EU Justice and Home Affairs agencies’ Joint Statement on Ukraine

EU Justice and Home Affairs agencies support the work of EU institutions and Member States as they help Ukraine and its people now that war once again touches Europe.

By working together and utilising each agency’s particular expertise, we engage as a matter of urgency to assist EU Member States in terms of humanitarian support, respect for fundamental rights, management of EU external borders, visa measures, anticipation of hybrid threats, and reception of people fleeing war. This includes establishing a temporary protection mechanism for the displaced persons from Ukraine. Such support is in line with the measures agreed at the Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting on 3-4 March, as well as with the outcomes of the extraordinary Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting on 27 February in response to Russia’s military aggression over Ukraine.

We also encourage all staff of EU agencies to help people in need and appreciate the support some colleagues already provide.

The EU Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) issues this statement on behalf of the network of nine EU agencies working on freedom, security and justice in the EU. In 2022, CEPOL holds the Presidency of the network.

The nine agencies are: the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA), the European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA), the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust), the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol), the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) and the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL).