

# CGIL WITH THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE

The Italian General Confederation of Labour - CGIL - strongly condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which began on 24 February 2022 and called on European and international diplomacy to commit to a ceasefire and a negotiated political solution to the armed conflict. Together with European and international trade unions, associations and the peace movement, CGIL participated and organised mobilisations to repudiate wars, for disarmament, for the prohibition of nuclear weapons and for building together a Europe of Peace, based on the concept of common and shared security. CGIL also set up the Europe4Peace network with other NGOs to organise national and territorial demonstrations, awareness-raising and mobilisation initiatives.



## CGIL SOLIDARITY FUND FOR UKRAINE

CGIL, in close cooperation with Ukrainian trade union organisations, launched a fundraising campaign to be used exclusively for humanitarian projects in support of the population, war victims and refugees. The campaign of solidarity with the Ukrainian people saw the active participation of various trade unions and associations. CGIL offices, workplaces and pensioners' leagues collected funds and basic necessities to help associations supporting refugees at the



European borders and Ukrainian trade unions for internally displaced persons.

## COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY PROJECTS

With the support of Nexus, a cooperation and development NGO, the project "Solidarnist: Emergency and Solidarity for the Ukrainian People" was implemented in 2023, thanks to which the Ukrainian trade union FPU provided assistance and a dignified welcome to displaced people in reception centres in the Rivne, Ivano-Frankivsk, Chernivtsi, Volyn and Kharkiv oblasts. It has also helped protect children's education with the Solidarnist Plus project, transforming the basement of High School No. 10 in Brovay, Kyiv district, into a safe haven.

Actions carried out with the CGIL Solidarity Fund:

- Contribution to the maintenance and renovation of the Youth Centre in the city of Mykolaiv, run by the Youth of Ukraine, with an air-raid shelter and a warehouse for storing humanitarian aid.
- Construction of a children's shelter in the basement of the "Pushcha-Vodystia" Children's Recreation and Rehabilitation Centre, run by the Trade Union of Education and Science Workers of Ukraine (TUESWU).
- Establishment of the Centre for Rehabilitation and Social and Psychological Support in the House of Scientists building in Odessa to provide psychological support and maintain mental health-

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Diamo un aiuto per proteggere i civili, per la loro accoglienza in Italia e in Europa

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Le donazioni saranno raccolte nel conto corrente dedicato:  
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Intestato a: CGIL Nazionale Causale: "EMERGENZA UCRAINA"

I fondi saranno destinati esclusivamente a finalità umanitarie attraverso sindacati locali, entità e associazioni di assoluta garanzia che già operano nel campo dell'aiuto umanitario.

## HUMANITARIAN AID

Thanks to the funds raised by CGIL, seven humanitarian aid shipments were organised. The first shipment, coordinated by the Slovakian trade union KOZ-SR, provided about 10 tonnes of basic necessities to internally displaced persons staying in hotels and temporary shelters in Ukraine. It involved several Italian trade unions, including CGIL Lombardy, CGIL Emilia-Romagna, the Milan Chamber of Labour, Nexus and the agro-industrial and transport workers' federations (FLAI and FILT). In July 2022, the fourth shipment of humanitarian aid was delivered consisting of food collected by FLAI, personal hygiene products purchased with the National Campaign Fund, and washing machines purchased with the

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same fund in collaboration with the metalworkers' federation Fiom. The fifth shipment of humanitarian aid was transported by van to Uzhorod, where it will be delivered to the FPU, which will use it to distribute humanitarian aid to the IDP accommodation centres. The sixth truckload of aid, food and hygiene supplies was sent to Odessa, where the FPU sorted some of the aid in the reception centres and delivered the rest to the besieged city of Mykolaiv. During the fifth Caravan of Peace, CGIL delivered the seventh shipment of aid, including five 25 KW generators to provide electricity and heating for aid centres housing 3,000 IDPs.

## 63 UKRAINIAN CHILDREN FLEEING THE WAR HOSTED IN SICILY

In May 2022, sixty-three Ukrainian minors, war orphans from the orphanages of Mariupol and Kramatorsk, in the Donetsk Oblast, were hosted in four facilities in the region of Sicily. The humanitarian operation was promoted as part of the "Stop the War Now" campaign and supported by CGIL, to which the European trade union network made an important contribution.