Ukrainian nationals in Bosnia and Herzegovina

10 December 2023

Regular arrivals and departures of Ukrainian nationals in BiH
Source: Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as of 10 December 2023

Latest # of weekly entries: 223
Latest # of weekly exits: 241

Weekly entries and exits since March 2022

Ukrainian nationals can enter BiH on non-visa regime, which allows to stay in the country for 30 days within a 60 days period (from the date of first entry)

Ukrainian nationals who arrived after 24/02 staying in BiH
Source: Ministry of Security (MoS), the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA), as of 10 December 2023

Age and gender
- Women: 114 (55%)
- Men: 35 (17%)
- Children: 59 (28%)

Advocacy for Temporary Protection
The MoS drafted a proposal of a decision on granting Temporary Protection for Ukrainians. However, this proposal was not considered by the BiH Council of Ministers (CoM), that instead decided to provide only temporary residence on humanitarian grounds to Ukrainians. UNHCR shared its inputs emphasizing the importance of Temporary Protection, which ensures refugees from Ukraine have access to basic rights, which is currently not the case with the CoM decision on temporary residence.

Asylum claim registrations of Ukrainian nationals
Source: Ministry of Security (MoS), as of 10 December 2023

# of persons who registered their asylum claim with MoS since March 2022: 41

By Field Center*
Mostar: 69
Sarajevo: 28
Banja Luka: 32
Bihejina: 17
Tuzla: Sub. Prot.
Istočno Sarajevo: Asylum-s...
Doboj: AISA
Zenica: 0
Orašje: 183
Brčko: persons applied for temporary residence on humanitarian grounds, which allows to stay up to 6 months without rights (besides residency)
Travnik: persons granted subsidiary protection, (source: MoS, as of 30 November)
Trebinje: 8

The MoS issued an "Attestation of Expressed Intent to Seek Asylum" (AISA)

* These locations reflect where the persons were recorded, not necessarily where the persons are residing.