



# Ghent accommodation centres for displaced persons from Ukraine

## Project description

In February 2022, the Russian Federation launched a broad military offensive against Ukraine. The situation in Ukraine deteriorated, with major attacks being reported across the country. The increased intensity of the conflict contributed to **growing internal displacement and cross-border movement**. More than fifty thousand certificates of temporary protection have been granted to Ukrainians by the immigration office in Brussels. The **temporary protection gives displaced persons from Ukraine the right to receive accommodation, financial support and integration support**. The City of Ghent has selected IOM Belgium and Luxembourg to manage four accommodation centres in Ghent where mainly women and children are staying.

IOM is responsible for operating the centres established by the City of Ghent, capitalizing on its years of experience to provide safe, protection-sensitive and dignified shelter to persons displaced by the Ukraine crisis.

## Objectives



IOM's objective is to contribute to a **reduction of the vulnerability of displaced persons from Ukraine** affected by the humanitarian crisis in the country by creating safe spaces from which the affected population can further look for sustainable options, by integrating into the regular housing market and find income generating activities for the duration that temporary protection remains granted.



Furthermore, IOM staff members make **referrals to local networks** for access to education for children, language courses, volunteering, leisure activities, health support, mental health support, etc. In those centres, IOM staff ensure that displaced persons from Ukraine can report safely on issues, concerns, and suggestions.

## Timeline

Considering that more permanent housing solutions might be identified, the estimated project timeline is from June 2022 until March 2023.

Start: June 2022

End: March 2023

## Project Partners

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