

Public Consultation Towards a National Framework for an Integration Strategy 2015 – 2020



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Introduction

The Maltese Government has pledged to open society, to celebrate diversity, to recognise the social realities around us, to cherish Maltese identity without discrimination, to ensure equality and respect towards minority groups and above all, to safeguard the fundamental human rights and freedoms of all.

It is the government's belief that the current realities faced by migrants coming from third countries (that is, countries that are not EU Member States), require immediate attention and action in a sustainable way.

For this reason, the Ministry for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties has embarked on a project to support efforts that enable third country nationals of diverse national, economic, social, cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic backgrounds who fulfil the conditions of residence to facilitate their integration into Maltese society. The project will contribute towards government's process to developing a *National Strategy for the Integration of Migrants*, which will be presented later on during 2015.

This Strategy will be developed within a framework that promotes equal rights, obligations and opportunities for all, regardless of national, economic, social, cultural, religious, linguistic, ethnic and other backgrounds. The strategy will be developed within a human rights framework and will promoting, amongst other things, diversity as a basic value to achieving greater social cohesion.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Which processes and measures should be adopted to ensure integration of third country nationals in Malta?
- 2. How can Maltese society better promote and protect the well-being of third country nationals in Malta in the various spheres of life?
- 3. How can third country nationals be included in the process of development and implementation of the *National Strategy for the Integration of Migrants*?