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Dear Ukrainians in Assens,

With this letter, we on the part of the City Council will express our deepest sympathy. It is a terrible situation that the Ukrainians are in. We deeply sympathize with all those who are currently struggling with life at stake, all those who are on the run and all those who are worried about their relatives.

It is impressive to see the unity and willpower of the Ukrainian people now showing that they are under attack from Russia in a terrible, unhappy and tragic war.

It is completely inexcusable that Russia has started this war against Ukraine, and we strongly condemn the violent attacks that Russia has launched.

Assens Kommune of course supports one hundred percent the many different sanctions that are against Russia. And in this connection, we would like to inform that Assens Kommune does not have financial resources invested in Russian companies.

Assens Kommune symbolically marks the support for Ukraine with lighting of Assens City Hall in blue and yellow, and soon the Ukrainian flag will hang on City Hall.

Assens Kommune is home to approximately 200 Ukrainian citizens and in addition many Danish citizens with a Ukrainian background. The war takes up a lot of space and with this letter we would also like to reach out to you and ask how we can best help you and your network, and what needs you have in the current situation.

We are also ready to help with the humanitarian task that Denmark and the rest of the world face.

Assens Kommune is examining, among other things, which properties can be used in connection with the accommodation of Ukrainians seeking asylum. That list has now been submitted to the Danish Immigration Service as part of a national effort.

In addition, Assens Kommune has initiated an emergency response and in this connection set up a website on [assens.dk](https://www.assens.dk), where people who want to help can contact. In this way, we ensure that the many inquiries we receive end up with relevant authorities and aid organizations.

Your help is also very welcome here if you have knowledge of accommodation options, or you can offer help with e.g. translation or anything else that might be helpful when the first refugees arrive. You can register your information here: <https://www.assens.dk/ukraine>

You are invited to an information meeting

In the same connection, we would like to invite you to an information meeting where we, together with the Danish Red Cross, can discuss how we can best help the Ukrainian citizens and establish useful networks.

The meeting is held

Wednesday, March 9 at 17.00
in the canteen at Assens Town Hall.
Address: Rådhus Alle 5, 5610 Assens

Your Danish employer or contact family is of course welcome to attend the meeting.

Dear Ukrainians and relatives living here. You are in our thoughts and we wish the very best for you and your country!

We hope that you will share this letter and invitation about the meeting on Wednesday 9 March at 17.00 to citizens of Assens Municipality who are of Ukrainian descent or otherwise connected to Ukraine.

We are looking forward to seeing you,

On behalf of the City Council of Assens Kommune

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