



UKRAINE PROJECTS

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Europe

Rotaract Europe (Rotaract Ukraine) – “United for Peace”

Through the initiative of Iryna Bushmina of Rotaract Ukraine, Rotaract Europe mobilized itself and organized four category groups "Refugees", "Finance", "Supplies" and "Information" to coordinate activities of Rotaractors and Clubs.

Facilitating direct and fast communication between affected Rotaractors on-sight and in bordering regions is key to this initiative. There are now regular Zoom calls taking place.



For instance, the “Supplies” team consisting of 60 members from ten countries, developed a matching tool within 48 hours in order to quickly and effectively link the demand for goods on site with the offered supplies. Another example: Rotaractors are coordinating shelter for Rotaractors and Rotarians, who are leaving Ukraine, are stranded at the border with nowhere to go. They created a platform where individuals can sign up to help provide accommodation. [Official Website here](#).

Ukraine

Lviv International Rotary Club

The Club is in touch with the Lviv local authorities and major hospitals to determine urgent needs. Lviv is hosting hundreds and thousands of internally displaced persons from other Ukrainian cities. Urgent needs are antibiotics and infusion solutions, antihemorrhagic, bandages, medical equipment, monitors and infusion pump, medical beds etc. The Club has created a list of urgently needed items which can be accessed by those that want to help. Once the medical needs are shipped, Club members coordinate with the local warehouse to allocate and store the items. The collection point is in Poland and Rotarians organize the transportation and dissemination to the local hospitals as well – facebook link [here](#).

Rotary Club of Tallahassee Northside says they are working directly with Rotary Club of Lviv International members in Warsaw to provide [humanitarian aid and supplies](#):

A post by Rotaract in Kharkiv: One Rotarian started a wartime garment factory, where seamstresses now make warm blankets and clothing for the military – Instagram link [here](#).

The Rotary Club Ternopil City delivers humanitarian aid via bus that comes from Warsaw, Lublin, or Wroclaw. The Club is accepting and coordinating aid deliveries and calls on Rotarians to donate.

PDG Chehab Elawar launched the fundraising campaign on GoFundMe to raise emergency funds to help Ukrainian families and youth affected by the conflict.

Poland

Poland has so far taken in over 505,582 refugees according to the UN. District 2231 has created a central account to collect money to help refugees. The coordinator is Ryszard Łuczyn from the Rotary Club Zamość Ordynacki. 10 Assistant DGs all over Poland are helping with the efforts. The collected money is for transportation, basic needs, paying for shelter as well as medical necessities for doctors who are helping at the border (they created a list of materials needed which is coordinated with people working at the border).

They try to transport the refugees by groups whenever possible so that they don't feel lonely. Rotarians all over Poland also created several groups to coordinate activities to find people who are willing to lend their apartments, hotels, etc. to provide shelter for refugees.



Rotary Club Zamość Ordynacki - Zamość is located 60 km from the Ukrainian border. This Polish club is in direct contact with clubs in Ukraine and is already working with districts in Sweden, India, Germany and with the collaboration of Portugal and Spain – facebook link [here](#).

Rotary Club of Warsaw has met with Ambassador of Ukraine to Poland, is collecting donations and has appointed a “crisis aid in Ukraine” officer –twitter links [here](#) and [here](#).

Slovakia

Slovakia has taken in over 72,200 refugees so far.

Rotary Club Bratislava Rotary Club Bratislava is preparing material aid, which we will be delivered to Eastern Slovakia and border crossings with Ukraine.

At the border to Ukraine, a Support Commission for Refugees entering Slovakia was also formed, in collaboration with the nearest Ukrainian club, the Rotary Club of Uzhorod Skala – facebook link [here](#).

Hungary

United effort by Rotary Clubs in Hungary

According to the UN, Hungary has taken 139,686 refugees so far. Rotary Hungary offers help and assistance to refugees from Ukraine arriving in Záhony and other border settlements. All donations are delivered to those in need under the coordination of the Rotary Club of Kisvárdá. Rotary Hungary is mobilizing Rotarians in Hungary and around the world to donate items which the Kisvárdá Club will transport to the appropriate location. Needs right now: Sleeping bag, blankets, pillows, durable food, disinfectants, detergents, child care equipment, medicines, vitamins etc. Rotary Hungary is in ongoing discussions with other settlements in the border regions.

