

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE



Creating Change for People

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Introduction

In 2002, Malta experienced a sudden increase in arrival of asylum seekers from Sub-Saharan Africa. Having gone from being a country of emigration to one of immigration within a short time-span, it was evident that the infrastructure, legal and policy frameworks, as well as research repertoire in the area, required multi-stakeholder development.

The People for Change Foundation was established in Malta during this time, as a think tank focusing on research, policy analysis and recommendations, and capacity building.



History

Since 2007, the People for Change Foundation has been working in the field of migration, asylum and race in the European Union, in addition with on-the-ground legal and policy research in Malta.

The Foundation became Malta's representative member of the European Network Against Racism, and ran projects funded by the European Union amongst others.

The People for Change Foundation was set up with the express aim of contributing to this multilateral process – to conduct research in an area of direct relevance to the livelihood and quality of life of asylum seekers; to address international and national legal obligations and development, human rights concerns, and integration. It also aimed to bring together different actors, methods and approaches – activism and research; policy and practice. It is for this reason that the Foundation boasts a wide array of project partners, including the Malta Ministry of Justice, the Malta Police Force, the National Commission for the Promotion of Equality, the International Organization for Migration and the University of Malta.

Vision

The People for Change Foundation's vision is of a just, fair and inclusive society

all members of which may reach their full potential unhindered by factors such as age, race, colour, gender, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

Mission

The People for Change Foundation's mission is to undertake research advocacy and proactive action to promote social cohesion, respect for human rights and empowerment.

Key Principles

The People for Change Foundation has two guiding principles – the Human Rights Based Approach, and Empowerment.

We have developed a project organizational system through which both principles are addressed and assessed at every step - through idea conceptualization, strategy development, financial planning, project implementation, evaluation and reporting.

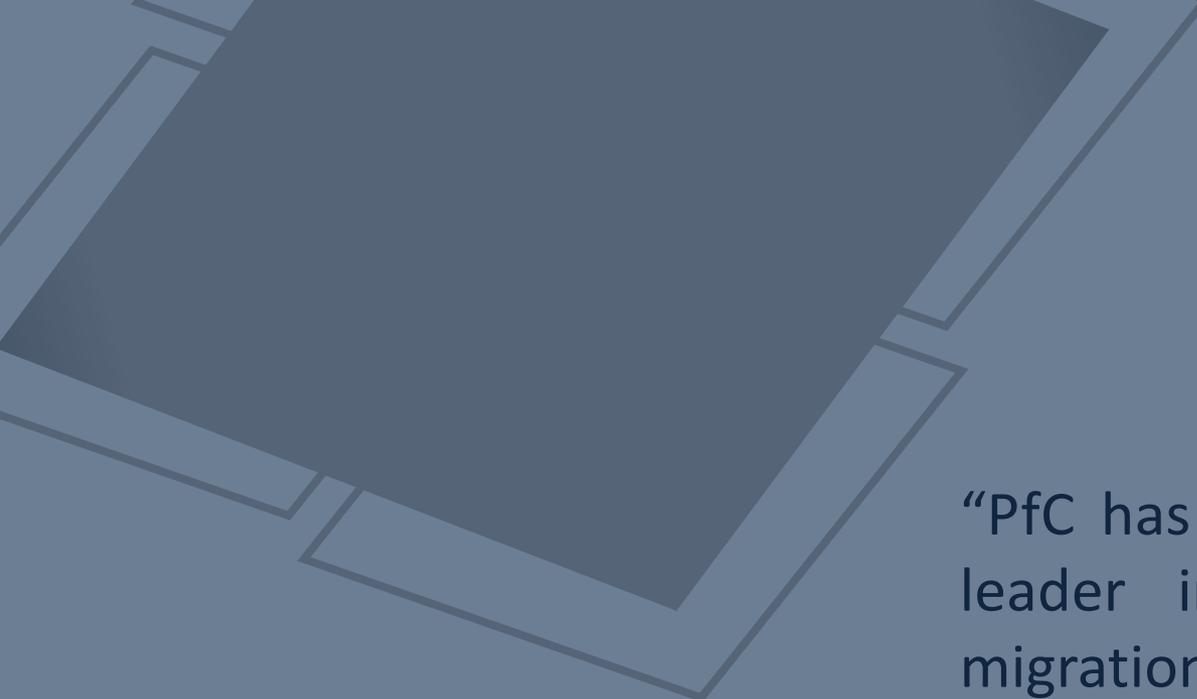
This is a promise that extends not merely across our own projects, but through which we take our unique approach to our partner organizations and service requests. Our primary aim is to ensure that those we work for, as well as with, are served in the most fair and inclusive way. Our long-term aim is to ensure that our research is measurable in both quality and impact, and that its outcomes are both reliable and sustainable.

