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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Mînzatu
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission Recommendation on the recognition of qualifications for people fleeing Russia's invasion of Ukraine¹ was adopted to ensure the swift integration of beneficiaries of temporary protection in the EU labour market. It provides guidance to Member States on the quick and fair recognition of qualifications so that professionals enjoying temporary protection can access jobs that match their potential.

The Commission launched the EU Talent Pool Pilot² for beneficiaries of temporary protection, available in Ukrainian and Russian language, to help match jobseekers benefitting from temporary protection with vacancies from EU employers.

Beneficiaries of temporary protection have shown faster labour market integration rates than those of other refugee groups³.

The Commission is exploring the potential of common rules to simplify the qualification recognition procedures for third-country nationals⁴, in order to better harness their human capital in the EU.

The Erasmus+ programme has also been mobilised to contribute supporting the skills of Ukrainian pupils, students, young people and educators.

The recently adopted EU Anti-Poverty Strategy⁵ announced the launch of the first-stage consultation of European social partners on the possible direction of EU action to support the activation of people excluded from the labour market.

¹ Commission Recommendation (EU) 2022/554 of 5 April 2022 on the recognition of qualifications for people fleeing Russia's invasion of Ukraine, OJ L 1071, 6.4.2022, pp. 1-8:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32022H0554>.

² https://eures.europa.eu/eu-talent-pool-pilot_en.

³ https://www.oecd.org/content/dam/oecd/en/topics/policy-issues/migration/OECD-EMN%20Inform_%20Labour-market-integration-of-beneficiaries-of-temporary-protection-from-Ukraine.pdf.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX%3A52025DC0090>.

⁵ https://employment-social-affairs.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-proposes-new-measures-fight-poverty-and-improve-lives-persons-disabilities-2026-05-06_en.