

# Slovenia

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With some 15,800 refugees and asylum-seekers arriving to Slovenia in 2022, **reception capacities** are strained. UNHCR works directly with the government to strengthen the existing national systems.

Afghanistan and India continue to be among the **top countries of origin for new arrivals in Slovenia**, apart from those fleeing Ukraine.

The **environment for refugees and asylum-seekers remains welcoming**, with access to social rights, integration, and employment opportunities.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN as of 30 June 2022\*

Refugees	<b>7,570</b>
Asylum-seekers	<b>990</b>

### Top three countries of origin\*

Refugees	Asylum-seekers
Ukraine <b>6,652</b>	Afghanistan <b>229</b>
Syrian Arab Rep. <b>326</b>	Cuba <b>86</b>
Eritrea <b>86</b>	Iraq <b>84</b>

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

## UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

As of mid-February, **8,644** refugees from Ukraine were registered for temporary protection in Slovenia.

**Education:** 53% of refugee children from Ukraine were enrolled in pre-school (292), primary school (907), secondary school (96) and tertiary education (277) as of 5 January 2023.

**Awareness raising:** UNHCR supported NGO Ključ in organizing awareness-raising sessions on human trafficking for asylum-seekers and refugees. 410 teachers were trained in the framework of the Teaching About Refugees roll-out in Slovenia.

**Reception facilities:** 1,965 refugees from Ukraine residing in shelters benefitted from IKEA's furniture donation to the shelters, and received non-food and core relief items such as hygiene kits, quilts and sleeping bags from UNHCR.

**Legal aid and representation:** UNHCR partner PIC provided legal aid and first-instance legal representation to 811 persons in 2022, maintaining a weekly presence in reception and accommodation centers across Slovenia.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### 13,718 individuals assisted

UNHCR and partner PIC provided legal assistance to 811 people, Institute EMMA gave psychosocial counselling to 1,418 refugees, and the Slovenian Red Cross supported 690 refugees through community outreach. 10,799 Temporary Protection holders received support with accommodation.

### 1,118 refugees assisted at the Mobile Blue Dot

Between May and December 2022, the Mobile Blue Dot operated by partner PIC visited 22 municipalities and several accommodation centres to provide counselling sessions on protection and legal rights to refugees.

### 74 judges and academics

from different countries participated in the UNHCR-supported [International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges conference](#) held between 12-13 September 2022 in Brdo.



## IKEA AND UNHCR PARTNERSHIP IN SLOVENIA

In cooperation with IKEA, UNHCR and partner organization Slovene Philanthropy were collecting donations (school supply, kitchen and homeware items) to refugees from Ukraine in IKEA Ljubljana.

## Key Priorities

- **Access to territory:** UNHCR coordinates with and supports national authorities to ensure access to territory for people in need of international protection.
- **Asylum procedures:** To ensure refugees and asylum-seekers have access to legal counsel and representation, UNHCR works with partner Legal Centre for the Protection of Human Rights and Environment (PIC).
- **Capacity-building:** UNHCR took part in the facilitation of several trainings across Slovenia on child protection, human trafficking, working with unaccompanied and separated children, and cultural awareness for 114 police officers, and 76 child protection and reception specialist.
- **Advocacy:** UNHCR partners are collaborating with the ‘Consultative Body on Migration’ that was established to strengthen the dialogue with civil society, develop a new migration strategy, and reforming relevant legislation.
- **Education:** UNHCR’s learning programme “Teaching About Refugees” was rolled-out in primary and secondary schools in Slovenia, reaching 410 teachers in 2022.
- UNHCR supports the **Slovenian Red Cross**, providing psychosocial counselling, community outreach, and interpretation support to, asylum-seekers, refugees, and stateless persons.
- UNHCR works with **governmental partners**, primarily the Migration Directorate, the Government Office for the Support to and Integration of Migrants, as well as the Border Police Division of the General Police Directorate.
- UNHCR co-facilitates and offers capacity-building to the working group providing support to survivors of gender-based violence and vulnerable persons.

## Statelessness

- Slovenia is party to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless persons in 1992 but is not a party to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. UNHCR promotes and advocates for accession to the 1961 Convention.

## UNHCR Presence in Slovenia

### Staff:

- 1 Liaison Staff
- 1 Protection staff

### Offices:

- 1 Multi-Country Office in Budapest

## Working with Partners

- UNHCR supports **NGO partner** Legal centre for the protection of human rights and environment (PIC) to provide information, counselling, and legal representation to asylum-seekers, Temporary Protection seekers/holders, refugees, and stateless persons.

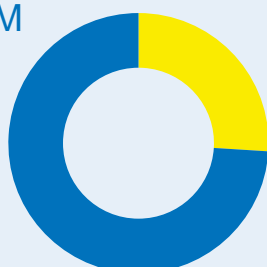
## Financial information\* (February 2023)

\*Information relates to the Representation for Central Europe, which covers the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

### Financial requirements

USD 51.1 M

**Funding gap**  
74%  
37.8 M



**Funded**  
26%  
13.3 M

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