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# The Government supports UEFA Women's EURO 2025

The Government fully support The Football Association of Sweden, together with its Nordic partner FAs from Denmark, Finland and Norway, in their application on staging the Women's EURO 2025 in Sweden and other Nordic countries.

Sweden has a long tradition in co-operating and building better societies together with our Nordic neighbours Denmark, Finland and Norway. Sustainable development, equality, a healthy way of life and Nordic cooperation are all core elements of our societies. These are the key reasons why the Government warmly welcomes the co-Nordic candidacy of the UEFA Women's EURO 2025, and looks forward to welcoming a worldwide audience to Sweden and a first-class international sporting event.

– In a world where only 14 per cent of all countries are democracies, we must take responsibility and arrange sporting events in countries where human rights are respected, not where such events are used as a showroom for dictatorships, says Minister for sport Anders Ygeman.

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# EU agrees to activate Temporary Protection Directive

At the meeting of the EU Justice and Home Affairs Council on 3 March, focus was on Russia's invasion of Ukraine. EU Member States agreed to activate the Temporary Protection Directive.

“This is an historic act of solidarity with Ukraine at a time of Russian military aggression. That is the most important message – that Europe stands up for Ukraine and is prepared to jointly help those fleeing the belligerent Russian actions,” said Minister of Integration and Migration Anders Ygeman.

The EU Temporary Protection Directive was introduced in 2001 with the aim of having a regulatory framework to activate in the event of a mass influx of displaced persons from third countries. The Temporary Protection Directive means that refugees from Ukraine will be granted a temporary residence permit in the EU for at least one year, with the possibility of an extension for an additional two years.

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# It is now important that we jointly take responsibility to help the people of Ukraine

On 25 February, Minister for Integration and Migration Anders Ygeman and Director General of the Swedish Migration Agency Mikael Ribbenvik held a joint press briefing in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

“We will take our responsibility, and Sweden stands ready to help Ukraine in every way we can, regardless of whether it involves humanitarian aid or in some other way. We are also prepared to help the countries to which most refugees are likely to turn. The crisis in Ukraine shows once again how important and urgent it is to conclude the negotiations on the Pact on Migration and Asylum, and for EU countries to jointly take responsibility,” said Mr Ygeman.

At the press conference, Mr Ribbenvik stated that his Agency was in direct contact with colleagues in the countries bordering Ukraine, and that as yet no major refugee flows towards Sweden had emerged.

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