

# ANTI-TRAFFICKING MALTA

Supporting Malta  
in the design and implementation  
of a new Anti-Trafficking Strategy

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# WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

The EU-CoE Joint Project “Supporting Malta in the design and implementation of a new Anti-Trafficking Strategy” aims to contribute to the ongoing policy reform for combating trafficking in human beings in Malta. This reform requires special attention and expertise due to the complex and evolving nature of human trafficking. The reform should be led in accordance with international standards in this area, in particular the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings. As Party to the Convention, Malta must adopt a coordinated and multidisciplinary approach, incorporating prevention, protection of victims’ rights and prosecution of traffickers. The Convention provides for a series of rights for victims of trafficking, in particular the right to be identified as a victim, to be protected and assisted, to be given a recovery and a reflection period of at least 30 days, to be granted a renewable residence permit, and to receive compensation for the damages suffered. The third monitoring report on Malta of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Human Trafficking (GRETA) shows that the national anti-trafficking legislation and policies have evolved. Institutions have been further strengthened, including with the establishment of the Human Rights Initiative Unit (HRIU) within the Human Rights Directorate (HRD) under the Ministry for Home Affairs, Security, Reform and Equality (MHSE) which is entrusted to lead the reform of anti-trafficking policy in cooperation with all relevant actors, including the development of a national Anti-Trafficking Strategy. The project will make sure that the Strategy follows a human-rights based, gender-sensitive, interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral approach, covering prevention, protection and assistance of victims, access to justice, including compensation, an effective criminal justice approach and international cooperation.

*The project will be implemented over 24 months (22 September 2022 - 21 September 2024).*

# WHAT DO WE EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?

The Project is expected to achieve key results in supporting the authorities in the design and implementation of the Strategy and its accompanying Action Plan by using a multidisciplinary approach to:

- Establish a common strategic vision and goals to the fight against trafficking in human beings;
- Develop and test tools and processes to ensure that the Strategy is effective;
- Prepare Operational Guidelines to foster the coordination of stakeholders sustainably;
- Build capacities to support the implementation of tools and the coordination of processes of the Strategy and reflected in the Operational Guidelines.

# HOW WILL THE PROJECT WORK?

The Project will be implemented by the Council of Europe Anti-Trafficking Division based in Strasbourg, France in cooperation with the European Commission and the Project Team from the Human Rights Initiative Unit within the Human Rights Directorate in Malta. The development of all project deliverables will be led by Council of Europe experts with the support of national experts and stakeholders. The project is co-funded by the European Union via the Technical Support Instrument.

# PROJECT BENEFICIARY, TARGET GROUPS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

The Human Rights Initiative Unit within the Human Rights Directorate of the Ministry for Home Affairs, Security, Reforms and Equality is the lead institution for the management and coordination of the project on behalf of the Maltese authorities.

Other stakeholders to be involved in the implementation of the project will include:

- All relevant Ministries as represented by the Anti-Trafficking Inter-Ministerial Committee
- The Office of the Prime Minister
- National Statistics Office
- Courts
- Office of the Attorney General
- Office of the State Advocate
- Commissioner for Children
- Non-Governmental Organisations
- Chamber of Commerce
- Private Sector
- Trade Unions
- Employers' Association
- Media

# HOW DO WE GET MORE INFORMATION?



- The Council of Europe Anti-Trafficking website: [www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking](http://www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking)
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# ANTI MALTA TRAFFICKING

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