Regional Information Brief

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN ECE) Region

This Brief provides an overview of the current state of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) and the UN Network on Migration in United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Region (UN ECE)[1]. It serves as introduction and background for the second Regional Review of the GCM which will be hosted by the UN ECE on 11 March 2024, at the Palais des Nations, in Geneva, Switzerland[2].

This document contains underlined texts, buttons, and icons that function as external links.

See more information on GCM Regional Review for the UN ECE Region →

Note: This map is for illustration purposes only. The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations Network on Migration.

Regional UN Network on Migration for Europe and Central Asia (Regional Network)

The Regional Network is embedded in the Issue-based Coalition (IBC) for Large Movements of People, Displacement and Resilience for Europe and Central Asia. Therefore, just like the IBC, the Regional Network focuses on Europe and Central Asia – with the possibility of supporting other countries of the UN ECE Region on a case-by-case basis[3].

Based in Vienna, the Regional Network is co-chaired by IOM, UNDP and UNHCR.

The Regional Network/IBC Terms of Reference are available here.

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1 This region includes the 56 Member States of the UN ECE Region.

2 The GCM Regional Review in the UN ECE Region will take place back-to-back with the Regional Forum for Sustainable Development.
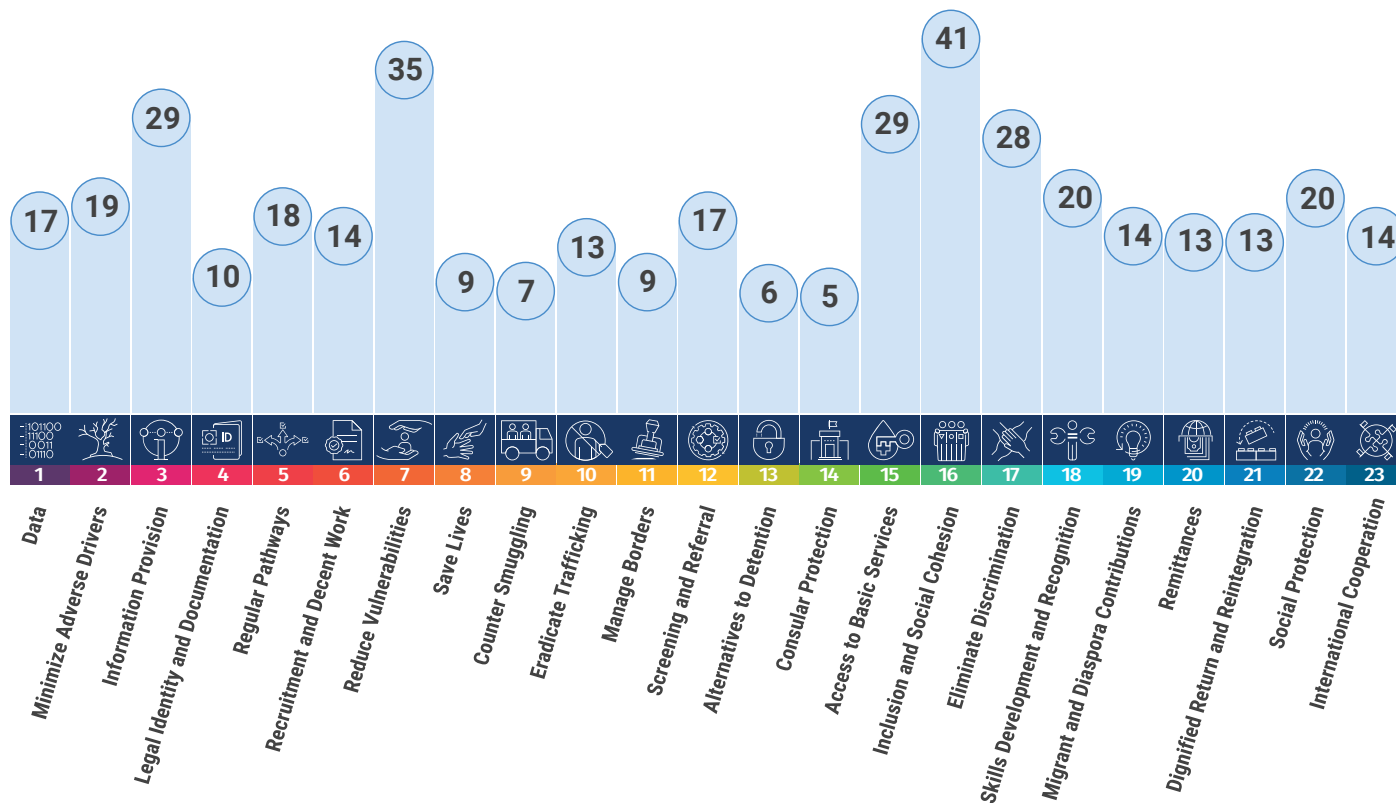
3 The UN Brussels Team (UNBT) Migration Working Group collaborates with the Regional Issue-based Coalition (IBC) for Europe and Central Asia, and other existing relevant mechanisms.
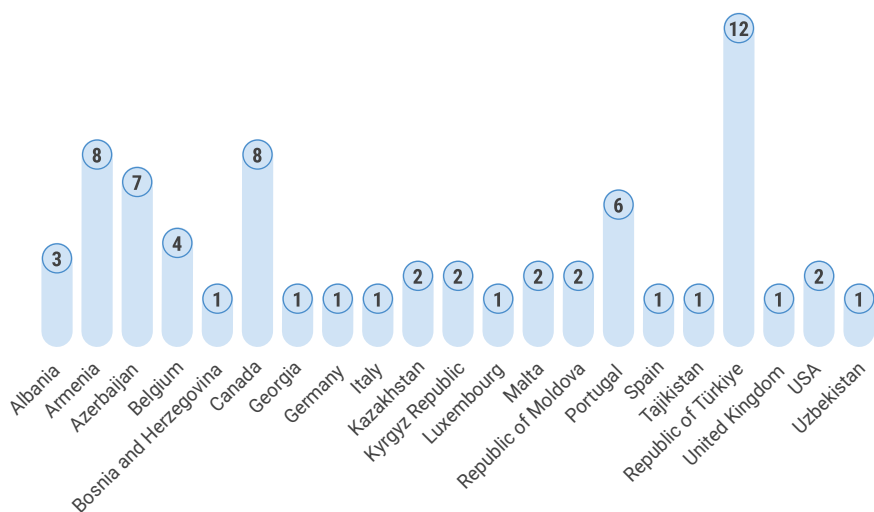
Practices

70 Practices

from the UN ECE Region by GCM objective (28% of all practices).
Please note that most practices cover multiple GCM Objectives.

#	Objective	Count
1	Data	17
2	Minimize Adverse Drivers	19
3	Information Provision	29
4	Legal Identity and Documentation	10
5	Regular Pathways	18
6	Recruitment and Decent Work	14
7	Reduce Vulnerabilities	35
8	Save Lives	9
9	Counter Smuggling	7
10	Eradicate Trafficking	13
11	Manage Borders	9
12	Screening and Referral	17
13	Alternatives to Detention	6
14	Consular Protection	5
15	Access to Basic Services	29
16	Inclusion and Social Cohesion	41
17	Eliminate Discrimination	28
18	Skills Development and Recognition	20
19	Migrant and Diaspora Contributions	14
20	Remittances	13
21	Dignified Return and Reintegration	13
22	Social Protection	20
23	International Cooperation	14

Member States where practices are implemented

Please note that a practice can be implemented in multiple Member States.

Member State	Count
Albania	3
Armenia	8
Azerbaijan	7
Belgium	4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1
Canada	8
Georgia	1
Germany	1
Italy	1
Kazakhstan	2
Kyrgyz Republic	2
Luxembourg	1
Malta	2
Republic of Moldova	2
Portugal	6
Spain	1
Tajikistan	1
Republic of Türkiye	12
United Kingdom	1
USA	2
Uzbekistan	1

