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1-2. Cohesion policy supports a broad range of migration-related measures. With the approval of a set of Regulations for refugees in Europe¹, funding flexibility was increased, for example through additional liquidity (amounting to about EUR 13.7 billion overall, out of which about EUR 1.8 billion for Spain²). This mainly served to take pressure off Member States' national budgets negatively impacted by the Russian military aggression.

In addition, 18 Member States and the UK³ mobilised EUR 1.4 billion⁴ in cohesion policy programmes, out of which EUR 0.26 billion allocated by Spain to support displaced people from Ukraine by providing accommodation, healthcare, employment orientation, medical, social and psychological support.

3. Measures relevant to migration-related policies were subject to the Commission's regular monitoring based on programme data reported by Member States, including common output indicators. Additionally, in their final implementation report on 2014-2020⁵, Member States had to explain how some CARE⁶-related requirements were fulfilled. An *ex post* evaluation⁷ which covered expressly the Ukrainian refugee crisis was also conducted.

¹ Regulations (EU) 2022/562 (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/562/oj/eng>), (EU) 2022/613 (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/613/oj/eng>) and (EU) 2022/2039 (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2039/oj/eng>).

² These amounts include European Regional Development Fund and European Social Fund.

³ Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Germany, Denmark, Spain, France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Slovakia and the UK.

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⁵ Member States submitted final implementation reports by 16 February 2026 in compliance with Article 92b(7), third subparagraph of Common Provision Regulation: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02013R1303-20240301>.

⁶ Cohesion's Action for Refugees in Europe.

⁷ https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/information-sources/publications/evaluations/2025/ex-post-evaluation-of-the-european-regional-development-fund-erdf-and-the-cohesion-fund-for-the-programming-period-2014-2020_en.