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Information for refugees of the war in Ukraine

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USEFUL WEBSITES

- www.refugees.ro
- <https://igi.mai.gov.ro/en>
- <https://help.unhcr.org/romania>
- 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.

The Government is recommending to all seeking shelter in Romania to register as refugees officially. Registered persons will be entitled for financial support, free accommodation, food, medical attendance etc.

Currently there are no problems to exchange Ukr Hryvnia (UAH) to Romanian Leu (RON), also payments with a Ukrainian credit card are accepted widely. Nevertheless, it is suggested to open a Romanian bank account to enable international money transfer.

Travel:

Ukrainian citizens holding a biometric passport are able to enter Romania, to stay there for 90 days as tourist and to travel freely move within the Schengen Zone.

Options for Ukrainian refugees to enter Romania from Moldova/ Ukraine are:

- via **Giurgiulesti [MD] – Galati [RO] Border Crossing Station** – in the East/ South-East of Romania
- via **Ungheni [RO]** – in the East of Romania
- via **Radauti Prut [RO]** – in the North of Romania
- via **Siret [RO]** – in the North of Romania

Pending on the area refugees are coming from, the most prepared border stations to receive them are:

Giurgiuilesti [MD] Border Station:

- Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/BYYpEc4mLtFRxTqk7>
- Address: Strada Constantin Apărece, Giurgiuilești 5318, Moldova
- Phone: +37329968401
- Web: <http://www.customs.gov.md/>
- Plus code: F5FX+8C Giurgiuilești, Moldova

Galati [RO] Border Joint Contact Center:

- Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/BcUrp3eE4Tjhs0DS8>
- Address: DN 2B, KM 148, E87, Galați, Romania
- Web: <https://www.politiadefrontiera.ro/ro/main/pg-centrul-comun-de-contact-galati-110.html>

And

Siret [RO] Border Station:

- Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/q4iEqAphwsj6tmV6>
- Plus code: X3P7+H2 Siret
- Address: DN2, Siret 725500
- Phone: +40230 280 661

Once entered Romania

Once getting in Romania, refugees might get directly to one of the refugees camps prepared by the Romanian authorities (see list below), or may head to Constanta where further support also can be provided by our **CSM office / Emergency Rendezvous centre** (see below).

If coming by own car, there is an easy access by national roads to Constanta (please use GPS for easy guidance); if traveling by other means of transportation, suggest to use one of the bus services available in the area for further trip to Constanta.

The following refugee camps are available:

Siret [RO] Refugees Camp:

- Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/vUzLnbkJP59BBL56>
- Plus code: X34G+VF Siret
- Address: Traian 1 Street, Siret 725500

Galati [RO] Refugees Camp:

- Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/1QsB4frTsLiNPFze7>
- Plus code: C2CF+7F Galați
- Address: Brailei Street, Galati, Romania
- Phone: 040236307775

Galati [RO] Center for Refugees:

- Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/bSGyYpUKocdwusgo6>
- Address: Str. Săvinești 2, Galați
- Phone: +40 236 323878
- Plus code: C27C+8R Galați

CSM office / Emergency Rendezvous centre:



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RO-900534 **Constanta, Romania**
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The office in Constanta is doing their utmost to provide assistance

- to arrange transportation from the border point to Constanta
- finding an accommodation place (e.g. hotel, rent apartment, governmental shelter for refugees)
- to open bank accounts at one of the following local banks (Unicredit Bank, ING Bank, Banca Transilvania)
- getting in contact with other Ukrainian families in the area
- to liaise with local schools for children's care and schooling needs
- to liaise with Ukrainian Embassy in Bucharest for further support
- to liaise with local Medical Clinics for medical support
- other information

To support safe accommodation for the families of our sailors we have entered in a cooperation with the Zodiac Hotel which is next to Tăbăcarie Park on the edge of Constanta just 12 minutes' walk from the beach. The hotel offers modern rooms with balconies, cable TV and free Wi-Fi as well as all amenities one can expect. The City Park Mall is a mere 20 minutes' walk. Several doctors and child care centers / schools are in the vicinity.

Please contact the office in Constanta for inquiries / more details. If traveling with pets, hotel needs to be informed accordingly and permission to be granted beforehand.

Columbia Shipmanagement, with the kind contribution of our business partners, employees and seafarers 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: cristian.dumitrescu@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 Romania and wishing to re-join shall be processed for employment at Constanta. 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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