Some of the practices have a multilevel scope. However, most are implemented at the national level, which is similar to trends found in other regions.
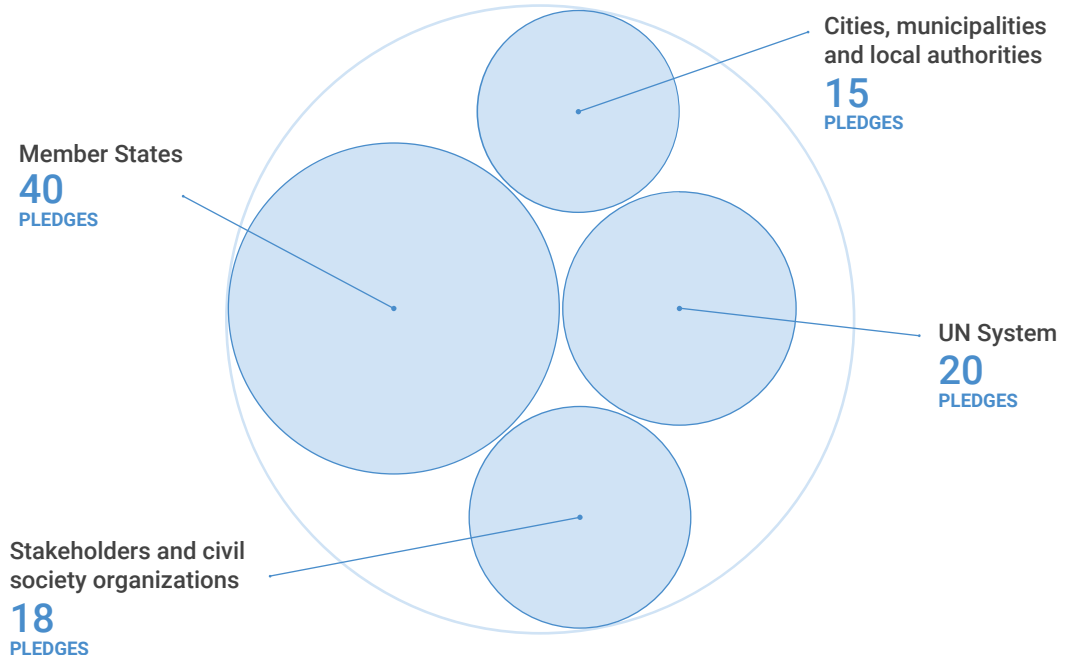
Member States are the most well-represented type of implementers among the practices featured in the Repository, followed by civil society and the IOM.
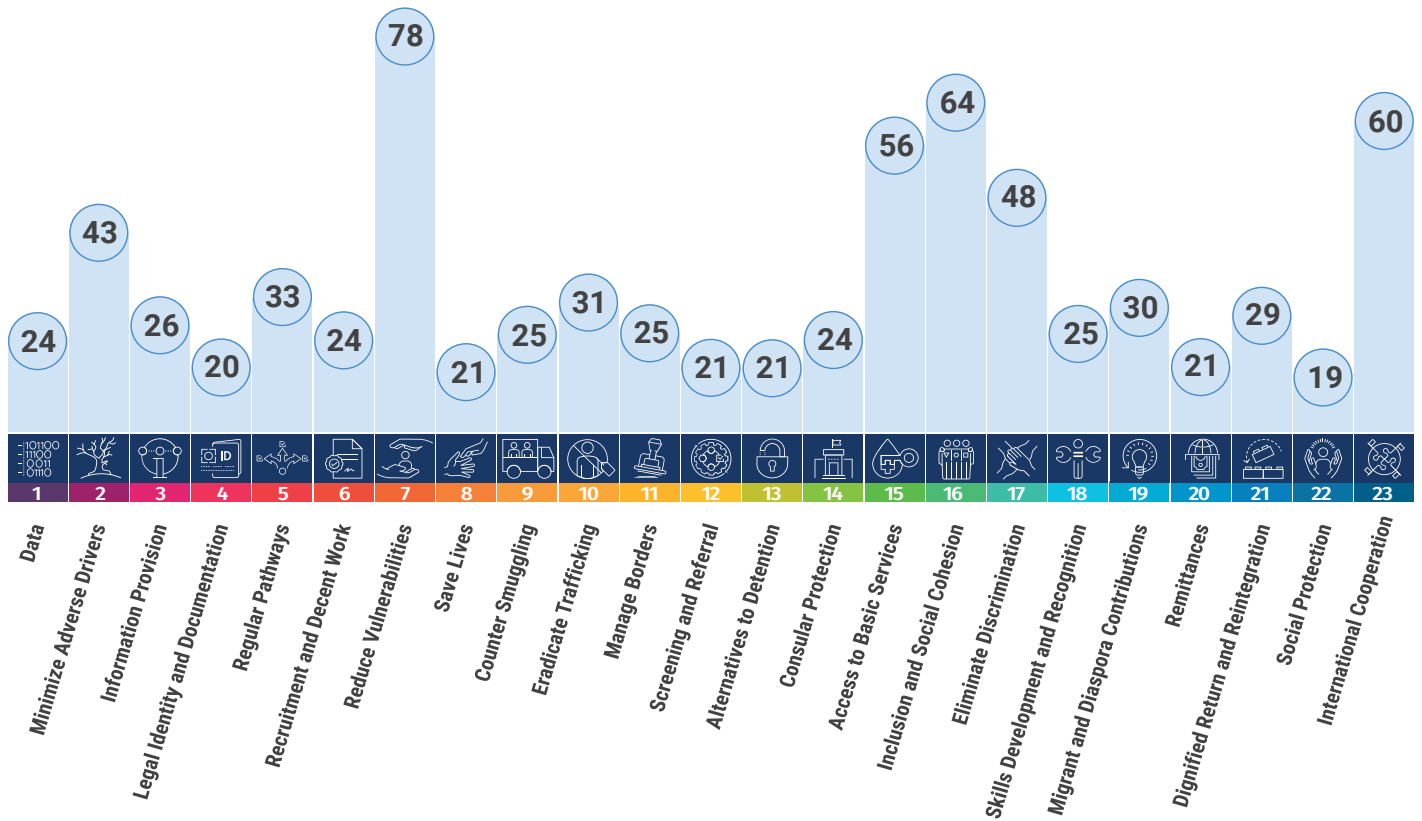
Go to Repository of Practices →

Pledges

93 pledges
from the UN ECE Region
have been submitted.

