

Luxembourg

February 2023

Asylum-seekers: Between Jan-Nov. 2022, **2,100** persons applied for asylum, an **88% increase** compared to the same period in 2021. Top countries of origin were Syria, Eritrea, and Afghanistan.

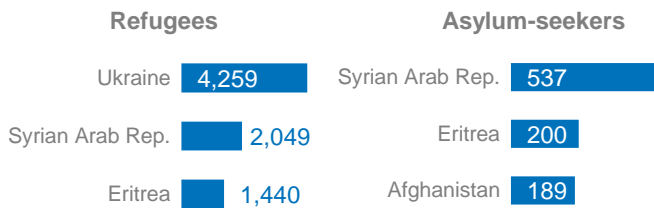
Electoral year: Luxembourg will hold municipal elections in June and legislative elections in October, with a new 5-year term government expected to be formed by the end of the year.

Family reunification: In 2022, UNHCR has, through its partnership with Miles4Migrants (M4M), facilitated the reunification of over 10 refugee families in Luxembourg.

UNHCR POPULATION STATISTICS AS OF MID-2022*

Refugees **9,868**
Asylum-seekers **1,795**
Stateless persons **174**

Top three countries of origin*



*UNHCR 2022 Mid-Year Trends and UNHCR [data finder](#)

UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

As of 28 February, **6,756** refugees from Ukraine were registered for temporary protection in Luxembourg.

Reception monitoring: In liaison with competent authorities, UNCHR paid regular visits to various emergency reception structures and the one-stop (guichet unique) shop that the authorities have set up to facilitate the reception and information-sharing with applicants and beneficiaries of temporary protection.

Communication: UNHCR set up a [help page](#) for refugees from Ukraine who arrived in Luxembourg, and disseminated corresponding QR code.

Status renewal: The government confirmed that the procedure to renew temporary protection status until March 2024 is underway. Since early January, temporary protection holders have been summoned to the “guichet unique” to obtain their status renewal.

HIGHLIGHTS

Complementary pathways

UNHCR has been exploring complementary pathways opportunities in Luxembourg, engaging with relevant ministries, NGOs and the University of Luxembourg, with a focus on education pathways.

Integration

UNHCR is finalizing its study on the integration process of international protection holders, focusing on those who arrived in Luxembourg in 2015-2016, by way of an assessment of challenges, opportunities, good practices, and shortcomings in matters related to access to housing, access to employment and language learning.

Engagement with Council of Europe bodies

UNHCR met with the Council of Europe’s Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO) and European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) in the context of their monitoring visit to Luxembourg.

CHICHE! RESTAURANT GOOD FOOD AND BETTER FUTURES



Chiche! is a restaurant bringing Lebanese food to Luxembourg, but more importantly, a place that fosters community, inclusion and employment for people forced to flee. Read the full story [here](#).

Key Priorities

- **Asylum procedure:** Luxembourg has a solid asylum system. Despite the number of people fleeing the war in Ukraine that have reached Luxembourg, access to the regular asylum system remained guaranteed, with some delays in asylum interviews. UNHCR is continuing its work with authorities on the quality of asylum procedures, a top priority since 2019, and organised an information session on the use of country of origin information in 2022.
- **Integration:** UNHCR continues to follow the integration process of the first 12 unaccompanied and separated children relocated from Greece in April 2020, including through visits to their reception centre.
- **Family reunification:** UNHCR continues to advocate in favour of a more flexible approach to the family reunification procedure, and has facilitated travel to Luxembourg for beneficiaries of family reunification, through its partnership with M4M.
- **Resettlement:** Luxembourg announced it would resettle 15 refugees in 2023, in addition to welcoming 15 through humanitarian admission. Previous quotas of 50 resettled refugees per year could not be achieved, notably due to the housing crisis.

Working with Partners

- UNHCR maintains regular and constructive interactions and coordination with relevant stakeholders (e.g. authorities, IOM, UNICEF, the European Migration Network, NGOs, lawyers, UNILU).
- **External engagement:** UNHCR raises awareness among the general public about the situation of refugees in Luxembourg and worldwide. To improve public perceptions towards persons of concern,

UNHCR published a [story](#) about the “Chiche” restaurant in Luxembourg. The story highlights the social project run by locals and refugees, which beyond serving delicious food, is a place that fosters community, inclusion and employment for refugees, including Svitlana who recently arrived from Ukraine.

Statelessness

- Luxembourg is party to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons since 1960 and acceded to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness in 2017.
- In 2017, a law on nationality was adopted which includes articles aimed at preventing statelessness and facilitating acquisition of nationality for refugees and stateless persons. The majority of UNHCR’s comments on the draft law were taken into account.
- Luxembourg has an administrative statelessness determination procedure in place. Stateless applicants are not entitled to reception conditions, and a residency permit is not automatically granted to a recognized stateless person.

UNHCR Presence in Luxembourg

- UNHCR activities in the country are followed by the Representation for EU Affairs, Belgium, Luxembourg, Ireland, and the Netherlands. Additionally, UNHCR makes use of an office in Luxembourg, kindly made available by the Luxembourg authorities.

Staff:

23 National Staff
 18 International Staff
 1 Affiliated workforce

Offices:

1 Multi-country Office in Brussels
 1 Office in Luxembourg

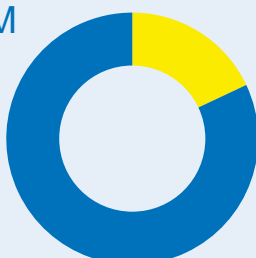
Financial information (February 2023)

Information relates to Representation for EU Affairs, Belgium, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the Liaison Offices to EUAA and Frontex

Financial requirements

USD 12.0 M

Funding gap
 82%
 9.9 M



Funded
 18%
 2.1 M

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