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Prešov Self-Governing Region: Interinstitutional cooperation

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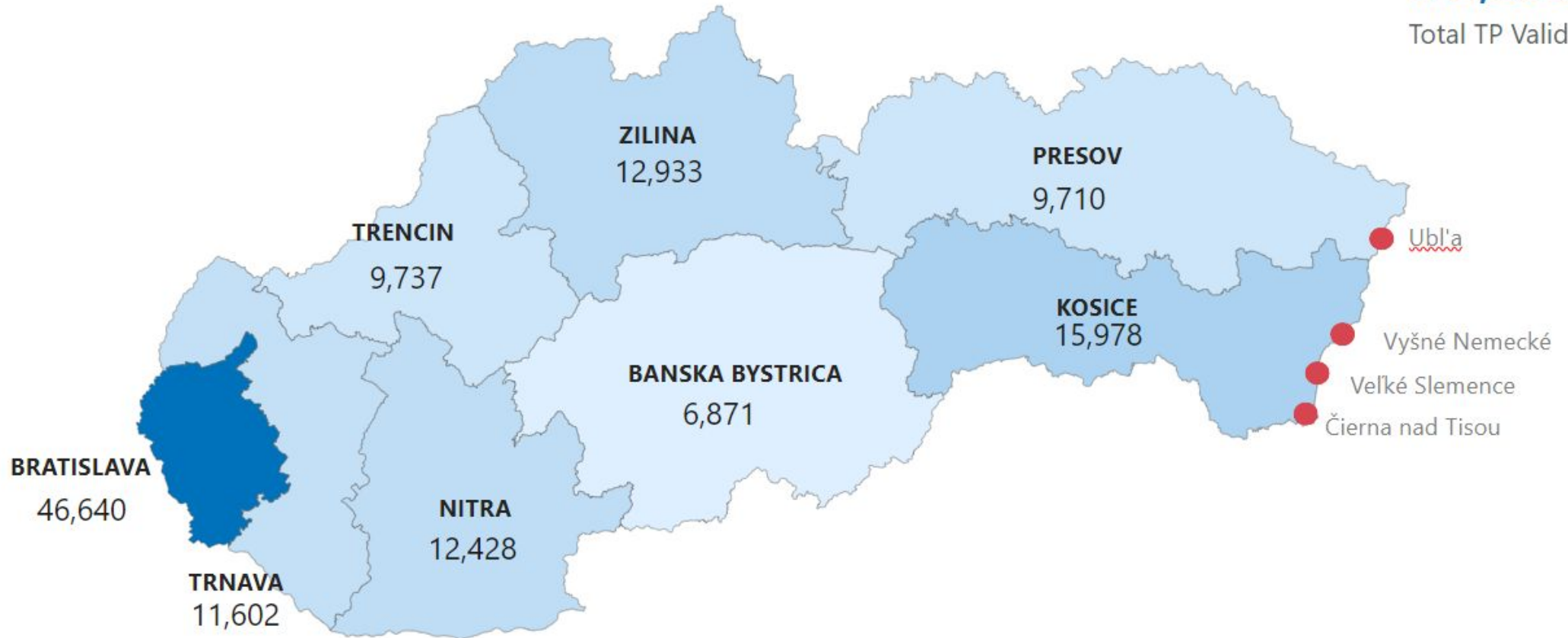
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TEMPORARY PROTECTION VALID BY REGION

125,899

Total TP Valid



Data provided by the Ministry of Interior

Borders trends

Borders trends - weekly

Borders trends - years

Borders trends - Only UKR

TP applications

TP applications - weekly



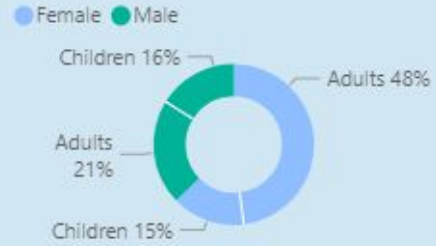
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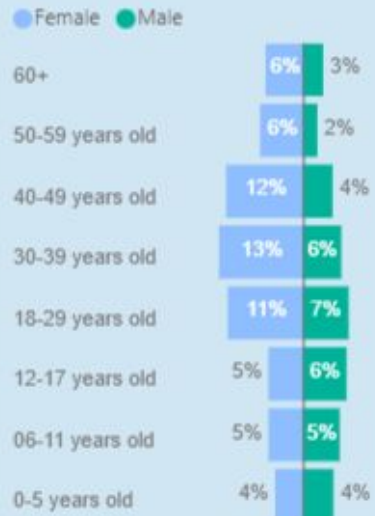
TP applications

