Protection and Inclusion Working Group

Hungary

10:00-12:00

2 April 2026

AGENDA

1. Protection and inclusion legal / policy / statistical updates

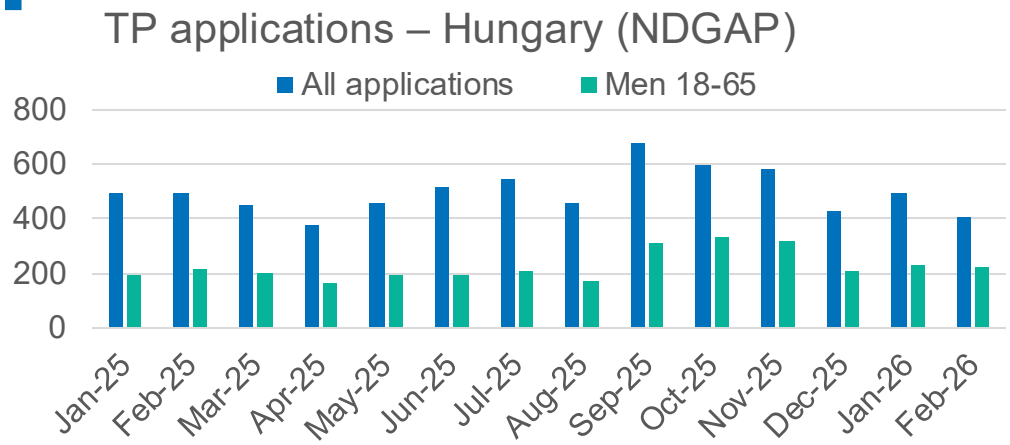
2. Tour de Table: organizations briefly update on their current activities (who / what / where / until when)

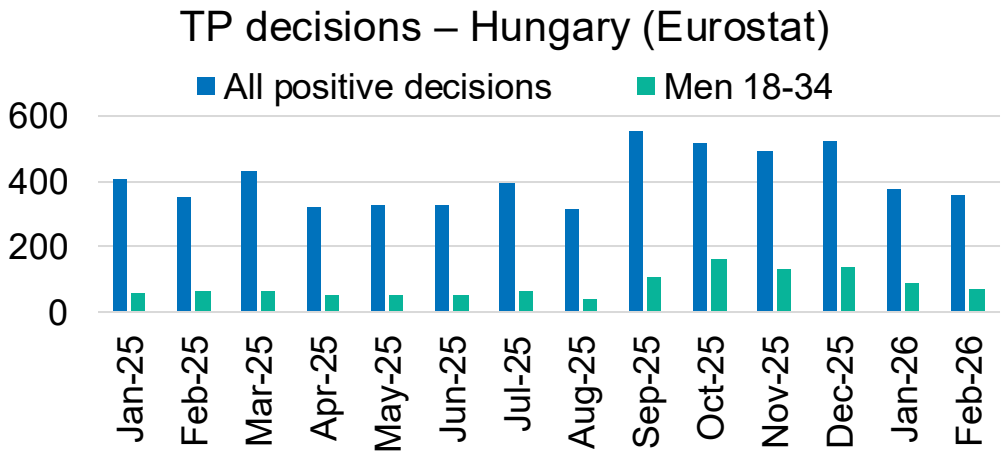
3. Discussion on priorities for 2026

4. Any other Business (AOB)

Updates – Ukraine Response

- Coordination
  - End of year report 2025: available on ODP
  - Q1 reporting: deadline extended to 17 April
- Temporary Protection (TP)
  - As of February 2026, the number of active TP beneficiaries is 43,833
  - Many countries in Europe have experienced an increase in the number of arrivals from Ukraine and TP applications from September, including Hungary





Updates - Hungary

- **TP statistical overview**: since the outbreak of the war, a total of **55,210 TP applications** were registered and a total of **48,066 TP status** and **4,500 tolerated status** was granted.

- **Statistical overview - regular asylum procedure:** a total of **114 asylum applications** registered. No one entered through the „embassy procedure". Main countries of origin of applicants: SYR, IRN, RUS, AFG, TUR. Recognitions: **34 people granted international protection** (15 refugee, 19 subsid. prot.) and 1 person granted tolerated status. Refugee population data at end-2025: 1,234 (refugees and beneficiaries of subsidiary protection).

- **The validity of Temporary Protection has been extended until 4 March 2027**, across the European Union, including Hungary (Government Decree no. 401/2026 of 17 December).

- The Government of Hungary **further extended** the **„crisis situation due to mass immigration"** until 7 September 2026 (Government Decree no. Government Decree No. 41/2026 of 5 March). In 2025, more than 4,000 removals were implemented by the Police to Serbia.

- **EU Pact on Migration and Asylum** will apply as of **12 June 2026**. Ongoing legislative process on the new Return Regulation, recent EP vote (STC concept, Return Hubs, Detention).

