

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Review for the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)**

### **Statement for Session 4 – Objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23**

The Maltese government affirms the importance of the GCM's guiding principles and their implementation, including on initiatives being people-centred; conducting international dialogue and cooperation to address migratory flows in an orderly manner; and having a regard to national sovereignty.

Various GCM objectives are integrated into the Maltese authorities' plans and policies concerning migration as part of the general framework and initiatives being undertaken at national and regional levels. Malta affirms its commitment to address migration in a comprehensive manner and has taken action in areas such as tackling migrant smuggling and human trafficking, return and reintegration, and measures to tackle the exploitation of migrant workers.

Various initiatives have also been undertaken with regard to the recommended actions to accelerate the implementation of the GCM, including in areas such as cultural mediation in healthcare, online pre-departure integration, the protection of the rights of migrant children and updating Malta's national anti-racism strategy.

With regard to Objective 23 being discussed during this session, Malta reaffirms the importance of international cooperation to address migration in a safe, orderly and regular manner. We wish to highlight the Training Institute on Migration Capacity Partnership for the Mediterranean (MCP Med TI) launched at the end of 2021, in which Malta is a partner and donor together with the ICMPD, Austria, Denmark and the European Commission through the Migration Partnership Facility. The Institute offers accredited training and a win-win scenario to participating countries, who decide upon the training they receive as equal partners. While we have started with Jordan, Lebanon, Libya and Tunisia, we see the potential of expanding the MCP MED TI to other countries in the region and as a model beyond.