OPI reports increase in number of Ukrainians requesting a residence permit in 2026

The Permanent Observatory of Immigration (OPI) observed a 9% increase in the number of Ukrainian nationals requesting a residence permit in Spain during 2026. While the majority of them requested temporary protection (74%), a small share of Ukrainians requested long-term residence (19%).

Temporary protection residence permits that were initially approved in March 2022 for a period of 1 year were subsequently extended year after year through various orders. Currently, temporary protection permits are valid until 4 March 2027.

The OPI report can be found here.

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