Capacity

The People for Change Foundation has two permanent staff members and a pool of methodological, disciplinary and thematic experts.

We operate at the intersection between law, policy and social science, delivering a tailor-made solution through analysis that is practical in input and pragmatic in outcome.

We approach each research project with a fresh outlook of both staffing needs as well as output optimization; by tackling nuance in the often complex areas and issues we address as central to the research design as well as expertise required.



“PfC has established itself as a leader in human rights and migration research.

The People for Change Foundation has developed a great way of combining strong academic research with policy relevance.”

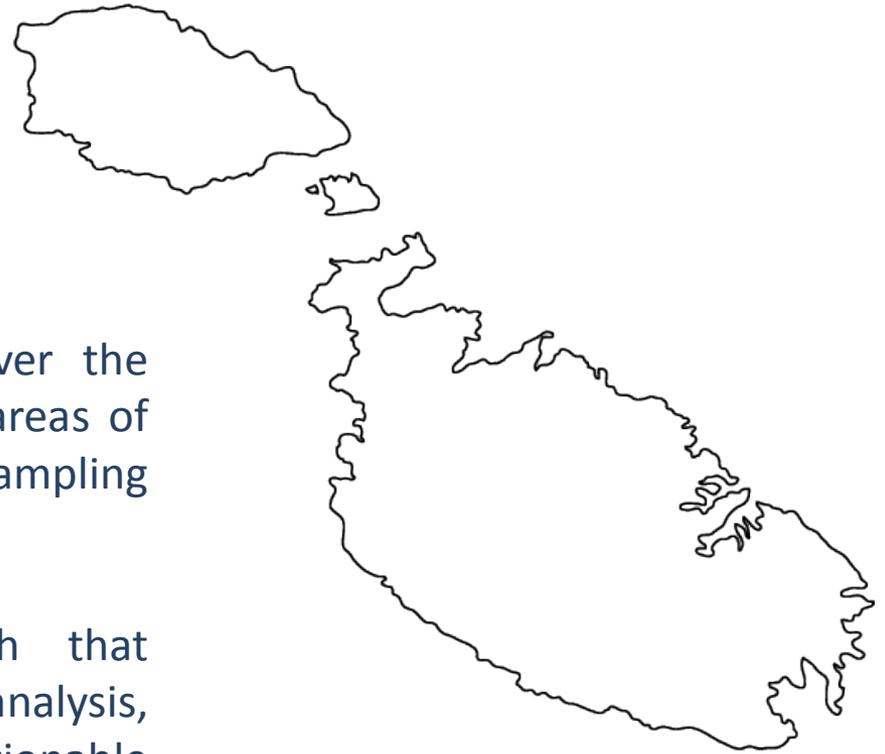
Dr. Patricia Mallia
University of Malta

Reach

On-the-ground Research

We conduct on-the-ground research all over the Maltese islands, including local research in areas of high migration as well as using population sampling techniques.

We specialize in policy-specific research that combines desk research, legal analysis, empowerment and the development of actionable and sustainable recommendations.



Reach

Policy and Legal Research

We are experienced in the development and conduct of comparative European research, particularly in the area of law and policy on asylum, trafficking and racism.

