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Situation of Ukrainian Citizens After January 1, 2025

Topic: current state of procedure regarding post-TPD residence permit (CUKR)

- A new type of residence permit for individuals who previously benefited from temporary protection has been established in the June 2024 Amendment to the Special Act (**3 year permit - CUKR**)
- the relevant procedure for applying for this permit **has not yet come into effect**. There is currently no information regarding its implementation at MOS platform.
- We are awaiting an **announcement in the Polish Monitor**, in accordance with Article 33(1)(1) of the Act of May 15, 2024, amending the Act on Assistance to Ukrainian Citizens in Connection with the Armed Conflict in Their Country and Certain Other Acts.



post-TPD

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Processing of Applications from Syrian Nationals

Topic: Office for Foreigners practice concerning asylum proceedings of Syrians

- In Poland, the acceptance of applications for international protection from Syrian citizens **has not been suspended**.
- According to a statement by Deputy Minister Duszczuk, posted on platform X/Twitter in December 2024, the **Head of the Office for Foreigners will not issue decisions regarding Syrian citizens who have applied for international protection until the situation is clarified**.
- We assume that this is related to the need for the Head of the Office for Foreigners to obtain an **expert assessment of the current situation in Syria**.
- We are closely monitoring this issue and will also reach out to the Head of the Office for Foreigners to determine whether the Deputy Minister's political declaration is reflected in the office's actual practice.



Syrian asylum apps

3 Migration Pact/Migration Strategy

Topic: current state of implementation of EU Pact on Migration and Asylum

Polish government has presented a plan for implementing the migration strategy, which includes:

- The introduction of temporary and territorial suspensions of the right to apply for national and international protection.
- The postponement of most strategic actions related to integration until 2026.
- The establishment of a system for monitoring international protection procedures in Q2 2025.



EU Asylum Pact

4 Situation on the Polish-Belarusian Border

Topic: current situation at the Polish-Belarusian border

- since Dec 2024 a rapid rise in the number of calls and emails from TCNs in Belarus, seeking help in entering Poland and filing an asylum claim
- in most cases people claim they have been pushedback from PL multiple times, their money is running out and their visa's validity period is coming to an end. They fear deportation from Belarus.
- they are asking for help in "organizing" their safe passage to Poland
- they want to try to enter via Terespol border crossing
- BG in Terespol is refusing them entry




Border crisis

5 Information on Legislative Work

Topic: current state of legislative work regarding migration and asylum in PL

Acts in the pipeline



1. **Government Act Amending the Act on Granting Protection to Foreigners in the Territory of the Republic of Poland (Document No. 924)**

- Introduces the possibility of **temporarily restricting the right to apply for asylum** and adds **new grounds for revoking refugee status**. The new regulations aim to strengthen border security by counteracting migration tactics used by Belarus, which, in cooperation with Russia and international criminal groups, facilitates the smuggling of migrants into the European Union.

1. **Government Bill on the Conditions for the Employment of Foreigners in the Territory of the Republic of Poland (Document No. 949)**

- Concerns the employment of foreigners in Poland. The new provisions include higher penalties for illegal employment, streamlined procedures, reduced backlogs in offices, and full digitalization of administrative processes.

1. **Government Bill Amending the Act on Foreigners and Certain Other Acts (Document No. 950)**

- Implements Directive 2021/1883/EU and introduces legal solutions regarding the entry, rights, and residence permits for highly qualified foreign professionals (EU Blue Card).

1. **Government Bill Amending Certain Acts to Eliminate Irregularities in Poland's Visa System (Document No. 951)**

- Introduces reforms to the **national visa system for study purposes** and the **residence permit system for students**. It also sets a cap on the number of foreign students at a given university and restricts access to temporary residence and work permits.

1. **Bill Amending the Act on Repatriation and Certain Other Acts (Project No. UD132)**

- This bill has not yet been submitted for parliamentary work. The proposed changes aim to **streamline repatriation procedures** for individuals of Polish origin.