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Information for refugees of the war in Ukraine

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USEFUL WEBSITES

- www.gov.pl/web/ua_
- Guide for Ukrainians fled to Poland.docx
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RT2hTP708w1EiMzkgG_dx17dSnpDGpMC/view
- Безкоштовна_правова_допомога.pdf
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ELoR6a-ndFKTIPszRbzDZIZwYZneOh9m/view>
- Інформація для батьків дітей, які прибувають з України.pdf
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oFmDf-ZgdmOYTP5Bk_R2fRXOA-SHrGUM/view
- Інформація для біженців.pdf
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10jNB1qwMNs7kuKtp9PI8LgbU6e0KPe8n/view>
- www.pomagamukrainie.gov.pl
- <https://help.unhcr.org/poland/>
- https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/stronger-europe-world/eu-solidarity-ukraine/eu-assistance-ukraine/information-people-fleeing-war-ukraine_en

There is well organized support to refugees from the Ukraine both by the Government and charity organizations/NGOs.

Polish Government has advised all seeking shelter in Poland to avoid private only arrangements and register as refugees officially. Registered persons will be entitled for financial support, free accommodation, food, medical attendance etc. Ukrainian classes are organized at schools so children can continue education and receive psychological support as needed. Ukrainian Ministry of Health has transferred vaccination calendar for children, and it is already uploaded into Polish health system.

On 98,6 FM Radio RMF Ukraina is transmitting in Ukrainian information for all those waiting on the border how to register, what support is provided by Poland etc.

In general, there is no possibility to exchange Ukr Hryvnia (UAH) to Pol Zloty (PLN), however, big banks have now established the possibility to exchange once 10.000 UAH. Payments with a Ukrainian credit card are accepted widely. Nevertheless, it is suggested to open a Polish bank account to enable international money transfer.

Travel:

Ukrainian citizens holding a biometric passport are able to enter Poland and travel freely within the Schengen Zone. Being considered as key workers, arriving seafarer currently do not need PCR test. A Locator Form to be filled-in before departure. If not, there is always an option to fill it in on board the aircraft.

CSM office / Emergency Rendezvous centre:



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Pic: Iwona Paterka (General Manager-English speaking), mob. +48 505 116 378

Pic: Artem Tkachuk (**Ukrainian speaking support**), mob. +48 607 127 933

The office in Gdynia is doing their utmost to provide

- help with documents and when opening a bank account in Poland
- support with obtaining for Polish ID number (PESEL)
- help to arrange for medical assistance if needed
- local transport in Gdansk area
- advise about apartment rental in areas close to Gdynia

The office staff will always provide updates on the latest developments in Poland, however, they cannot provide immediate transportation or accommodation for refugees arriving on the Ukrainian / Polish border.

To support safe accommodation for the families of our sailors we have currently two guest houses at our disposal in the North of Poland, in the small and quiet town of Karwia, about 50 km away from Gdynia and 70 km away from Gdansk airport. One of the houses has rooms with bathrooms and kitchenette, and the other has a shared kitchen. There is a 24-hour security service.

Two small supermarkets are on walking distance, there is good public transport, 5 doctor's including dentist and playgrounds for children are available.

A Ukrainian lady, a refugee herself, is representing the landlord. She is always available to welcome, explain and provide local guidance and support. In total the project can host 76 persons.

Please contact the office in Gdynia for inquiries / more details.

For individual arrangements of accommodation around Gdynia or in any other area of Poland we suggest to contact cooperating real estate agency EURO RENT SP Z O O for assistance whereby communication is possible in English or Polish language.

Please send your inquiries via email to m.gralak@euro-rent.com.pl

Your message should include:

- the keyword CSM
- endeavored location
- planned rental period
- number of people (adults/children)
- any preferences

You can also contact them on their mobile: +48531370400

Columbia Shipmanagement, with the kind contribution of our business partners, employees and seafarers also has established a relief fund to support emergency needs of all victims of this war related to the Columbia family. In order to apply for such support payment **please contact:** iwona.paterka@stodig.no or **the office directly.**

For processing your request please provide:

- copy of passport of the person applying for financial support/ relationship to CSM employee
- position/vessel/name of CSM employee
- account holder, IBAN number of bank account, SWIFT code.

A seafarer, temporarily residing in Poland and wishing to rejoin shall be processed for employment at Gdynia. Possible Tax and Social Security System contribution issues are currently still under discussions, pls contact the office for latest updates.

We wish you and your family all the best. Stay safe!

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