Tour de Table

UNHCR

- Legal
  - Advocacy (litigation, UPR submission);
  - Capacity-building for NDGAP;
  - Legal clinic course w ELTE;
  - Pro bono legal aid for refugees every month at UNHCR's office, advertised through Telegram;
- NFI distribution (bedding, quilts, thermoses, hygiene kits, adult diapers) to charity organizations, NGOs, refugee-led and community-based organizations
- Inclusion-related
  - Cooperation and support for community-based organizations providing social counselling and supporting access to education in the countryside;
  - Cash support for emergency situation – starting soon, but it is not to be advertised;
  - Planned: employment-related activities;
  - Advocacy for social inclusion;

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Unity: (refugee-led, mostly voluntary-based)

- non-formal education activities;
- community & cultural events including host community
- 18 April Conference, 10am on education (Menedek, ELTE)
- BP mainly

HHC:

- Legal aid for refugees (UKR and others) mainly BP + countryside
- Lawsuit in relation to accommodation: BP Court refused HHC's motion, appeal to Curia;
- AIDA report (April);
- Access to TP is relatively easy, HHC also represent asyl.seekers

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Lutheran Diaconia:

- NFI from UNHCR distributed
- Nepszinhaz and Devai locations, not in Nyiregyhaza anymore. around 4000 beneficiaries: refugees including dual nationals, refugees from other countries
- Assisting refugees at risk of homelessness and with housing support + social counselling & counselling (ELCA) BP + countryside
- Future priority: older refugees and those with medical conditions
- AMIF until June: housing/livelihood support & counselling (5-10 more families
- Soft skills / IT training, Smart UA research & awareness raising on housing / employment;
- Employment counselling & job-placement (can refer clients)
- Devai still offers food crisis packs + community events
- Curtailed capacities

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African Women's Asssociation (BP):

- NFI distribution (UNHCR) UKR and other refugees;
- Counselling on access to employment;
- Leadership program for migrant and refugee women (ENG) (many UKR);
- Domestic violence: workshops w specialists, psychologist, hotline (ENG)

Ukran Remeny Association / Ukrainian Hope Association (BP):

- BP, mostly w UKR children, non-formal education: after-school classes on weekdays (Hun, Eng, IT, arts), HU-UKR school prep prg before primary school; master classes, classes for adults (Eng, Hun language);
- Handicraft activities, community events;
- Daily summer camps (edu. & leisure);
- 7 UKR teachers;
- Booklets: children are co-authors (UKR-ENG-HUN), reading book;

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OKIT (countrywide) - HIA:

- 24/7 hotline on domestic violence, reachable from abroad too;
- HUN main language, have some ENG services, no UKR language;
- Counselling to all nationalities and statuses;
- Safe shelter and accommodation for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking – for Hun. citizens, and for TCNs based on their status (based on capacities);

TdH

- ESF project (w Romania) in BP: community center in the 9th district digital & soft skills training chilfdren/youth/adults, employment workshop w Empl. Dep. Of BP Gov. Office, employment counselling, social counselling/accompaniment, translation costs – end of June 2026, refugees can be referred;
- ESF youth project: integration hub (Menedek, IOM) on education + employment info session;
- Empowered porject (Danish fund) until Aug 2027, for UKR children/youth + also local youth, digital & soft skills building
- August 2027. TdH will close its office in Hungary.

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Carpathian Foundation (Eger, Heves county):

- UKR refugees assisted since '22, w medimentors, UNHCR support
- Social counselling, case management, community events;
- Used to work in Szabolcs and Hajdu counties w Somna
- Still conduct social work;
- Managers of the Norwegian Grant: calls on NGOs to apply – org dev, for UKR, sexual minorities, for youth, online info session in April, partnerships are encouraged
- Cooperated w many orgs: HHC, Medspot, ULE, Menedek
- Language classes, MHPSS

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Hun. Reformed Church Aid (mainly BP + Transcarpathia):

- Shrinking funding, finished AMIF project;
- Promoting social inclusion and self-reliance of refugees (mainly BP) (only US-Swiss church funds), "all in project", intensive social work (30 families for 3m), Hun. classes, monthly workshops, study trips, cash assistance (50k HUF/month/HH), legal counselling, for TP holders and beneficiaries of international protection, community events are opened to everyone, volunteers/mentoring by Hungarians, from May refugees can be referred data collection for research (self-reliance form, UNHCR vulnerability screening);
- AMIF: collaborated w preschools and primary schools;
- 2 Horizon projects: research on supporting vulnerable people in rural areas, prepare for the post-TP era, social innovation-focus
- Social kitchen program in Transcarpathia, foster linkages between Ukraine-Hungarian IDP-refugee population;
- Org. development and staff capacity-building for other organizations and frontliners, (fundraising, project management);
- Focus on providing support to vulnerable refugees,

Priorities for 2026

- More refugees in vulnerable situation;
- Access to housing / employment / education;
- Collaboration: referrals, cooperation among organizations,
- Assisting asylum application (in land) - HHC

Next meetings

DATE	MONTH	DAY	TIME	FORUM
18	June	Thursdays	10-12 am	Protection & Inclusion Working Group
17	September			Refugee Coordination Forum
15	October			Protection & Inclusion Working Group
19	November			Refugee Coordination Forum
10	December			Protection & Inclusion Working Group

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Thank you!

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