Regional Information Brief

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) 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 (UNCE)\(^1\). It serves as introduction and background for the second Regional Review of the GCM which will be hosted by the UNECE 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 UNECE Region

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 UNECE 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 UNECE Region.
2. The GCM Regional Review in the UNECE 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 UNECE Region by GCM objective (28 per cent of all practices).
Please note that most practices cover multiple GCM Objectives.

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

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 IOM.

Go to Repository of Practices
Pledges

93 pledges from the UNECE Region have been submitted.

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.

Member States

40 PLEDGES

Stakeholders and civil society organizations

18 PLEDGES

Cities, municipalities and local authorities

15 PLEDGES

UN System

20 PLEDGES

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 [here](#).
15 Country UN Networks on Migration established in the region

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

5 Champion countries in the region

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.

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.

4 The Terms of Reference missing on the webpage are being 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 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This work is central to the capacity building mechanism, called for in the Compact and reiterated in the Progress Declaration. This work is central to the capacity building mechanism called for in the Compact and reiterated in the Progress Declaration, and is facilitated by the Building Migration Partnerships (BMP) programme.

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

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 and 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 Tajikistan 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 UNECE 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 UNECE 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 USD 150 million 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
- Republic of Moldova: $2,000,000
- North Macedonia: $1,500,000
- Serbia: $2,000,000

4 Steering Committee members

- France
- Denmark
- Germany
- United Kingdom

15 Member States from the UNECE Region have contributed to the M-MPTF with a total contribution of over USD 56 million 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

More information on the M-MPTF
M-MPTF Joint Programmes

4 Joint Programmes funded in the UNECE region (out of 21 worldwide).

- **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 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)**
  - $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 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

ADOPTION GLOBAL COMPACT ON MIGRATION
2020
SG BIENNIAL REPORT + INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REVIEW FORUM + HLPF
2022
SG BIENNIAL REPORT + INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REVIEW FORUM
2024
SG BIENNIAL REPORT + INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REVIEW FORUM
2028
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