

## MCP MED TI: developing migration capacity partnerships

Throughout the Mediterranean region, a subtle but significant shift is underway. Migration actors are expanding their roles—no longer limited to implementation, but increasingly driving decisions and shaping agendas.

At the heart of this change is the Training Institute on Migration Capacity Partnership for the Mediterranean (MCP Med TI), launched by ICMPD in 2021. It was conceived to go beyond traditional training approaches and to build durable capacity partnerships founded on shared ownership and regional leadership.

The Institute's purpose is to equip migration professionals - whether working at the frontline or within policy circles - with the competencies, resources, and networks needed to address today's multifaceted migration realities.

## From vision to reality



The Training Institute delivers EU-accredited training in local languages to migration professionals across the Mediterranean through a network of national trainers. The Institute operates 13 licensed premises in seven countries. Over 735 migration professionals have gained EU-recognised qualifications; 520 received formal certificates through 24 accredited courses in migration governance, border management, and professional development. Ongoing needs analysis with Southern partner countries, who hold equal Governing Board voting rights, keeps the 51-course portfolio aligned with regional priorities.

"One of the best training courses I've attended is the Training of Trainers.
Excellent!. Despite all my degrees, seminars, conferences, diplomatic experience...it was the most interesting training for me. To be able to train is mandatory." (Partner Representative)

The participatory methodology of the Training Institute is one of the aspects that makes the institute unique, providing

capacity-development mechanisms that move beyond donor-recipient models

towards equal partnerships and peer learning, with some of the Partners now taking ownership of their capacity development journeys.

## Building bridges in migration policy

The inaugural Award in **Migration Policy Development Essentials** training in September 2024 gathered representatives from Jordan and Tunisia in Malta to strengthen cooperation and understanding around migration governance. The programme introduced **practical policy development tools** and encouraged open dialogue, helping participants view migration as a shared regional priority. By promoting collaboration and exchange, the training contributed to **building networks** that will support more coherent, informed, and human-centred migration policies across the Mediterranean.

"It was a valuable experience... a chance to learn from participants from different countries." (Trainee, Migration Policy Development Training)



### From learning to action

This training enabled participants to gain confidence in developing policy frameworks that respond to national priorities while promoting social cohesion and mobility across the region. Through facilitated discussions and targeted exercises, it enabled participants to explore practical solutions and align strategies.

"The knowledge and skills gained will help me apply new approaches within my administration to strengthen Tunisia's migration policies." (Trainee, Migration Policy Development Training)



# Lasting change in migration governance

The MCP Med TI is **elevating migration governance in the Mediterranean** by delivering accredited, practice-oriented training that strengthens professional skills, builds regional ownership, and fosters cooperation across borders. Its accredited structures, local trainer networks, and digital platforms ensure that knowledge continues to shape institutions after courses end.

### **About the MPF**

This project is part of the EU-funded Migration
Partnership Facility (MPF), managed by the
International Centre for Migration Policy Development
(ICMPD) to support the external dimension of the EU's
migration policy. MPF funds projects that promote
dialogue and cooperation on migration and mobility
between EU Member States and partner countries
outside the EU.

### **About the project**

The Training Institute on Migration Capacity
Partnership for the Mediterranean (MCP Med TI)
provides EU-accredited, EQF-aligned professional
development for migration practitioners across
Southern Partner Countries. Delivered through
modular courses co-designed with national authorities
and increasingly taught by certified regional trainers,
the Institute ensures cultural and linguistic fit while
building portable, recognised qualifications. The
consortium is led by ICMPD with partners across the
region.

### **About the evaluation**

Testimonies used in this document were gathered as part of a final evaluation of MCP Med TI, conducted in 2025. The evaluation was led by Policy Impact Lab who is part of a consortium of six consultancies and NGOs, namely Blomeyer & Sanz, Diversity Development Group, Migration Policy Group, Policy Impact Lab, Samuel Hall and Tandans.







