

## **Actions of the People's Advocate Institution undertaken between March 21 and 25, 2022**

- investigation conducted at Gara Mare Railway Station in Iași, on March 21, 2022, aimed at monitoring the observance of the rights of refugees from Ukraine who are in transit in Gara Mare Railway Station;
- investigation conducted at the Isaccea Border Crossing Point, Tulcea County, on March 23, 2022, aimed at ensuring the observance of the fundamental right to life and physical and mental integrity and the right to health care for refugees arriving from Ukraine to Romania;
- investigation carried out at the refugee reception centre from Otopeni, Garofiței Street no. 9, on March 23, 2022, aiming at the observance of the rights of Ukrainian refugees by the Romanian authorities;
- ex officio proceeding regarding a possible breach of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and of Art. 23 of the Romanian Constitution on individual liberty, following a press article published on March 23, 2022, under the title *"Refugees from Ukraine could become victims of human trafficking"* and request addressed to the Ministry of Internal Affairs regarding the elaboration of a plan to consider concrete measures to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings (especially in the border area and refugee centres), specific activities carried out in this regard, as well as collaboration with other structures responsible for combating trafficking in human beings;
- a request addressed to the National Authority for the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities regarding the situation of refugees with disabilities who were institutionalized in Ukraine and the observance of their rights;
- request to the National Authority for the Protection of the Rights of the Child and Adoption on the procedure adopted for refugee children from Ukraine aged 16-18 (including asylum seekers) as they have the right to travel unaccompanied under Ukrainian law; their access to study given that in Ukraine, citizens who have reached the age of 16 can take university courses;
- ex officio proceeding and requests addressed to the Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity and the Ministry of Public Finance regarding the payment of staff of local public authorities, including those seconded at border points, respectively in refugee reception centres / regional accommodation centres and analysis of the need for funding their expenses (salaries, transport, etc.) by granting a salary incentive / increase, as well as supplementing the local budgets of the public authorities on the Romanian border, justified by the extraordinary situation;
- ex officio proceeding regarding the violation of the constitutional provisions on the right to work and social protection of labour, provided by Art. 41 of the Romanian Constitution and requests addressed to the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MAI) and the Ministry of Public Finance regarding the remuneration of MAI staff and those assigned to the border area, directly involved in specific operations and analysis of the need to finance their expenses (salaries, transport etc.) by granting

a salary incentive / increase, as well as the additional financing of the MAI, justified by the extraordinary situation;

- ex officio proceeding regarding the information published in the press according to which, in Bacău hospitals, were hospitalized refugees from Ukraine among whom there were also two children, and requests addressed to the Public Health Directorate of Bacău County, General Directorate of Social Assistance and the Protection of the Bacău Child and the Bacău County School Inspectorate in order to identify the measures taken to ensure the right to healthcare and the right to education for refugee children;

- requests addressed to the Mediaş Municipal Hospital and the Children's Clinical Hospital from Sibiu, in order to identify the measures taken to ensure the right to healthcare for hospitalized refugee children;

- ex officio proceeding following the article entitled "*Accident between Movila and Feteşti: Intervention with the SMURD helicopter*" and requests addressed to the Ialomiţa County Police Inspectorate, Feteşti Municipal Hospital, General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Ialomiţa, in order to identify the measures taken for ensuring the right of Ukrainian children to health care;

- ex officio proceeding as a result of the article entitled "*41 Ukrainian refugees in Piatra Neamt! From Chernomorsk, the area where the Russians want to disembark, near Odessa*" and requests addressed to the General Directorate of Social Assistance and Child Protection Neamt, as well as Neamt County School Inspectorate to identify the situation of refugee minors and measures to ensure the rights of children (security, takeover, counselling, accommodation, assistance in legal proceedings);

- ex officio proceeding and request addressed to the National Audio-visual Council regarding the possible violation of the provisions of Law no. 504/2002 of the audio-visual and of the Decision no. 220/2011 on the Code for the regulation of audio-visual content, as a result of the article entitled "*When you had everything and now you have nothing. Ukrainian refugees arriving in a legendary place in Bucharest: the student dormitories in Grozăveşti*";

- ex officio proceeding aimed at verifying the observance, by the competent institutions, of the provisions of Art. 18 of the Constitution, regarding foreign nationals and stateless persons, in the context of the armed conflict in Ukraine and the influx of refugees arriving to Romania and a request addressed to the Ministry of Education regarding: the stage of implementation of Order no. 3363/10 March 2022 of the Ministry of Education which also aims at approving the Procedure for enrolling as listeners in the courses of educational units, the minors in special situations who come from the area of armed conflict in Ukraine and enter the territory of Romania; attracting teachers who know the Ukrainian language; information on the integration of Ukrainian refugees into the pre-university education system;

- ex officio proceeding and requests addressed to the Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity and to the Government of Romania regarding the situation of Romanians employed in companies with Russian capital;

- the intervention of the representative of our institution's Braşov Territorial Office at *Radio România Actualitati* (Braşov), during the radio show *Pulsul Zilei*, about the steps taken regarding the institutionalized children from Ukraine who arrived in Braşov, respectively the presentation of the ex officio proceeding on the right to education of refugee children.