Cities, municipalities
and local authorities
15
PLEDGES

Member States
40
PLEDGES

UN System
20
PLEDGES

Stakeholders and civil
society organizations
18
PLEDGES

The majority of pledges in the region focus on Objectives 2, 7, 15, 16, 17 and 23.
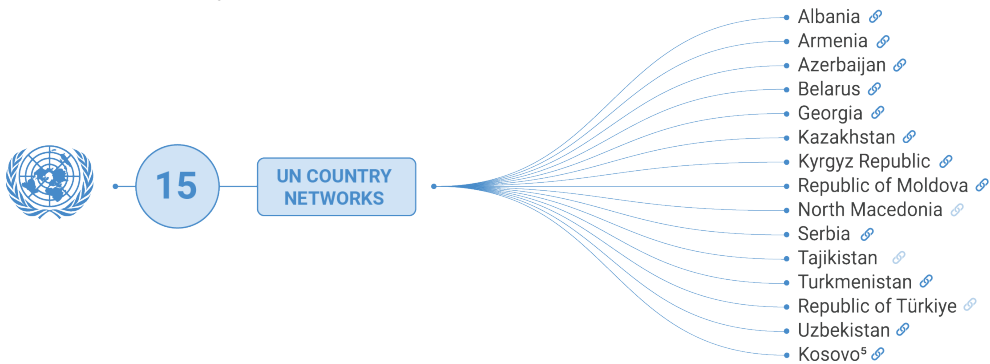Please note that most pledges cover multiple GCM Objectives.

#	Objective	Pledges
1	Data	24
2	Minimize Adverse Drivers	43
3	Information Provision	26
4	Legal Identity and Documentation	20
5	Regular Pathways	33
6	Recruitment and Decent Work	24
7	Reduce Vulnerabilities	78
8	Save Lives	21
9	Counter Smuggling	25
10	Eradicate Trafficking	31
11	Manage Borders	25
12	Screening and Referral	21
13	Alternatives to Detention	21
14	Consular Protection	24
15	Access to Basic Services	56
16	Inclusion and Social Cohesion	64
17	Eliminate Discrimination	48
18	Skills Development and Recognition	25
19	Migrant and Diaspora Contributions	30
20	Remittances	21
21	Dignified Return and Reintegration	29
22	Social Protection	19
23	International Cooperation	60

Member States and stakeholders are encouraged to report on
the implementation of their pledges through the webform here.

Submit new pledges here.

Go to Pledging Dashboard →

15 Country UN Networks on Migration established in the region[4]

Click on the icons after each country to get direct
access to the Country Network's Terms of Reference.

- 15 — UN COUNTRY NETWORKS

- Albania 🔗
- Armenia 🔗
- Azerbaijan 🔗
- Belarus 🔗
- Georgia 🔗
- Kazakhstan 🔗
- Kyrgyz Republic 🔗
- Republic of Moldova 🔗
- North Macedonia 🔗
- Serbia 🔗
- Tajikistan 🔗
- Turkmenistan 🔗
- Republic of Türkiye 🔗
- Uzbekistan 🔗
- Kosovo[5] 🔗

5 Champion countries in the region

- Luxembourg
- Azerbaijan
- Canada
- Portugal
- Republic of Türkiye

Champion countries in the region are discussing possible organization of a Regional Champion country meeting, with the support of the Network, to follow up on the pledges.
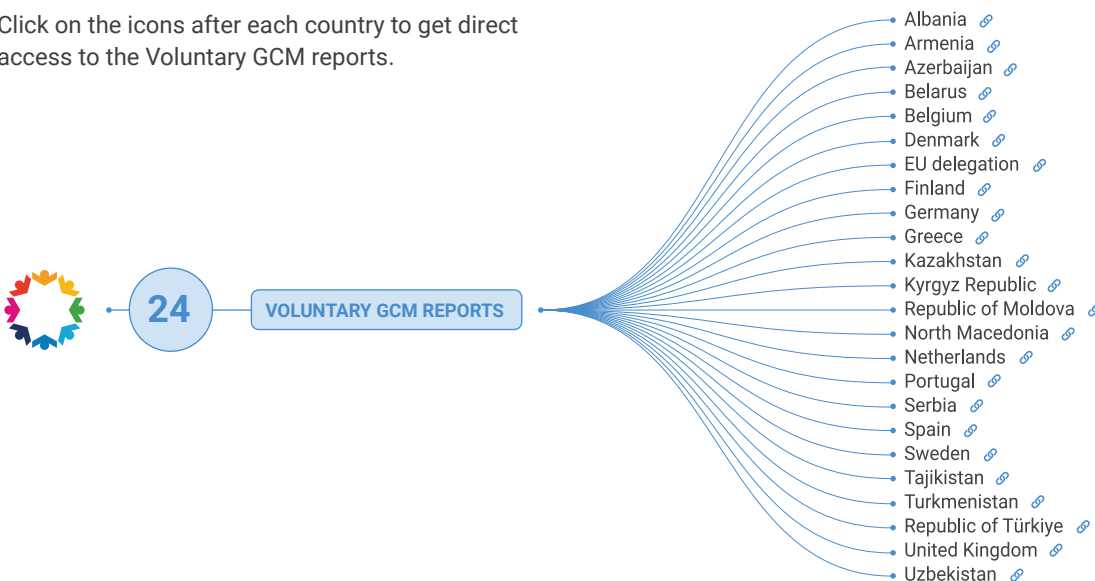
Engagement during the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)
The Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations served as one of the co-facilitators for the IMRF Progress Declaration.
Portugal and Azerbaijan served as co-chairs for one roundtable each during the IMRF.

See more information on Champion Countries →

24 voluntary GCM reports ahead of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)

Click on the icons after each country to get direct
access to the Voluntary GCM reports.

- 24 — VOLUNTARY GCM REPORTS

- Albania 🔗
- Armenia 🔗
- Azerbaijan 🔗
- Belarus 🔗
- Belgium 🔗
- Denmark 🔗
- EU delegation 🔗
- Finland 🔗
- Germany 🔗
- Greece 🔗
- Kazakhstan 🔗
- Kyrgyz Republic 🔗
- Republic of Moldova 🔗
- North Macedonia 🔗
- Netherlands 🔗
- Portugal 🔗
- Serbia 🔗
- Spain 🔗
- Sweden 🔗
- Tajikistan 🔗
- Turkmenistan 🔗
- Republic of Türkiye 🔗
- United Kingdom 🔗
- Uzbekistan 🔗

4 The Terms of Reference missing on the webpage are currently revised and will be made accessible shortly.
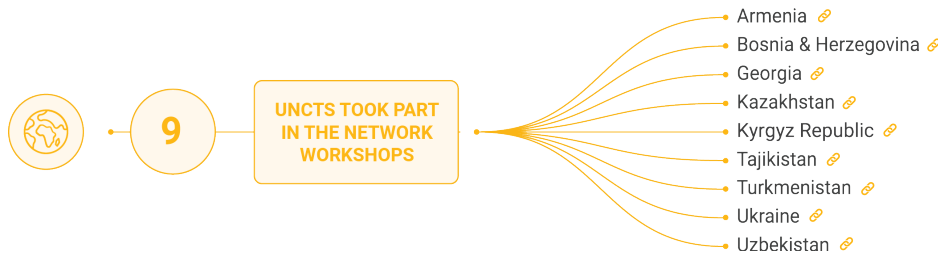5 References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

UN Network Workshops for 9 UN Country Teams (UNCT)

The UN Network on Migration is leveraging the technical experience and guidance of UN partners globally to support UN Country Teams to integrate migration into planning processes. The aim of these efforts is to strengthen whole-of-UN, whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches for implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) and accelerate progress towards the SDGs. This work is central to the capacity building mechanism, called for in the Compact and reiterated in the Progress Declaration.

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Click on the icons after each country to get direct access to the UN Network Workshops.

9 — UNCTS TOOK PART IN THE NETWORK WORKSHOPS

- Armenia
- Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Georgia
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyz Republic
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- Ukraine
- Uzbekistan

Learn about the type of support available to UN Country Teams, access the Facilitator's Guide, submit a request for support and meet the Facilitation team here.

Guidance for Member States and stakeholders in implementing the GCM

The way governments implement the GCM differs according to migration contexts and dynamics and migrant needs. Countries and regions have diverse capacities, resources, and institutional/legal frameworks for managing migration. To help our partners establish the structures and systems to ensure effective and sustainable GCM implementation, the UN Network on Migration developed a six-step guidance to help States deliver on their commitments in the GCM.

In the region, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan Country Networks have both expressed interest in using the GCM guidance to support their governments with GCM implementation efforts, including through the M-MPTF priority pipeline Joint Programme.

Access the Guidance for governments and stakeholders, submit a request for further information and open the interactive tool here.
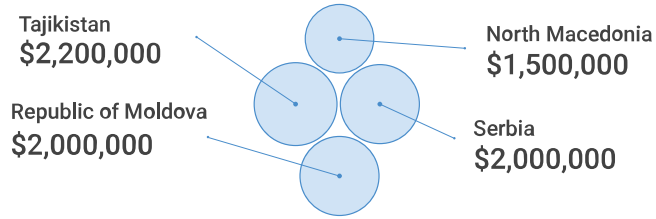
Stakeholder engagement

- **European stakeholders have engaged actively** in global level Network activities including representation at the IMRF and its preparatory consultations, through interventions in GCM Talks, and are members in nearly all global workstreams. Stakeholders from the region are also co-leading seven out of fourteen global workstreams, including on future health emergencies, alternatives to detention, missing migrants and humanitarian assistance, anti-discrimination, among others.

- **The Regional Network/IBC has held several stakeholder inclusive meetings.** These include meetings on sub-regional cooperation in Central Asia, a side event on the SDGs and migration in EECA, and a Kosovo national forum on stakeholder partnerships for GCM implementation. Country levels workshops on GCM implementation have been conducted in Kyrgyz Republic and Taijkistan with a regional facilitation team including a stakeholder trainer. The workshops include planning for stakeholder partnership actions at country levels.

- **The United Kingdom stakeholder working group submitted a report on priorities and GCM progress to the IMRF.** The United Kingdom government, along with this stakeholder group, held a GCM Talk entitled Migration and Adaptation in the Context of Climate Change. The stakeholder group plans to continue coordination of key advocacy messages to the next round of Regional Reviews.

- **In the preparation for the UN ECE Regional Review, the Network organized three stakeholder consultations** in order to draw key messages from civil society on the progress of GCM implementation and recommendations for future action.

- **In conjunction with these consultations, the Network launched a UN ECE Regional Discussion Space** on the Migration Network Hub where stakeholders post feedback, recommendations and reports on GCM thematic priorities.

- In partnership with the **government of Spain and Ministry of Social Rights and Agenda 2030, civil society, diaspora and migrant networks in Spain** held a panel on GCM implementation and published a proposal for indicators.

Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (M-MPTF) in the region

The Fund Steering Committee has set the total **capitalization target at 150 million USD** by the next International Migration Review Forum (2026). To date, considering the most recent pledges, close to **40% of this target has been mobilized** from 21 Member States.

4 Joint Programmes funded by the M-MPTF

Tajikistan
$2,200,000

North Macedonia
$1,500,000

Republic of Moldova
$2,000,000

Serbia
$2,000,000

4 Steering Committee members

○ Current
○ Former

France
Denmark
Germany
United Kingdom
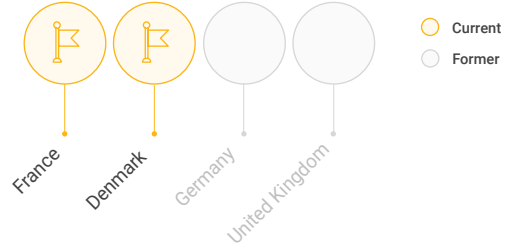
15 Member States from the UN ECE Region have contributed to the M-MPTF

with a total contribution of over **56 million USD** over three years.

$56,000,000

- ○ Germany **$19,500,000**
- ○ United States **$10,000,000**
- ○ Denmark **$6,600,000**
- ○ United Kingdom **$6,300,000**
- ○ Norway **$3,800,000**
- ○ France **$3,800,000**
- ○ Netherlands **$3,800,000**
- ○ Spain **$1,100,000**
- ○ Sweden **$938,000**
- ○ Portugal **$610,000**
- ○ Ireland **$56,000**
- ○ Cyprus **$40,000**
- ○ Luxembourg **$26,000**
- ○ Republic of Türkiye **$20,000**
- ○ Azerbaijan **$5,000**

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$56,000

United Kingdom
$6,300,000

Norway
$3,800,000

Netherlands
$3,800,000

Sweden
$938,000

Azerbaijan
$5,000

Germany
$19,500,000

United States
$10,000,000

Portugal
$610,000

Luxembourg
$26,000

Spain
$1,100,000

France
$3,800,000

Republic of Türkiye
$20,000

Cyprus
$40,000

Denmark
$6,600,000

More information on the M-MPTF →

M-MPTF Joint Programmes

4 Joint Programmes funded
in the UN ECE region (out of **21 worldwide**).

○ THEMATIC AREA 1 - Promoting fact-based and data-driven migration discourse, policy and planning
○ THEMATIC AREA 2 - Protecting the human rights, safety and wellbeing of migrants, including through addressing drivers and mitigating situations of vulnerability in migration
○ THEMATIC AREA 4 - Facilitating regular migration, decent work and enhancing the positive development effects of human mobility
○ THEMATIC AREA 5 - Improving the social inclusion and integration of migrants

North Macedonia
$1,500,000

"Institutional support to enhance fact-based and data-driven migration discourse, policy and planning in North Macedonia" implemented by IOM, UNFPA, and UNHCR, supports the Government to effectively manage demographic and migration dynamics.

Republic of Moldova
$2,000,000
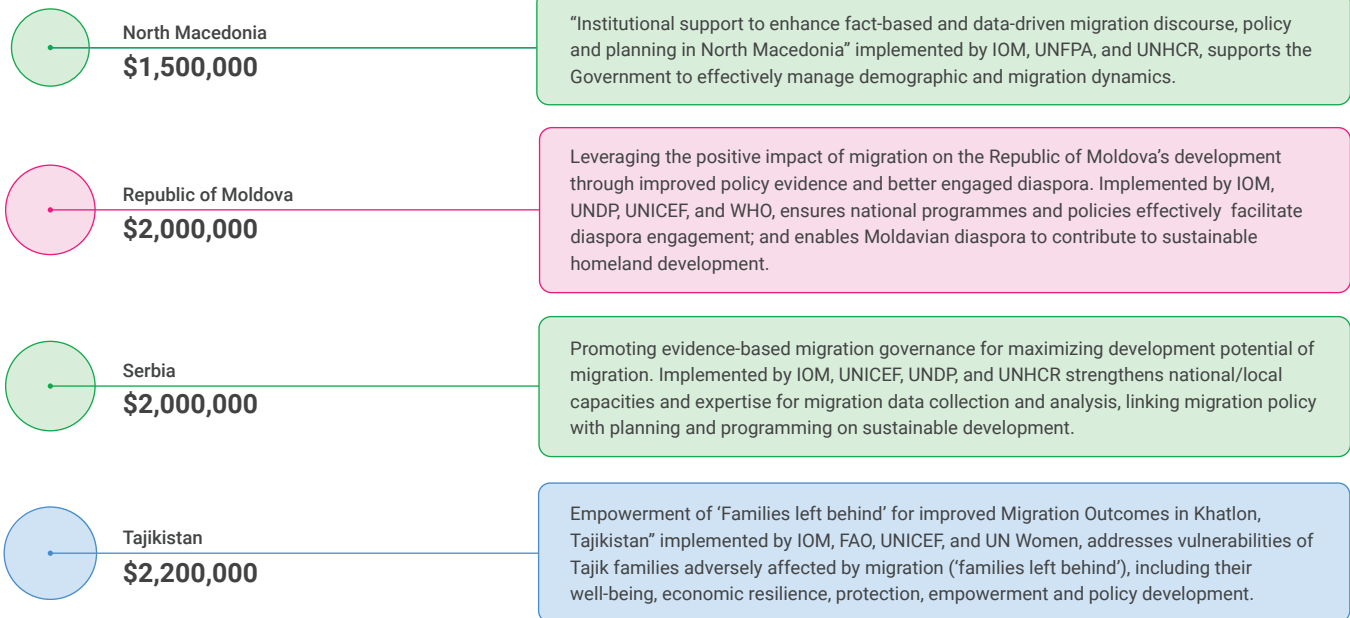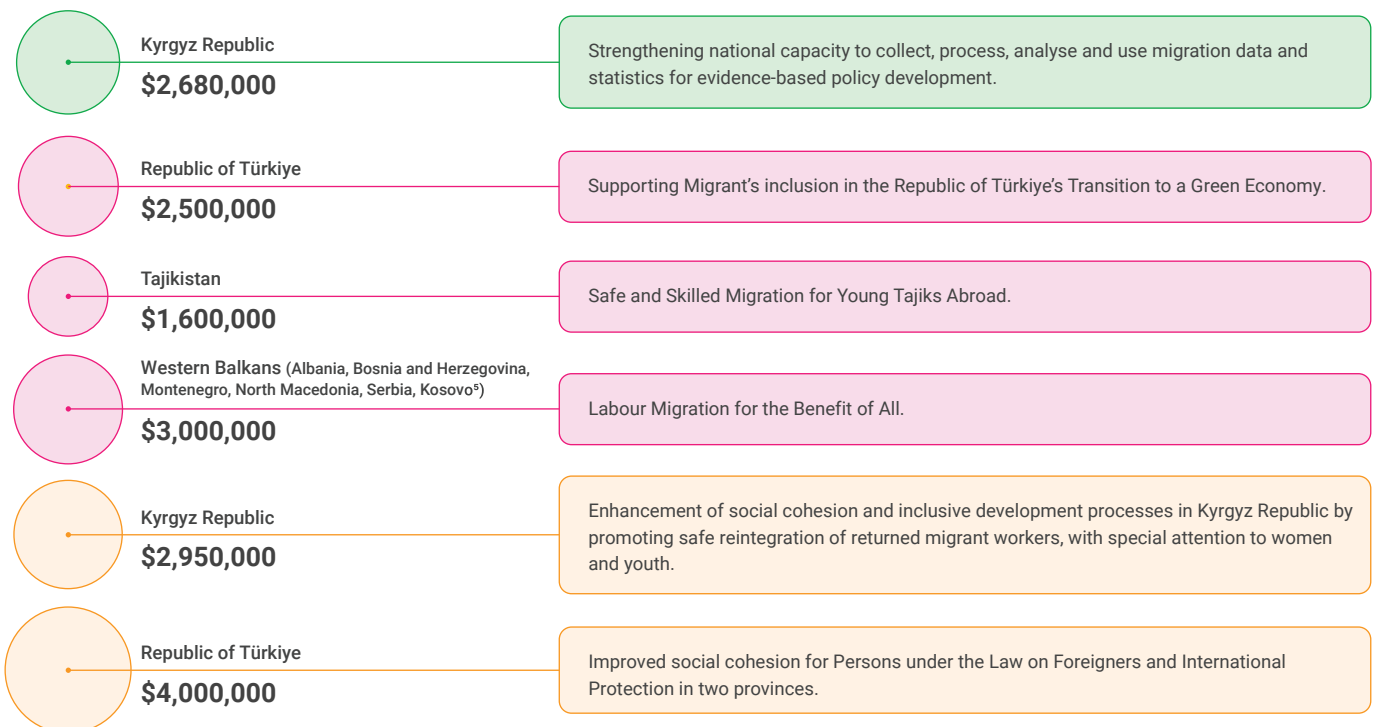
Leveraging the positive impact of migration on the Republic of Moldova's development through improved policy evidence and better engaged diaspora. Implemented by IOM, UNDP, UNICEF, and WHO, ensures national programmes and policies effectively facilitate diaspora engagement; and enables Moldavian diaspora to contribute to sustainable homeland development.