Rotary Hungary is also collecting money, which serves two purposes: 1) Money will be transferred to Rotary Club Uzhhorod which will allocate resources to their Rotary friends in Transcarpathia (Oblast in Ukraine) or to 2) Rotary Club Kisvárdá to buy mainly health products that are no longer possible in Ukraine

Romania & Republic of Moldova

Moldova has taken 97,827 refugees so far and Romania 51,261. Rotarians in Romania organized a district committee chaired by Rotarian Dan Zaharia along with Rotarians in the "red" border area. The situation is monitored in real time and they try to act in the shortest time to all the requests they receive. For now, they organized a district fund in the form of a Refugee Intervention Fund (FIR) with voluntary contributions from all Rotary clubs in District 2241 + a direct contribution from the District.



The purposes of this fund is to:

1. co-finance the projects carried out by the clubs from the transit areas, namely from the counties of Satu Mare, Maramures, Suceava, Botosani, Iasi, Vaslui, Galati, Braila and Tulcea.
2. be used with the Rotary International Emergency Fund, which they hope can be used soon.

Rotarians are also offering food and shelter to Ukrainian refugees. They organized a Whatsapp group and people are taking action on a daily basis.

Lithuania

- The structure currently in place in the district in order to respond to this crisis
 - Teams in place and few focus areas:
 - **Rapid Response – focus on medical supplies, leader Mrs. Jurgita Turuliene, DGE.** For the prompt purchase of specific medical first aid equipment and specific medicines according to the lists provided by Ukrainian physicians and to send them directly or through other organizations to Western Ukraine. From there, Ukrainian medics will deliver them themselves where needed, as they have a green corridor for that.
 - **Global Grant project for psychological assistance to refugee families, leader PDG Dr. Vyginas Grinis.** Consultation talks are currently underway with SAM, the Lithuanian Psychological Association. The project is supported by partners from other countries (Italian, Indian and German counties)
 - **Rotary International liaison, leader IPDG Ms. Viktorija Trimbel.** Focus on Disaster Response Grants and international cooperation initiatives
 - **Refugee Support – current focus on shelter, i.e. hosting at private homes.** All sorts of direct private, club, corporate initiatives. **Coordinator – ICC Chair Lithuania-Ukraine Mr. Rimantas Januševičius**
- Clubs, Rotarians and their companies are partnering with these major NVO's and charities in addition to numerous private initiatives and club at personal level
 - Blue/Yellow, <https://www.blue-yellow.lt/en/> They support Ukrainian freedom fight since 2014
 - Stiprus Kartu (Stronger Together) - <https://stipruskartu.lt/en/> - coordinating many initiatives and volunteers
 - The International House – help with relocation procedures, local jobs <https://ihvilnius.lt/migration>
 - Red Cross Lithuania <https://www.redcross.lt/>
 - Maisto bankas (Food Bank) <https://www.maistobankas.lt/kaip-paremti-gali-imones/>



Czech Republic

Rotary members are helping authorities transport refugees and humanitarian aid between Ukraine and the Czech Republic. More on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

France

French districts have come together to plan a joint response to the crisis in Ukraine. So far, activities are planned in the following categories:

1. Centralized fundraising mechanism will be determined according to the needs expressed by the Inter-Country Committees (ICC) "France-Ukraine", "France-Poland" and "France-Romania-Moldova". The fund will assist Ukrainian Rotary Clubs on the spot who are helping the refugees transiting through Poland and Romania or who stay there temporarily.
2. Fundraising activities with Rotarians and Rotaractors channeled through DDF. They are currently negotiating with the Oeuvre d'Orient, an organization with which they have a partnership since the Baskinta operation in Lebanon, so that the DDF can send donations to specific projects in Ukraine, a country in which the Oeuvre d'Orient has a very dense presence in the fields of education and health.
3. Case of the situation in Moldavia: An urgent request for beds and mattresses has arrived via the CIP France-Romania-Moldova to accommodate Ukrainian refugees; Guy Cahané, president of the French section of this CIP, is launching an operation "**100 beds (or more?) for Moldova**", the precise modalities of which will be communicated soon.
4. Facilitating of families willing to host refugees by using an Internet platform developed by Rotaractors. About ten clubs have expressed their wish to host refugees so far.

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Clubs all over France are organizing help for Ukrainian refugees mainly donating funds, organizing collections and shelters. Rotary clubs are mentioned in regional and bigger media outlets among other organizations who offer help. Here are some examples.

- **South of France, Est Var et Golfe de St Tropez:** coordinating groups of people who are willing to offer shelter and collecting money to donate to the local government
- **Rotary club Lavour-Graulhet :** coordinating the collection of basic necessities
- **Rotary club de Thiviers** together with other organizations: organizing basic necessities

Rotaract clubs all over France are organizing a shelter group for Rotarians and Rotaractors fleeing Ukraine. [Here](#) is a Facebook link.



Portugal

The Rotary Club Lisboa-Benfica supports the initiative of the Association of Ukrainians in Portugal, organizing first necessities for refugee camps in Poland. Link to newsletter [here](#).

Germany

Rotary Club Düren

The city of Düren has been preparing to receive Ukrainian refugees. To pick them up, a bus has been sent to the Polish-Ukrainian border on Sunday through the initiative of members of the Rotary Club of Düren. Local government officials of Düren expressed their gratitude towards the Club for the fast and uncomplicated transport.

German Governorate (national level)

The German Council of Governors (governorate) has joined forces and established a national task force to coordinate Rotarian initiatives and relief efforts from the region.

Three pillars have been developed: 1) On-site assistance in Ukraine, 2) Contacts with civil society in Russia, 3) Refugee aid in Ukraine's neighboring countries and in Germany.

To support the overall organization and coordination, a liaison office for government agencies and NGOs was established in Berlin. A bank account for donations is already set up as well. Website [here](#).

Rotary Club Berlin Platz der Republik – "Space for Ukrainian Refugees"

"Space for Ukrainian Refugees" is about providing free private accommodation for people who have fled the war in Ukraine. Forms are used to collect data on potential hosts and refugee individuals, couples and families. Volunteers coordinate the matching of refugees and hosts. The Rotary Club Berlin Platz der Republik works closely with Rotaract Europe. Since the beginning of the project, already 100 hosts came forward and provided already 292 accommodation places for refugees (after deduction of the currently available accommodation 286 free). Within this period, the first 20 refugees could already be accommodated, further allocations are currently underway. Here are links to their [website](#) and [Facebook](#) post.



Italy

Rotary Club Sulmona in Italy is focusing on delivering medicine to refugees (worth ~2,200 euros so far). Link to news report [here](#).

Austria

Members of Rotaract Klagenfurt [make news](#) for collecting donations and driving convoy overnight from Austria to Ukraine. The Rotaractor driving is from Ukraine (looks like they could have a lot of photos). Info also on [Instagram](#).

Rotary Club Linz-Altstadt in Austria is collecting donations. Twitter link [here](#).

Australia

Ukraine Crisis Appeal, a collaboration that involves Rotary Australia World Community Service, is collecting donations (+\$100,000 raised so far). Here are links to the [website](#) and [Facebook](#) post.

Rotary Action Groups/fellowships

Needs to be confirmed, but a tweet mentioned members of the **Rotary Fellowship of Healthcare Professionals** are actively treating wounded on the ground in Ukraine. Link to [fellowship](#)

"I'm in Cherkasy in central Ukraine (region close to Kyiv 185km), I'm in the hospital, as oncologist we continue to treat patients- today from 8-00. I'll work as surgeon in the operating room - we change each other, because some our colleagues are in OAE, went for few days to take part in the medical conference about laparoscopy in Dubai and couldn't return, no air flights, try to return with the transfer flight from EU...during last 12 hours 3 times bomb alarms were announced, 4 missiles were shot down by our air defences over the territory of Cherkasy airfield and the wreckage fell on the yards of residential areas nearby. Our D2232 now is in process to open abroad a special account to collect money (...)" correspondence to the fellowship from Prof, gynecologists-oncologist **Olha Paliychuk** MD, PhD Doctor of Medical Services RC Cherkasy Past-President, D2232 Rotary Service Community Committee Chair Ukrainian Rotary Fellowship of Healthcare Professionals Secretary .

ShelterBox is responding to the Ukrainian crisis and has a team in place. They will be sending aid and are in contact with Rotary and Rotaract leaders and members in the area to coordinate information and better understand the situation. We are in contact with District 2231 in Poland and with Katarina Kotsalis, RI Director who is leading the coordination for the region.