

Minutes of meeting #10 Protection Working Group		
Location, Date & Time	Online, Teams 02 August 2022	
Facilitator	Mario Pavlovic	
Participants	UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, IOM, World Bank, World Vision International, eLiberare, WHO, PATRIR, EBR, FONSS, EINH, Oxfam, Acted Reach, Medicine sans Frontieres, Save the Children, HIAS, DRC, RCRC, Mercy Corps, Necuvinte, A&D Pharma, NRC	
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction</li> <li>2. The World Bank: "Project Based Learning - a step towards integration"</li> <li>3. Practical Aspects of the Temporary Protection status acquisition – open floor discussion               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Current experiences</li> <li>b. Trends and developments</li> <li>c. Challenges and redress mechanisms</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
Main Topic	Main Discussion	Action Points
World Bank Presentation: Project-Based Learning for Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The WB project highlighted that there is no knowledge of a phased-out plan to accelerate integration of Ukrainian children into Romanian school. There is insufficient information on support programs and a concern regarding the language barrier.</li> <li>• Dropout rates are being flagged as an emerging problem – out of five Ukrainian children enrolled, only two came to school</li> <li>• More incentives are also needed for Romanian schools</li> <li>• WB asks about increased collaboration between Ukrainian and Romanian teachers; ways through which ICT can expand integration through learning; and ways of extending benefits to all Romanian schools.</li> <li>• Romanian lessons for children and adults were organized through Project-Based Learning (PBL); this is relevant in the NRRP context of digital transformation of schools.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WB to continue documenting the "experimentation" with Project-Based Learning</li> <li>• WB to share presentation with PWG participants</li> </ul>
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR introduced a topic as it is currently analyzing all the main practical aspects related to acquisition of the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Romanian Bar Association list of pro-bono lawyers could be used by various actors on the ground to assist</li> </ul>

<p>Granting Temporary Protection in Romania - Challenges and updates</p>	<p>Temporary Protection status in Romania, i.e. exercising rights and services stemming from the TPD, including the access to it;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lack of registered address/residence as well as numerical codes issued on the TP status certificate are the issues that have been brought up by various local actors. Namely, the lack of address in the TP document generally present a barrier to access services, but particularly when it comes to employment (this has been noted as an issue for employers), opening bank accounts or registering with general practitioner.</li> <li>● UNHCR received numerous reports about refugees from Ukraine who are facing difficulties in registering with General Practitioners/local out-patient clinics in order to have access to basic health services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The issue stems from the national identification code as indicated on the TP status (starting with digits different from the RO citizens); in some parts of the country refugees cannot register due to the technical/IT issue; health workers are often having difficulties in trying to enter personal codes manually. Subsequently, some refugees are unable to have unhindered access to free of charge medical services;</li> <li>○ Despite an information notice sent by the Ministry of Health (March 2022) regarding refugee registration with primary health institutions, there are reports from the CSOs that the guidance is not applied in all counties of Romania; A good practice example is seen in Vrancea county where a local guidebook on how to register Ukrainian refugees into the health care system was created locally;</li> <li>○ One of the immediate consequences is seen in the increasing trend that refugees who are</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>all refugees – TP holders - who face various impediments in accessing rights and services; list of pro-bono lawyers to be shared by UNHCR to all PWG participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● UNHCR to compile all findings on practical aspects of the TP acquisition in Romania and share its findings with the PWG members;</li> </ul>
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	<p>granted TP status in Romania are commuting to Ukraine in order to receive medical care;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ At present, refugees from Ukraine who face difficulties in exercising their TP rights are being assisted by the legal aid providers including the Romanian Bar Association. Nevertheless, systemic solutions are needed to be put in place;</li><li>● Similar, technical hindrances (related to personal numerical code) have been observed by local NGOs for refugees who wish to seek employment possibilities and/or those who attempt to register their businesses in Romania;</li><li>● Lack of possibility for the TP deregistration in Romania represents a bureaucratic obstacle for those who wish to move to another EU Member State and get registered there;</li></ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Next meeting</b> Date: 16 August 2022; Place: Hybrid – Primaverii Conference Room/Teams Online</p>		