152,652

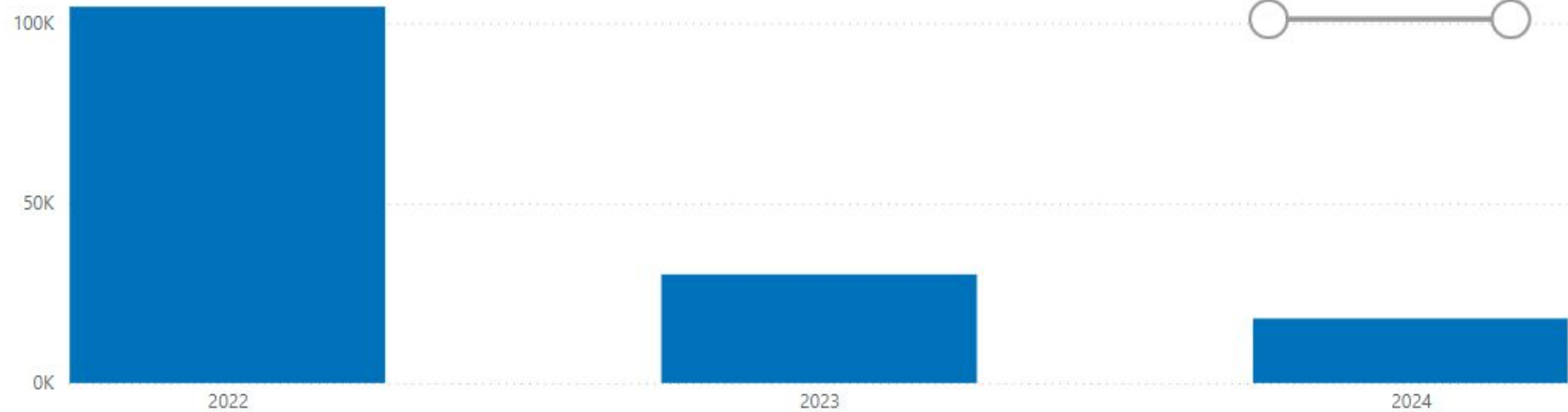
Gender & Age distribution



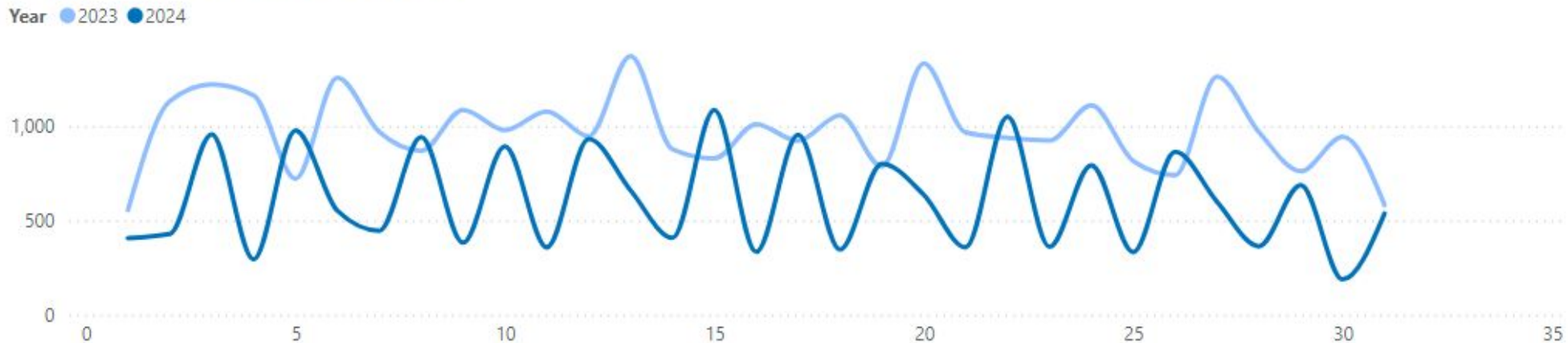
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TP applications registered by month

