

The below summary attempts to present a comprehensive overview of local initiatives and research pertaining to migration that is (or has recently been) carried out from various entities outside the UoM. Relevant information has been obtained through online sources (including The Platform of Human Rights Organisations in Malta (PHROM), Ministry for Home Affairs and National Security, Ministry for European Affairs and Equality), policy documents, networking meetings, etc. Please note that this list is not exhaustive and will be updated with new information as it becomes available.

## Non-Governmental Organisations

**Aditus foundation** is an independent, voluntary, non-profit and NGO established in 2011 by a group of lawyers dedicated to ensuring human rights access in Malta. The foundation's areas of operation focus on migrants, refugees and the LGBTIQ community.

**African Media Association Malta** is an NGO set up by African journalists in Malta; their goal is to help migrants learn about life in Malta and provide tips for successful integration by providing information for African immigrants in Malta on topics such as news, cultural events, news, etc.

**Foundation for Shelter and Support to Migrants (FSM)** works in the areas of migrants, refugees and detention. The foundation promotes equal human rights and opportunities for all cultures and peoples. It endeavours to empower migrant communities through developing grassroots projects.

**Foundation for the Promotion of Social Inclusion Malta (FOPSIM)** is a Maltese NGO aiming for concrete progress on matters relating to marginalised groups or sections in Maltese society. Its mission is to "promote and sustain employment, social solidarity, youth and other marginalised issues" towards achieving a society that is more equitable. The foundation has completed 18 projects since its inception in 2006, with current projects including [Europe in Question](#), which aims to promote critical thinking among citizens regarding EU policies; [Europe for Citizens](#), which strives to raise awareness of migrants' fundamental human rights and promote active citizenship of migrants; among others.

**Integra foundation** strives to support a society that is inclusive, non-discriminatory and non-disabling, in which human dignity, freedom, respect and social justice exists for all individuals. Integra's mission is to facilitate a space for marginalised individuals and groups to have an active and meaningful say in their lives. The foundation works with children, migrants & refugees, victims of domestic abuse, among others.

**Jesuit Refugee Services** is a religious organisation whose members work with migrants and refugees, in order to accompany, serve and defend their rights.

**Organisation of Friendship in Diversity** is a non-profit organisation led by young people. Their aim is to facilitate inclusion and diversity by promoting cultural understanding, respect, communication and friendship, thus challenging the social stigma present in Maltese society. They mainly work with children, young people, migrants and refugees.

**SOS Malta (Solitary Overseas Service)** aims to help people as they experience times of crisis in their lives, empowering them with the use of support services and opportunities for implementing change in their country that will ensure a better quality of life. SOS Malta work with children, migrants & refugees, elderly individuals, victims of poverty, and more.

**Migrant Women Association Malta** works towards empowering migrant women so that they can integrate into the Maltese society by achieving their full potential. The association has engaged in a number of initiatives such as setting up a food truck business where women can showcase their local cooking skills; providing English courses for female students from Syria, Morocco and Egypt; and creating the 'Better Future' project to help women who are victims of sexual and gender-based violence.

**Spark 15** is an NGO supported by the President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. The NGO is made up of 15 refugees and migrants who aim to help other migrants and refugees gain access to education and employment. The members hold meetings to provide support to other migrants and help them overcome any challenges that they are facing.

## Government Initiatives

**Migrant Learners Unit** - set up in 2015 by the **Ministry for Education and Employment (MEDE)**. This unit provides Maltese and English courses to learners under the age of 16, through intensive induction classes for up to 1 scholastic year, partial enrollment where existing language skills can be reinforced, and intensive summer courses.

The **Directorate for Lifelong Learning** within the **Ministry for Education and Employment** also aims to promote inclusivity by offering its courses to both Maltese and non-Maltese nationals. Courses offered include English-as-a-foreign-language and Maltese-as-a-foreign-language.

