

Information for the European Committee of the Regions

**Activities of the Self-Government of the Wielkopolska Region (Marshal Office of the Wielkopolska Region and its subordinate units) to support Ukraine in 2022. As of September 15, 2022.**

Only the activities of institutions at the regional level are listed. The following list does not include activities carried out by local governments (poviats, cities and communes) from the Wielkopolska Region.

**Help for refugees from Ukraine in the territory of the Wielkopolska Region**

Approximately 180,000 Ukrainian citizens found shelter in the Wielkopolska Region (this is about 5% of the region's population, totaling about 3.5 million inhabitants).

Wielkopolska Railways

Transport of migrants from the Polish-Ukrainian border into the interior of the country organized by Wielkopolska Railways. Special humanitarian trains from Przemyśl to Poznan were launched. Eight courses transported about 2,800 people (estimated cost PLN 500,000).

Free travel on all trains until May 31, 2022 organized by Wielkopolska Railways. 117,000 free tickets were provided (estimated cost PLN 1.8 million).

Hospitals of the Wielkopolska Region

As part of hospital facilities subordinate to the Self-government of the Wielkopolska Region, 1,651 hospital medical services (hospitalizations) were provided to Ukrainian citizens (estimated cost PLN 5.6 million, expenses financed from the central budget by the National Health Fund).

Regional Center for Social Policy

The use of the Center for the Integration of Foreigners (in Poznan, Leszno, Kalisz, Konin and Piła) in aid for refugees from Ukraine, carried out under the project "Building structures for the integration of foreigners in Poland - stage II - piloting Centers for the Integration of Foreigners", under the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund 2014-2020 for the specific Objective 2 Integration / Legal migration (Call no. 11-2020 / BK-FAMI). Implemented initiatives:

- Linguistic support from translators to facilitate the adaptation process in Poland.
- Support from psychologists and lawyers on duty.
- Events integrating with local communities.
- Adaptation courses.
- Polish language courses (160 people in the first edition, 340 people in the second edition).
- Since 4 July to 31 August 2022 - day camps for children from Ukraine living in the Wielkopolska Region (150 children).

Wielkopolska Labor Office

Employees of the Wielkopolska Labor Office in Poznan are on duty with employees of the Poviats Labor Office in Poznan at the main reception point for refugees in Poznan. They provide information on the Wielkopolska labor market, job search, job offers, activities offered by public employment services, etc.

Since September 2022, the program "Assistance for Ukraine - counselling for refugees and migrants" is launched under the competition of the Minister of Family and Social Policy (cost PLN 381,000). Activities for refugees in the form of professional career counselling will be carried out by Information and Professional Career Planning Centers at the Regional Labor Office in Poznan, Konin, Kalisz, Leszno and Piła.

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### Board of Landscape Parks of the Wielkopolska Region

Summer camps for children of refugees from Ukraine staying in the Wielkopolska Region. In August 2022, 2 stays (40 children each) were carried out. Extra 2 stays are planned for November 2022.

### Teacher Training Centers

Since September 2022, specialist preparatory courses for teachers who will teach in preparatory departments for Ukrainian children will start.

### Educational institutions subordinate to the self-government of the Wielkopolska Region

Since September 2022, 170 people with Ukrainian citizenship took up free education.

### Marshal Office of the Wielkopolska Region

Organization of an information point for Ukrainian citizens on the premises of the Marshal Office of the Wielkopolska Region.

Launching a website in Ukrainian with information on the possibility of adaptation in the region.

Launching a telephone number with a language assistant (Ukrainian and Russian) to provide translation assistance in contacts between Ukrainian citizens and the institutions of the Self-government of the Wielkopolska Region.

## **Help for partners from Ukraine**

### Regional Ambulance Service from Poznan

Transfer of 2 ambulances to Lviv.

### Marshal Office of the Wielkopolska Region

Co-organization of collections and transports of humanitarian aid for the Kharkiv Region and Chernihiv Region, 1 truck with aid in March and 1 in May 2022.

Organization of summer recreation in the Wielkopolska Region for 80 children and youth from Kharkiv Region on July 4-17, 2020 (estimated cost approx. PLN 400,000).

Support for the activities of the partner region in Ukraine - Kharkiv Region in the international arena:

- Organization of the visit of the President of the Kharkiv Regional Council to CoR visit in Rzeszów, April 6, 2022 ("The regional and local dimension of the war in Ukraine").
- Organization of an online meeting of the President of the Kharkiv Regional Council and the Brittany Regional Council (April 7, 2022)
- Organization of a visit of the President of the Kharkiv Regional Council on April 27 to the CoR Plenary Session in Brussels and a meeting of the COTER Commission.

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