

## **Belgium (FEB-VBO) (last updated 4 May)**

### Overall approach and state of play

Employers' organisations are supporting the government's reception policy to ensure that Ukrainians are easily granted temporary protection, including access to the labour market. Cities and municipalities are organising accommodation (in close cooperation with Belgian citizens) and access to services for families. Many Belgian companies are providing financial support to Ukrainians, whether they have remained in Ukraine or are in exile.

The State Secretary for Refugees has announced the reception of 200,000 Ukrainians in Belgium, but this number may be exceeded. As of March 16: there were 10.000 Ukrainian refugees officially registered in Belgium - Mainly women and children.

### Coordination of joint social partner or social partner and government actions

A discussion is scheduled for mid-March between the social partners to examine the economic and social consequences of the war.

### Company impact

In the construction sector there are 2000 - 3000 Ukrainian workers seconded to Belgium, some of whom are going back to Ukraine to fight.

As concerns arrivals, Belgian employers are seeking information on requirements for employing Ukrainians and collaborating with regional job placement services/recruitment services to match job vacancies and refugees. There is currently no information on the skills levels of refugees.