative solutions to the current protection challenges.

A third panel will explore historical instances of mass displacement into today’s EU territory, how they were addressed, and what lessons can be learned from these past events and the current events for the CEAS future.



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## **PROGRAMME**

**9.00 – 9.15 - *Opening and Welcome* – Michael Moschovakos (European Commission) & ASILE, PROTECT and VULNER Project Coordinators**

**9.15 - 11.00 *The Activation and Implementation of the Temporary Protection Directive (TPD)***

This Opening Panel discusses the current refugee inflows into the EU, including the current situation in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Romania, and zooms into the TPD implementation challenges. Key issues include: the TPD personal scope of application, the relationship between the TPD and the asylum system, the free movement of TPD beneficiaries across the EU, the specific needs of the most vulnerable persons, and the protection against human trafficking and exploitation. The Panel puts these issues in relation to human rights and refugee protection standards, and the UN Global Compacts for Migration and on Refugees.

*Chair:* Hakan G. Sicakkan (PROTECT, University of Bergen)

- Meltem Ineli Ciger (ASILE, Süleyman Demirel University)
- Elspeth Guild (PROTECT, Queen Mary University of London)
- Letizia Palumbo (VULNER, Ca' Foscari University)
- Boldizsar Nagy (Central European University)

*Discussants:*

- Cecilia Verkleij (EC, DG HOME, Deputy Head of Unit, Asylum Unit)
- Christine Sidenius (Greens/EFA European Parliament)

Q/A Session

**11.00 - 11.15 – Break**



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### **11.15 - 13.00 Lessons Learned and Key Findings from Other World Regions**

This Panel focuses on lessons to be learned from temporary protection policies applied to large-scale displacement outside the EU. Key issues include: security of residence, family life, access to decent work, the specific protection needs of vulnerable groups and persons, as well as how these issues relate to the UN Global Compacts for Migration and on Refugees.

*Chair:* Cathrine Brun (VULNER, Centre for Lebanese Studies)

- Jo Vearey (PROTECT, University of Witwatersrand)
- Leiza Brumat (ASILE, Eurac research & MPC-EUI)
- Luisa Feline Freier (Universidad del Pacífico – Lima, Peru)
- Lewis Turner (ASILE, Newcastle University)
- Sophie Nakueira (VULNER, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

*Discussants:*

- Luca Lixi (EEAS)
- Cecilia Vejby Andersen (DRC)

Q/A Session

### **13.00 - 14.15 - Lunch Break**



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### **14.15 - 15.30 Background and Ways Forward for EU Asylum Policy**

This Panel discusses the historical background of temporary protection in Europe, and the most relevant factors driving EU integration dynamics in light of the current state of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS) and the New EU Pact on Migration and Asylum. It also discusses how the TPD can be an opportunity to fostering the future development and rethinking the guiding principles of EU asylum and migration policies (such as the principle of solidarity, the free movement of protection beneficiaries inside the EU, and the protection of vulnerable persons and groups).

*Chair:* Sergio Carrera (ASILE, CEPS)

- Frank Caestecker (PROTECT, Ghent University)
- Jens Vedsted-Hansen (ASILE, Aarhus University)
- Liliia Oprysk (University of Bergen)

*Discussants:*

- Catherine Woollard (ECRE)

Q/A Session

### **15.30 - 16.00 Concluding Remarks from the Project Coordinators**



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