

European Protection Policies

Increasingly Restrictive, Selective and Temporary?

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Temporary Protection Directive:

**Operational
guidelines to
support Member
States**

GOVREIN

- 8 countries
- 2014-2023



REMIMO

Requirements for permanent residence

NOR-RETIN

Ukrainian refugees in the Nordics



Are the policies becoming more...

Restrictive or
liberal/generous?



Universal or selective?

Temporary or
permanent?



Restrictive turn after 2015

- All countries = more restrictive after 2015
- Restrictions on
 - Permits
 - Legal assistance
 - Appeal
 - Permanent residency
 - Family reunification
 - Financial assistance



Dual approach to displaced persons from Ukraine



- European countries - *not* so unified?
 - Difference between countries and policy areas
- More liberal policies
 - Easier registration and access
 - Rights for accommodation/settlement
 - Temporary return
 - Access to work
- More restrictive policies
 - Integration measures
 - Financial assistance
 - Healthcare services
 - No path to permanent residency

More selective policies

- **Selective** rights and rules based on *permit/status, probability to stay, nationality or mode of arrival*
 - First-time permits
 - Permanent residency
 - Family reunification
 - Integration measures
 - Financial assistance



The temporary perspective – a continued trend



- Explicit temporary perspective for Ukrainian refugees, but it started before
- Increased temporariness after 2015
 - Shorter first-time permits
 - Requirements for permanent residence
- More focus on cessation and return also for those granted protection



**Implications of
increased
temporariness?**

«It a matter of safety"»



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«People have now lived for four years in uncertainty and in fear of being sent back to Ukraine at any moment.

This creates mental pressure on them and on their children, hinders integration, and reduces their motivation to seek employment.»



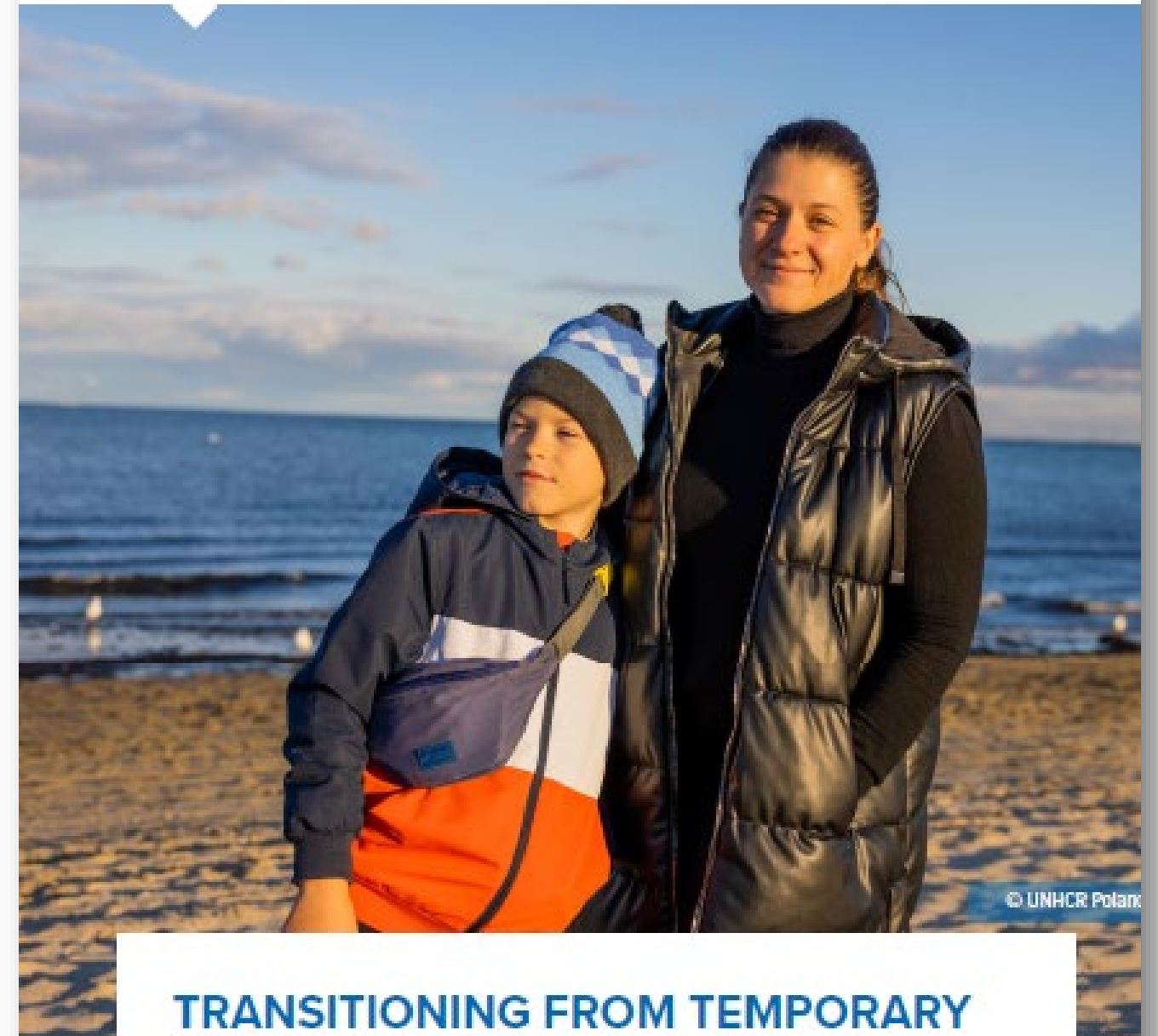
EU recommendation:

- Transition to other permits?



Other permits – not a realistic option for all?

*«In many countries, existing pathways
rely heavily on standard migration
channels that do not align with the
socioeconomic profiles, protection needs
or vulnerabilities of refugees likely to
remain»*



**TRANSITIONING FROM TEMPORARY
PROTECTION: PROJECTED STAY,
LEGAL PATHWAYS, AND POLICY
OPTIONS FOR REFUGEES FROM
UKRAINE**

**Towards eternal
temporariness
for some?**





THANK YOU