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Dear Mr. Keenan,

I refer to your letter of 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The Committee have sought a note on any funding expected from the EU in relation to Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection.

I can confirm that EU funding is being provided in relation to Ukrainian BOTPs. In November 2022 the European Social Fund 2014-2020 funding programme was amended to provide for use of €53m REACT-EU (see Appendix 1 for further details on REACT-EU) funds to meet costs incurred by the Department of Social Protection when making social welfare payments to Ukrainian refugees. This was based on a Simplified Cost Option (SCO) set in the relevant Regulation at a rate of €100 per refugee per week for a maximum of 26 weeks. That amendment was adopted by the European Commission and those funds will be drawn down by DSP during 2023.

I trust that this answers the question posed by the committee member.

Yours Sincerely



David Moloney  
Secretary General