**CARE: Common Approach for Refugees and other Migrants' Health** - a project implemented in 2015 by the **Migrant Health Liaison Office** within the Primary Health Care Department of the The Ministry for Health. As part of the project, a training seminar was held in October 2016 aimed at health professionals and stakeholders who work with migrants. Feedback from the seminar indicated that further training is needed on the various migration-related issues, as well as a need for more cultural mediators to be available in clinical settings.

**Human Rights and Integration Directorate (HRID)** within the **Ministry for European Affairs and Equality (MEAE)** is responsible for developing legislative proposals, policy frameworks and for collaborating with civil society in order to advance the areas of foreign communities, civil liberties, minority rights and integration. The Directorate was involved in developing the Integration Strategy and the corresponding Action Plan.

**Forum on Integration Affairs** - set up by the **Human Rights and Integration Directorate (HRID)** collaborates with migrant communities to foster integration. Migrant communities are represented by various [associations](#) which provide feedback about legislation and services offered.

**Inter-Ministerial Committee on Integration** - *newly set-up, will update once more info is available.*

## International organisations with a Maltese contact point

### **European Migration Network - Maltese National Contact Point - [Website](#)**

This network was set up under the auspices of the European Council, as a system for exchanging information on all aspects of migration, in order to contribute to the establishment of a European asylum and immigration policy. In addition to carrying out research and analysis on migration, the Maltese NCP also publishes newsletters and organises conferences and seminars. The local contact point has conducted studies on the following topics:

- [Unaccompanied Minors in Malta: Their Numbers and the Policies and Arrangements for their Reception, Return and Integration \(2009\).](#)
- [The Practice in Malta Concerning the Granting of non-EU Harmonised Protection Statuses \(2009\).](#)
- [Programmes and Strategies in Malta fostering assisted return to and re-integration in third countries \(2009\).](#)

**Libya Foundation for Rehabilitation (LFR)** is an NGO which aims to help Libya heal its own wounds through the assistance in rehabilitation and reintegration for the prosperity of its people. (NB. This NGO appears to be international)

**Anna Lindh Foundation** aims to improve mutual respect between different cultures and to support civil societies in the Euromed region.

### **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Malta - [Website](#)**

UNHCR's overall objective in Malta is to advocate for access to protection on appropriate terms, and promote durable solutions for all persons of concern.

### **International Organization for Migration (IOM) Malta - [Website](#)**

Established in 1951, IOM is the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration and works closely with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partners. IOM works to help ensure the orderly and humane management of migration, to promote international cooperation on migration issues, to assist in the search for practical solutions to migration problems and to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, including refugees and internally displaced people. Current initiatives include:

- [ADMin4ALL](#) – [Supporting Social Inclusion of Vulnerable Migrants in Europe](#). The main objective of the programme is to increase the capacity of municipal administrations and other service providers at the local level, with particular attention to their front-line staff, in dealing with the multiple dimensions of long-term socio-economic inclusion of migrants and refugees. This will be done through delivery of a series of trainings and peer mentoring activities for local authorities, governmental and non-governmental service providers, focusing on front-line social workers.
- [TandEM](#) - [Towards Empowered Migrant Youth in Southern Europe](#). This is a regional project implemented in Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta and Spain that targets migrant youth in formal and non-formal learning contexts (e.g. Universities, student associations), emphasizing youth's multiple forms of identification to combat prejudice, intolerance and exclusion. Activities include regional and national **social media campaigns**, empowering young people to define their own narrative on migration, deconstructing inaccurate perceptions and fighting xenophobia and intolerance. This will include the organization of a

series of social media contests designed to highlight the multiple identities of migrants youth in Southern Europe, as well as challenges and opportunities for their integration. A **regional study on the barriers to access to higher education** will also attempt to map the challenges to integration of foreign students in Southern European Universities, leading to recommendations for national governments, universities, international organizations and migrants students themselves. **Interreligious dialogues** will be organized in partner Universities to foster interreligious and inter-cultural understanding among students and young people, fighting islamophobia and intolerance. **Student mentorship programs** will aim to support the active inclusion of foreign students within selected Universities in Italy and Spain, creating networks of support of local students for migrants. The project will be implemented for two years, from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019.