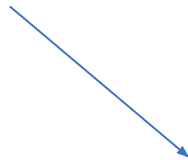


TP applications registered over the years



Support to people fleeing the war in UA

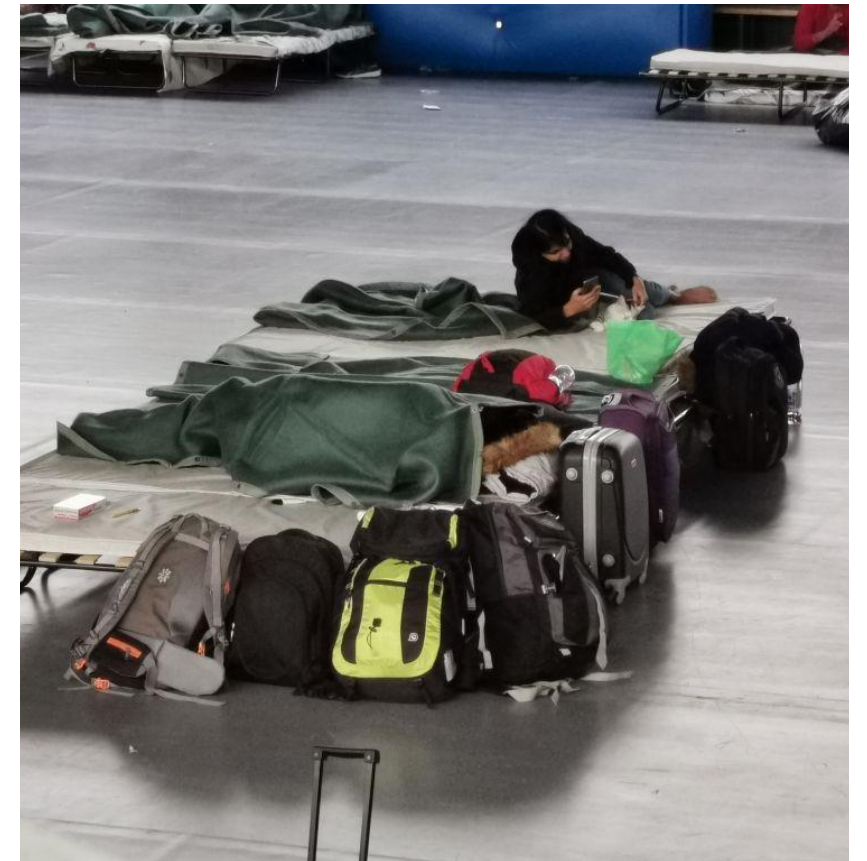
- providing initial assistance to refugees
- providing emergency accommodation and meals
- assistance with transportation
- holding charity collections
- distributing aid and providing emergency medical assistance within the Prešov Region



**Cooperation with relevant subjects
has been essential**

After the outbreak of RU-UA war

- The potential humanitarian disaster was on PSK's radar even before the war started.
- Therefore, PSK was capable to provide humanitarian aid in the form of funds for emergency accommodation to our Ukrainian partners as early as 26 February 2022, and on 27 February 2022 we provided emergency accommodation and meals for about 300 people. This capacity have gradually increased up to 1.000 people in 14 facilities in the PSK's establishment, including the creation of accommodation for refugees with disabilities.
- In cooperation with the Embassies of India and Morocco, we assisted in the evacuation of their citizens from the territory of Ukraine. From Morocco, it was 90 people from India 219 but also Jordan, Great Britain, Syria, Kuwait and other countries.
- **PSK** from the onset of the war PSK was supportive with providing premises for CBI registration and list of accommodation facilities(donation of IKEA dividers and furniture for dormitories in 2022, laptops and tablets in 2024, including support of Taras Ševčenko United School).





Transport and other support

- PSK have allocated **transport capacities** for the removal of refugees and strengthened regular bus transport from the Ubl'a border crossing to Snina, Humenné, Michalovce. There was also provided free transport for Ukrainian citizens travelling to SR.
- On 26.02.2022 PSK has set up a special email and web **platform „Pomôžme Ukrajině“** (Let's help to Ukraine) with a form for helping Ukraine. Through a form, all those who want to help the inhabitants of the war-torn country, either materially, in terms of personnel or by providing accommodation, were able to register on it and donate. The platform also included email support and a telephone line, which operated daily from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Through this platform, the country has already managed to connect approximately hundreds of individuals, companies and various organizations on its territory in helping Ukraine. Their assistance is diverse. It is focused on volunteering, and the platform has networked about 100 volunteers so far. There are also offers of accommodation and material assistance, which includes collections of food, bedding or drugstore items. Humanitarian aid is then directly directed to the most stressed places, which are border crossings, border villages, emergency accommodation facilities, etc.
- So far, PSK transported **humanitarian aid** directly to Ukraine in 5 trucks.



Education and activities for children

Within the PSK schools, we accepted 174 children refugees, most of them 130 to the Taras Shevchenko United School in Prešov.

In 2023 and 2024, PSK together with its foundation organized summer camps for UA children.



