



### Note for the File

<b>Event</b>	TCN Working Group Meeting
<b>Date and Place</b>	27.05.2022 12:00, Teams
<b>Attended by</b>	See participant list below
<b>NFF prepared by</b>	Ewa Gierszewska, IOM Poland

#### Overview:

- Two planned outcomes for the meeting: mapping of services available for TCNs & identification of gaps

#### Participant List:

- Agnieszka Matejczuk, SIP
- Anna Maria Geller (DRC)
- Inesa N (La Strada)
- Jacek Garbarczyk
- Joanna Wojtarowicz
- Magdalena Biednik
- Urszula Humienik-Dworakowska
- Elżbieta Kramarczyk
- BARABASZ Paweł (IOM Poland)
- VOICA Maria (IOM Poland)
- GIERSZEWSKA Ewa (IOM Poland)

- PIECHOWSKA Emilia (IOM Poland)

### **Provision of services to TCNs**

1. Legal aid and provision of information
  - a. IOM TCN Office Hours – Wednesdays from 14-17. TCNs should book the time slot calling: +48 724 078 537. → assistance with filling the forms
  - b. Association for Legal Intervention – provision of legal services as for all beneficiaries, visits in hostels (such as the one led by KIK), contact via email (porada@interwencjaprawna.pl), simple questions answered at hand, more complicated ones take time, contact via phone only during 14-16 - +48 880 145 372
  - c. HFHR
  - d. Ocalenie Foundation
  - e. Kraków – Center for Legal Aid
2. Provision of health care – applicable only to those TCNs who has permanent residence permit in UA or refugee status
  - a. Białystok – dedicated doctor that assists TCNs (Stowarzyszenie Egala – stowarzyszenieegala@gmail.com)
3. Shelter
  - a. KIK shelter located in Warsaw (closing by the end of the month)
  - b. IOM Airbnb programme – for up to 30 days
  - c. Kraków (Salam Labs) – looking for apartments for TCN
  - d. A network of accommodation providers (Joanna Wojtarowicz)
4. Transport
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5. Food and NFIs
  - a. WCK – provision of hot and cold meals
  - b. Stowarzyszenie Egala – provision of prepared meals (in jars)
6. Financial assistance
  - a. UNHCR CBI programme
7. Facilitation of onward movements
  - a. VHR of IOM
  - b. Kateryna – facilitation of movement to the UK

### **Gaps**

1. Legal aid and provision of information
  - a. Problematic issue of legal stay (only 15 days after crossing the border) – some lawyers claim that this should be extended according to COVID-19 special law
  - b. Provision of legal aid in the languages of the beneficiaries
  - c. Raise awareness on the fact that TCNs might hold 2 passports, one of them of a visa-free country
2. Provision of health care

- a. Lack of health care provision for the most of TCNs that have entered Poland
3. Shelter
  - a. Ending contracts for existing shelters
  - b. Scattered support
  - c. Need for a new place to accommodate TCNs
4. Transport
  - a. Lack of any organization dealing directly with transport assistance to TCNs
5. Food and NFIs
  - a. Lack of access to WCK meals for TCNs at Warsaw railway stations
  - b. Limited possibilities to access free of charge meals for TCNs
6. Financial assistance
  - a. Limited possibility of financial assistance for TCNs due to issues with the legal aspect of such assistance (taxes, etc.)
7. Facilitation of onward movements
  - a. Lack of organizations dealing with movement assistance for TCNs

AOB:

- Contact Joanna Wojtarowicz to receive a list of contacts for short term accommodation for TCNs
- Facilitation of CBI for TCNs taking into account the legal and tax issues in Poland
- Amendment of the special law on Ukraine which will extend the non-visa movement for TCNs till the end of the year who have come from Ukraine →  
<https://sejm.gov.pl/Sejm9.nsf/druk.xsp?nr=2290>
- Integrating the service mapping with the one done by the protection sector
- Bi-weekly schedule of the meeting proposed and accepted

**Important contacts**

<https://ukraina.interwencjaprawna.pl/en/> - a list of organizations providing legal assistance to TCNs