

The Temporary Protection Directive: Central Themes, Problem Issues and Implementation in Selected Member States

Seminar at the Centre for Migration Law Friday 20 January 2023, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

In response to the aggressive invasion by the Russian regime in Ukraine, the EU Member States acted swiftly with the activation of the Temporary Protection Directive (TPD), for the first time since its adoption in 2001. As of 4 March 2022, the Temporary Protection Directive applies to the approximately 4,5 million refugees from Ukraine residing in the EU. The Directive aims to secure a more equitable responsibility sharing and swift access to rights and services.

After almost a year after the activation of the TPD it is time to take stock. How is the current situation of the Ukrainian refugees? And what are lessons for – perhaps – future activations of the TPD.

This seminar is trying to shed light on the working and future of the TPD.

9.30 – 10.00 Welcome and Registration

Location CPO-room (Grotiusbuilding, first floor, room GR1.104)

Morning Program (10.00-12.30)

Chair: Tineke Strik (professor Citizenship and Migration Law, Radboud University Nijmegen, and member of the European Parliament)

10.00 - 11.00 Central Themes

10.00 – 10.20 Karina Franssen (lawyer at Waalbrug, Centre for Migration Law): The Temporary Protection Directive: an Overview

10.20 – 10.40 Giulio Di Blasi or Cecilia Verkleij (member of the cabinet of Commissioner Johansson, responsible for the implementation of the TPD)/representative of the Commission: insights into the reasons why the Commission decided to propose the activation of the Temporary Protection Directive to the Council

10.40-11.00 Questions and Discussion

11.00 – 11.10 Coffee and Tea

11.10 – 12.30 Problem Issues

11.10 – 11.30 Catherine Woollard (Director of ECRE): Overview of the impact of the TPD: main differences or tendencies

11.30 – 11.50 Evita Armouti (Migration Policy and Advocacy Senior Officer, Red Cross EU): Issues encountered on the ground by the Red Cross with when it comes to the implementation of the TPD.

11.50 – 12.30 Questions and Discussion

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

Afternoon program (13.30-17.00)

Chair afternoon: Elspeth Guild (Professor of Law at Queen Mary, University of London; em. professor Radboud University and Legal Counsel at the London law firm Kingsley Napley)

13.30 – 15.00 The implementation of the Directive in selected Member States I

13.30 – 13.50 Veronika Víchová (lawyer, department of justice, migration and finances, Office of the Public Defender of Rights, Ombudsman): Czech Republic: Current issues in the application of temporary protection

13.50 – 14.10 Ana Rita Gil (assistant professor, University of Lisbon) : Portugal

14.10 – 14.30 Andras Lederer (Head of Advocacy of the Hungarian Helsinki Committee): Hungary

14.30 – 15.00 Questions and Discussion

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee and Tea

15.15 – 17.00 The implementation of the Directive in selected Member States II

15.15 – 15.35 Tomasz Sieniow (assistant professor, Catholic University of Lublin): Poland

15.35 – 15.55 Karen Geertsema (assistant professor University of Nijmegen): The Netherlands

15.55 – 16.15 Wiebke Judith (Head of Law & Advocacy, PRO ASYL : Germany

16.30 – 17.00 Questions and Discussion

17.00 – Closing and Drinks