



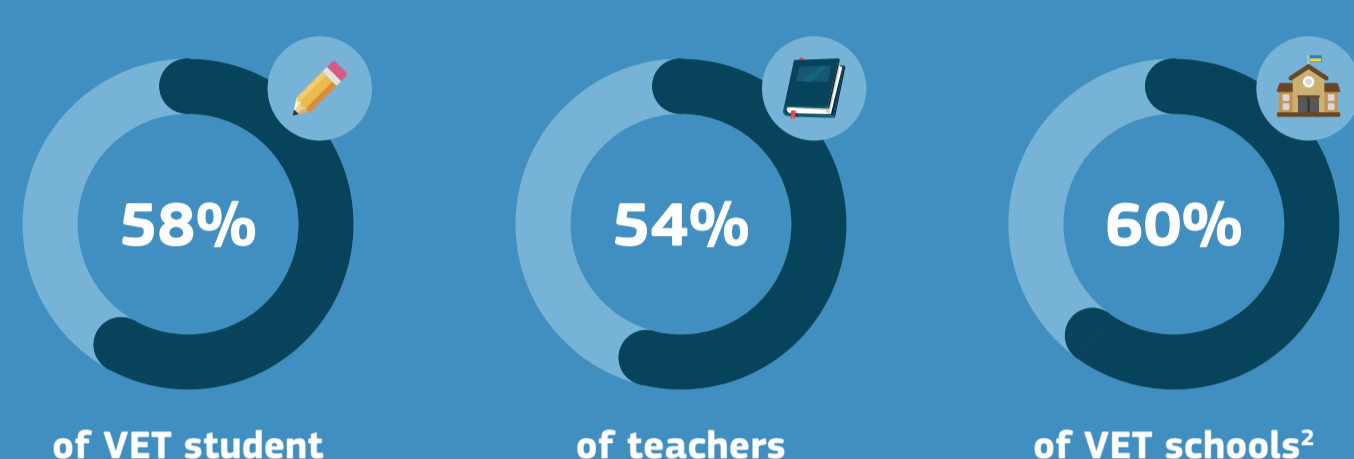
# Make your EAfA pledge to support displaced Ukrainians in the EU

## What is happening in Ukraine?



Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, an estimated **7.3 million people** who fled the country are still living outside of Ukraine<sup>1</sup>.

The Ukrainian VET sector has been impacted by the war, with estimates suggesting those who had been directly affected include:



Those who have fled Ukraine are leaving behind **their homes and beloved ones**, and their **livelihoods**.



## How can apprenticeships support Ukrainians in the EU?

Apprenticeships are a great way for displaced Ukrainians to continue, or embark on, their VET journey, without putting their future plans on hold. They provide a **direct pathway** for these people to integrate into the labour market and equip displaced Ukrainians with the **skills they need to rebuild their country**.

## How can organisations create quality and effective apprenticeships that provide this?

### 1) Early access to VET and apprenticeship information

Available resources made available by the Commission to help displaced Ukrainians access VET and apprenticeship information include:



- Europass →
- EU Skills Profile Tool →
- EU Talent Pool Pilot →



### 2) Language support

Learning the local language will help to improve displaced Ukrainians' employability, facilitate their communication with the community and increase their awareness of the host country's culture.



### 3) Learning environment

Learning environments should feel safe, inclusive and accepting of learners' circumstances.

Organisations should also be aware of the differences in the national education systems.



## How can your organisation help?

The European Alliance for Apprentices (EAfA) urges both EAfA members and non-members to submit a pledge to support displaced Ukrainians.

**Start your EAfA pledge today!**



1. Operational Data Portal: Ukraine Refugee Situation, UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)  
 2. EC (2022), Joint ACVT/DGVT webinar on the integration of Ukrainian refugees, European Commission, <https://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=25478&langId=en>.