Serbia
$2,000,000

Promoting evidence-based migration governance for maximizing development potential of migration. Implemented by IOM, UNICEF, UNDP, and UNHCR strengthens national/local capacities and expertise for migration data collection and analysis, linking migration policy with planning and programming on sustainable development.

Tajikistan
$2,200,000

Empowerment of 'Families left behind' for improved Migration Outcomes in Khatlon, Tajikistan" implemented by IOM, FAO, UNICEF, and UN Women, addresses vulnerabilities of Tajik families adversely affected by migration ('families left behind'), including their well-being, economic resilience, protection, empowerment and policy development.

6 Joint Programmes are in the Pipeline
in the region focusing on data; regular migration, decent work and enhancing positive development effects of human mobility; and improving the social inclusion and integration of migrants.

Kyrgyz Republic
$2,680,000

Strengthening national capacity to collect, process, analyse and use migration data and statistics for evidence-based policy development.

Republic of Türkiye
$2,500,000

Supporting Migrant's inclusion in the Republic of Türkiye's Transition to a Green Economy.

Tajikistan
$1,600,000

Safe and Skilled Migration for Young Tajiks Abroad.

Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Kosovo[5])
$3,000,000

Labour Migration for the Benefit of All.

Kyrgyz Republic
$2,950,000

Enhancement of social cohesion and inclusive development processes in Kyrgyz Republic by promoting safe reintegration of returned migrant workers, with special attention to women and youth.

Republic of Türkiye
$4,000,000

Improved social cohesion for Persons under the Law on Foreigners and International Protection in two provinces.
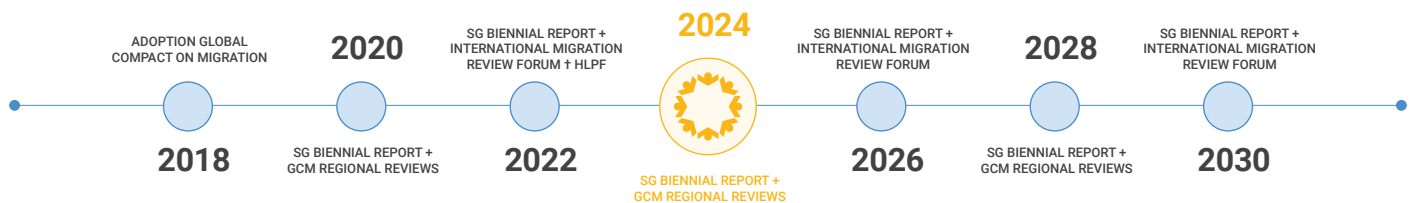
GCM implementation, follow-up and review: Resources and tools

- Regional Reviews of the GCM (download the framework here).

- Submit your request to organize regional or national GCM Talks here.

- Submit your practice as an example of GCM implementation here.

- Express interest in organizing trainings for UN communications, advocacy or technical staff as well as journalists in your region here.

- Submit a request for facilitation support to a UN Country Team to integrate migration into planning and programming here.

- Submit a request here to receive support in implementing the GCM, using the GCM Guidance for Member States and stakeholders.

| See GCM Regional Review 2020 → |
| See GCM Regional Review 2024 → |
| See IMRF 2022 → |

GCM Review Timeline

Timeline markers:
- **2018** — ADOPTION GLOBAL COMPACT ON MIGRATION
- SG BIENNIAL REPORT + GCM REGIONAL REVIEWS
- **2020**
- **2022** — SG BIENNIAL REPORT + INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REVIEW FORUM † HLPF
- **2024** — SG BIENNIAL REPORT + GCM REGIONAL REVIEWS
- **2026** — SG BIENNIAL REPORT + INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REVIEW FORUM
- SG BIENNIAL REPORT + GCM REGIONAL REVIEWS
- **2028**
- **2030** — SG BIENNIAL REPORT + INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REVIEW FORUM

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