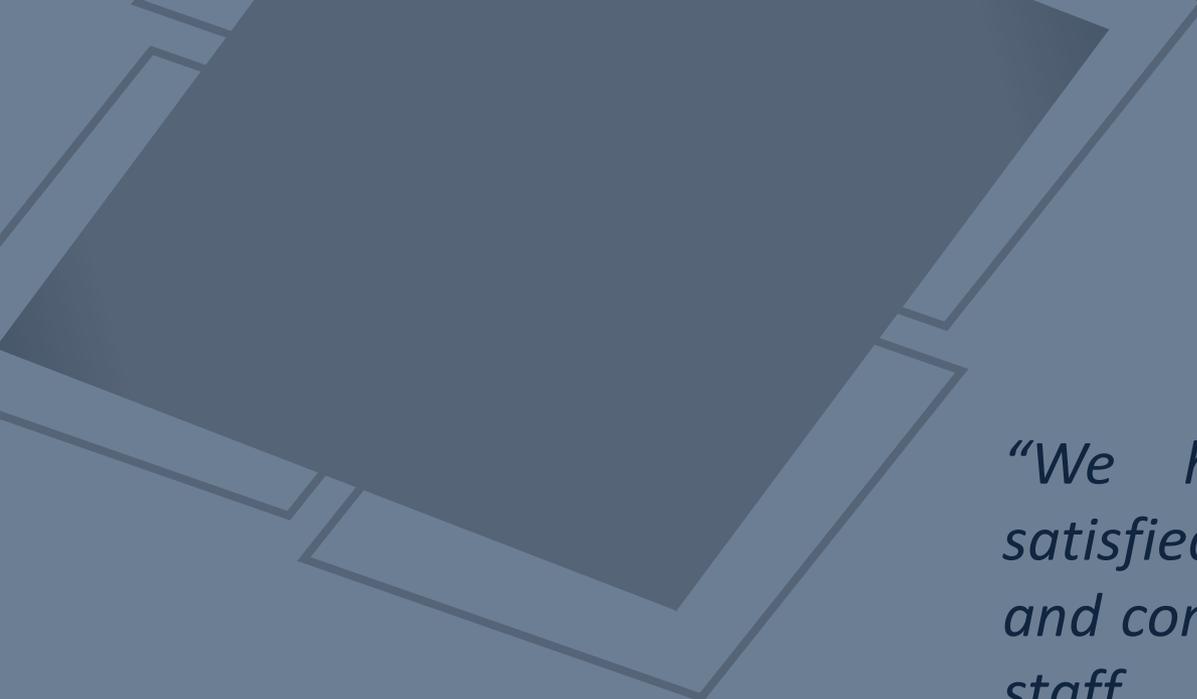


Reach

Country of Origin/Transit Research

We have extensive experience in the delivery of expert opinion on migrants' countries of origin, particularly from Sub-Saharan Africa; as well as North African countries of transit.





“We have been extremely satisfied by the professionalism and commitment of Pfc and its staff.”

Pfc has been an incredible asset for ENAR to further its objectives and participate in the achievement of its mission.”

Michael Privot, Director
European Network Against Racism

Achievements



Policy recommendations, including a National Action Plan Against Racism and Xenophobia.

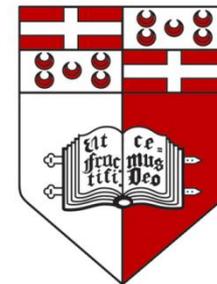
Capacity building and guides, including *Researching Migration and Asylum in Malta: A Guide*, and *Reporting Asylum: A Manual for Journalists*.

Running various training courses, including for the Malta Police Force, social workers and teachers.

Publications, including the European Network Against Racism shadow reports for Malta (2008 to 2013), European Shadow Reports, Report on Racist Violence in Malta, visa policy as a migration channel, migrant integration into the labour market and the e-notes entry on Malta.

Legal action, including the acquisition of an interim measure of the European Court of Human Rights to prevent immigrant pushback from Malta to Libya in 2013.

Past Partners





“Pfc has established itself as a strong actor in the field, because of the expertise and experience of the staff as well as the unique interdisciplinary and innovative approach they bring to research in the challenging areas of migration and human rights”

Dr. Maria Pisani
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