

Slovakia

About the Global Compact on Refugees

The [Global Compact on Refugees \(GCR\)](#) is a framework for more predictable and equitable responsibility-sharing, recognizing that a sustainable solution to refugee situations cannot be achieved without international cooperation. It provides a blueprint for governments, international organizations, and other stakeholders to ensure that host communities get the support they need and that refugees can lead productive lives.

About the Global Refugee Forum

A central arrangement to translate GCR into action is the Global Refugee Forum (GRF), where States and other actors come together every four years to share good practices and contribute with financial support, technical expertise and policy changes to help reach the goals of the Global Compact. **SLOVAKIA has made three pledges at the first-ever Global Refugee Forum in 2019 and has provided updates against these pledges since.**

Pledge Summary

- 3 pledges in 2019
- 3 pledgee follow-ups
 - 1 pledge update from 2020
 - 2 pledge updates from 2021
- 2 pledges in progress
- 1 pledge fulfilled

The Government of Slovakia has three pledges aiming to aid refugees and stateless persons. They pledge to make a financial contribution to the UNHCR budget in relation to the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees of 100,000 EUR. Slovakia commits to develop policies that support refugees and host communities. In particular, continued implementation of humanitarian and post-humanitarian SlovakAid projects in the Middle East region focusing on humanitarian-development- peacebuilding. The government of Slovakia also commits to providing national experts and expertise to enhance the capacity of host governments to respond effectively and efficiently particularly in situations of refugee influx.

Impacted Countries

- Slovakia
- Cyprus
- Greece
- Italy
- Jordan
- Turkey

Relevant Programs and Partnerships

- UNHCR
- EASO
- Cooperation with Bosnia and Herzegovina

Noticeable outcomes

- The financial contribution to the UNHCR has been implemented.
- In 2021, 12 national experts have been deployed in EU countries under migration pressure. After an interruption of the activities in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the implementation of the GRF pledge has been resumed.
- The pledge on development policies has been implemented. The government of Slovakia has incorporated the aspect of coherence between migration and development policy into the strategic materials (e.g. new Action plan for the migration policy of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs for the years 2021-2025)

Contributions in numbers

- Additional financial contribution to the UNHCR budget in relation to the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees in the amount of 100 000 EUR aimed at support of education and equal opportunities

Pledges from other entities affecting Slovakia

GRF-00204: European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)
 Advocacy: push for rights based European asylum policy

GRF-00133: Council of Europe
 Encourage State members to accede to the relevant European and international statelessness conventions and withdraw reservations of accession

GRF-00205: European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)
 Inclusion of refugees throughout all of ECRE's work (Staff, Board members and ECRE membership)

GRF-01252: Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (High Commissioner on National Minorities)

Make recommendations to OSCE participating States on addressing childhood statelessness through improvement of legislation and administrative practices

GRF-00206: European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)

Promoting compliance with asylum legislation through research and legal support

GRF-01253: Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights - ODIHR)

Promoting Compliance with Human Rights in Migration Procedures

GRF-01254: Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights - ODIHR)

Promoting Good Practices in Migrant Integration and Awareness Raising

GRF-01369: Sovereign Order of Malta

Refugees response of the Sovereign Order of Malta

GRF-00134: Council of Europe

Support member States in establishing/improving statelessness determination procedures; strengthen the protection of stateless persons; promote the right to birth registration

GRF-01256: Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights - ODIHR)

Support participating States in their efforts to address statelessness by organising regional and county level roundtables

GRF-01257: Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights - ODIHR)

Support participating States in their efforts to address statelessness by organising 'twinning' exercises and study visits between States

GRF-01258: Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights - ODIHR)

Support participating States in their efforts to address statelessness by providing technical support to improve their identity management systems

GRF-01259: Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights - ODIHR)

Support participating States in their efforts to address statelessness by updating and developing knowledge tools and delivering trainings

GRF-01127: International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

To contribute to durable solutions through assisting governments in designing return and reintegration capacities

List of Pledges Submitted by Slovakia and Their Updates

Pledge Submission (Date)	Follow-up Submitted (Date)	Pledge ID	Contribution Name	Pledge Description	Area of Focus	Follow-up Summary	Implementation Details
10/12/2019	13/10/2021	GRF-00963	<i>Development policies supporting refugees and host communities</i>	2. Continued implementation of humanitarian and post-humanitarian SlovakAid projects in the Middle East region with a special focus on triple (humanitarian-development-peacebuilding) nexus for the benefit of refugees and their host communities	Responsibility sharing arrangements	The pledge is being implemented	Incorporating the aspect of coherence between migration and development policy into the strategic materials (e.g. new Action plan for the migration policy of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs for the years 2021-2025)
10/12/2019	2/6/2020	GRF-00964	<i>Financial contribution 100 000 EUR</i>	Additional financial contribution to the UNHCR budget in relation to the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees in the amount of 100 000 EUR aimed at support of education and equal opportunities	Education		Contribution was provided in December 2019
12/12/2019	15/11/2021	GRF-00962	<i>Providing national experts and expertise</i>	Providing national experts and expertise to enhance the capacity of host governments to respond effectively and efficiently, particularly in situation of refugees influx, in coordination with EASO and/or other projects in order to avoid overlapping.	Protection capacity	After an interruption of the activities in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the implementation of the GRF pledge has been resumed.	In 2021, 12 national experts have been deployed in EU countries under migration pressure. (3 CY, 2 IT, 2LT, 5MT). Moreover cooperation with Bosnia and Hercegovina has been launched this year with first capacity building activities taking place in October and November.