Cooperation with local government S

- PSK have significantly helped the local government by allocating funds, especially for the municipality of Ubl'a 25 000,- € but also to cover the costs associated with the provision of humanitarian aid to the refugees in the amount of 100 000,-€ from the own resources of the PSK. Proceeds from the humanitarian material collection as well as the proceeds from the charity bowling tournament in the amount of 10 500,- €, which were collected thanks to well-known personalities of the region, were also directly directed to Ubl'a.

Cooperation with UNHCR

- Memorandum of cooperation (in preparation)

Scope of mutual cooperation:

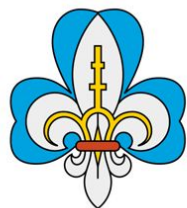
- **Ensure a favourable protection environment** for beneficiaries and an access to basic rights and local services (already worked on through provision of premises and issues related to accommodation, support to irregular migrants)
- **Support activities aiming towards inclusion** of beneficiaries in communities of the Prešov Self-governing Region (donations)
- **Share information** to ensure that activities under this MoU are based on data obtained through participatory methods with providers and beneficiaries (shared list of accommodation sites)
- Mutual support in the implementation of **communication activities**
- Facilitate access to **formal and non-formal education** being available to local population
- **Access to healthcare** provided in facilities established by the Prešov Self-Governing Region, which are accessible to local population (provided inputs for the Health Department)
- **Facilitate access to adequate accommodation** through partner organizations operating in the territory of the Prešov Self-Governing Region (communication with Crisi management unit on accommodation issues)
- **Facilitate access to social services**
- **Development of physical culture and sport activities** among the beneficiaries, including children and young people
- Enabling **access to cultural activities and their promotion**



Cooperation with NGO

- In connection with the aforesaid, we have established cooperation primarily with non-profit organizations and civic associations Volunteer Firefighters, Scouts, Red Cross, but above all People in Danger and churches.
- First contacts were established with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees UNHCR and the United Nations Children's Fund UNICEF.





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Good practice examples

Ubl'a – border crossing point

Cooperation with NGO partner Slovak Humanitarian Council and Border Control Department of the MoI

- **SHC staff available 7 days per week from 7am until 7pm**
- **Services include:** Information provision (TP status, asylum, transportation, accommodation, referrals to Blue Dot services in Michalovce and Košice as well as services of other partners), cooperation with the local authorities including municipalities and border police, emergency short-term shelter, assistance to vulnerable refugees and people who crossed the green border, material assistance, etc.)
- UNHCR monitors the border on a weekly basis and has well established cooperation with the Border Control Department in matters of asylum, refusals of entry, cooperation with FRONTEX etc.



Reception Center in Humenne

Cooperation with NGO partner Slovak Humanitarian Council, Migration Office and Department of the Asylum Police of the Mol

- SHC staff available 5 days per week from 8am until 6:30pm
- **Services include:** Information provision for TP holders, support with finding accommodation, employment and support with access to health care, accompaniment (TP status, asylum, transportation, accommodation, referrals to Blue Dot services in Michalovce and Košice as well as services of other partners), cooperation with the local authorities including municipalities and border police, emergency short-term shelter and assistance for vulnerable refugees and people who crossed the green border, material assistance, etc.)
- Based on the Act on Asylum, UNHCR has access to asylum procedure and regularly monitors the reception conditions



Community center (Klubovna) in Prešov, Župný dom

Cooperation with NGO partner People in Peril and Human Rights League and Prešov Municipality

- People in Peril staff available 5 days per week from 8am until 8pm
- **Services include:**
 - social work, workshops and various individual and group counselling sessions
 - language classes, music therapy, robotic classes, movie nights, mentoring
 - career development support including cooperation with employers
 - inclusive activities for refugees and hosting community including marginalized communities
 - regular engagement of volunteers



Low-threshold center (Klubovna) in Prešov, Župný dom

Cooperation with NGO partner People in Peril and Human Rights League and Prešov Municipality

- Human Rights League staff available every Thursday to counsel refugees based on the appointment system
- **Services include:**
- pro-bono legal counselling (state accommodation subsidy program, matters related to residency, tenancy relations, family matters, social security and policy, health care etc.



Refugee Led Organizations

- Led by refugees who mobilise to provide protection and assistance to other refugees ([more about RLOs](#))
- UNHCR in Slovakia supported 6 RLOs, out of which 3 were located in Eastern Slovakia –
 - [Ukraine-Slovak HUB in Kežmarok through funding for the puppet show](#)
 - Slovak Ukrainian Center of Partnership in Krompachy with Barista course
 - [Center for Mother and Child](#) in Košice with language classes for children
 - Other include: Křdeľ, UKR House in Žilina and Centrum rodiny

Refugee Led Organization Ukraine-Slovakia Hub in Kežmarok



**Thank you for your
attention!**

