

United Students SSE

At the moment of writing, hundreds of thousands of ukrainians have been displaced. On Sunday alone, over 45000 refugees crossed the border into Poland.¹ Ukrainian mothers and children are currently seeking asylum in neighboring countries. These rapid developments have led to a massive exodus of refugees moving from the most eastern parts of Europe westward - into a Europe which might not be ideally equipped at borders to quickly adapt to such pressures.

At Poland's main border crossing, Medyka, there are lines of ukrainians which stretch for tens of miles and are only getting longer as more ukrainians are displaced. Our mission is focused on the Medyka crossing where people have to wait around 75 hours before getting through.²

This is a situation which will require a tremendous amount of resources to deal with. But in the spirit of the grit and enterprise which has come to be synonymous with our school and its students, we feel that it is imperative that we endeavor to help in any way we can at this pivotal moment in history.

To that end, we, at United Student SSE, have begun reaching out in an effort to cover the associated economic costs of our mission to drive down to Medyka, and deliver a truck with over 13 tons of supplies. We are, therefore, looking for both supplies and financing to cover the costs of drivers, customs, and fuel.

We are scheduled to leave from the Stockholm School of Economics (Sveavägen 65) on the third of March at 16:00. Logistics has to be sorted by 08:00-10:00 Thursday March 3rd.

Any and all help is appreciated. Feel free to reach out to unitedstudents.contact@gmail.com, or through our Instagram @UnitedStudentsSSE where we update our progress transparently and continuously throughout the week.

As students at a university with people from every corner of the world, we stand together.

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¹ (Brezar, Aleksandr, the Associated Press, 28/02/2022)

² (Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs estimates on waiting times at border crossings).