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National Stakeholder Report

# What is the EU's role in implementation of the Global Compact for Migration?

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The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), signed in December 2018, is now to be implemented both internally within the majority of the EU Member States and externally with EU's Global partners.

As ReSOMA ask the expert brief underlines, the implementation of the GCM includes:

- Improved data collection on migration related issues that would enable evidence-based migration policies
- Enhanced cooperation among the states on international governance of migration, including upholding the existing standards on migrant rights, increasing legal migration possibilities, addressing challenges of irregular migration and human trafficking and migrant smuggling
- Commitment to strengthening partnerships among civil society, migrant-led organisations, diaspora communities, local authorities, parliaments, academia, businesses and social partners - employers organisations and trade unions
- The proposed follow-up and monitoring of implementation of GCM via Migration Review Forum.

Due to internal political controversies and disinformation campaigns what the Global Compact actually entails, twelve states abstained and five voted against adopting the Global Compact on Migration. Those include some of the EU and Schengen countries as well as Australia, the Dominican Republic, Chile, Israel, and the US. Moreover, several EU policies enacted in a 'crisis mode' stands at odds with the objectives of the GCM, from minimizing the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their countries to providing access to basic services to migrants, eliminating all forms of discrimination and promoting evidence-based public discourse on migration.

This report summarizes the online discussions via the ReSOMA web portal and survey conducted via the SurveyMonkey platform. The questions for both the online discussion and the survey have been developed based on the needs and specifications of the ReSOMA stakeholder partners and were launched over the course of late June and early July. During that time, experts, who are already registered to the ReSOMA Expert Database, received invitation e-mail to take part in both the online discussions and the surveys. Further promotion was carried out from the ReSOMA twitter account. As a privacy measure, survey responses cannot be matched with Expert Database Profiles whereas the comments posted on the platform match with the name and the institution of each commentator.

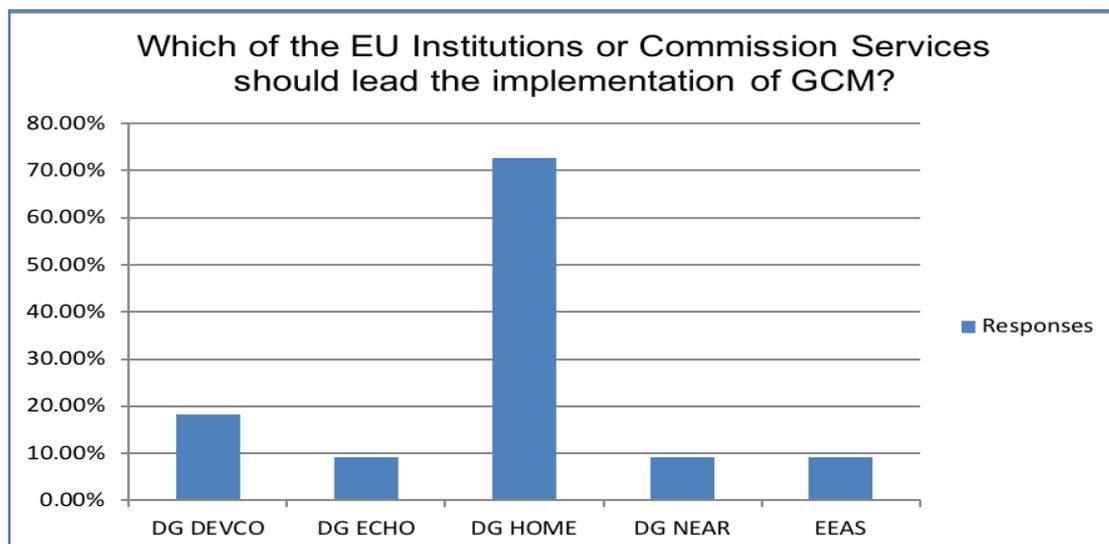
Summary reports include only the names of the organizations as the comments reflect the views of affiliated institutions.

During the online discussions, the respondents were asked to provide input on the following topics: (1) **the role of the EU and its institutions** in the implementation of GCM; (2) EU's role in **cooperating with other actors** implementing the GCM in the EU Member States; (3) **the EU's accountability** for implementing GCM. Although it is hard to make strong inferences due to low response rates, the survey results (N=11) and only one input from PICUM highlight following points:

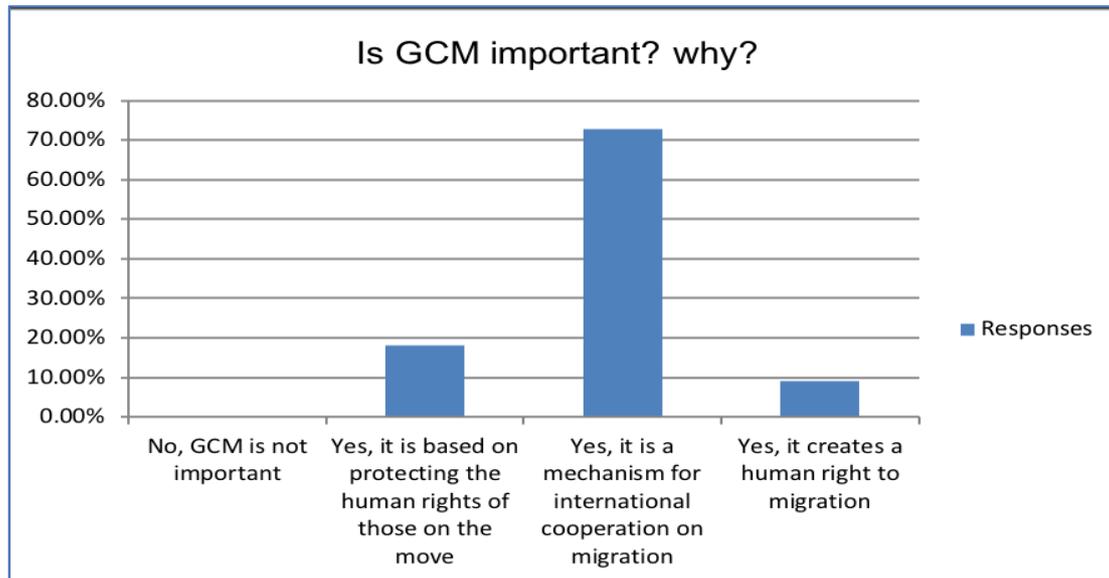
- The GCM is important as it provides a mechanism for international cooperation
- The DG HOME and DG DEVCO are seen as the key EU institutions responsible for implementation of the GCM.
- Further research is necessary on the mechanisms and institutions that would facilitate the implementation of the premises of the Compact.

## The role of the EU and its institutions

As the chart below shows, according to survey respondents, DG HOME is by far the most important EU institution that should lead the implementation of the GCM. DG DEVCO is also seen relatively more important compared with EEAS, DG NEAR and DG ECHO. This implies that GCM implementation is a matter of policy action for those involved in EU's migration and home affairs as well as the field of development. On the other hand, no GCM impact is foreseen on the policies implemented in the fields of EU's external affairs, neighborhood policy and civil protection and humanitarian aid. The chart below presents the percentage of answers chosen (N=11).

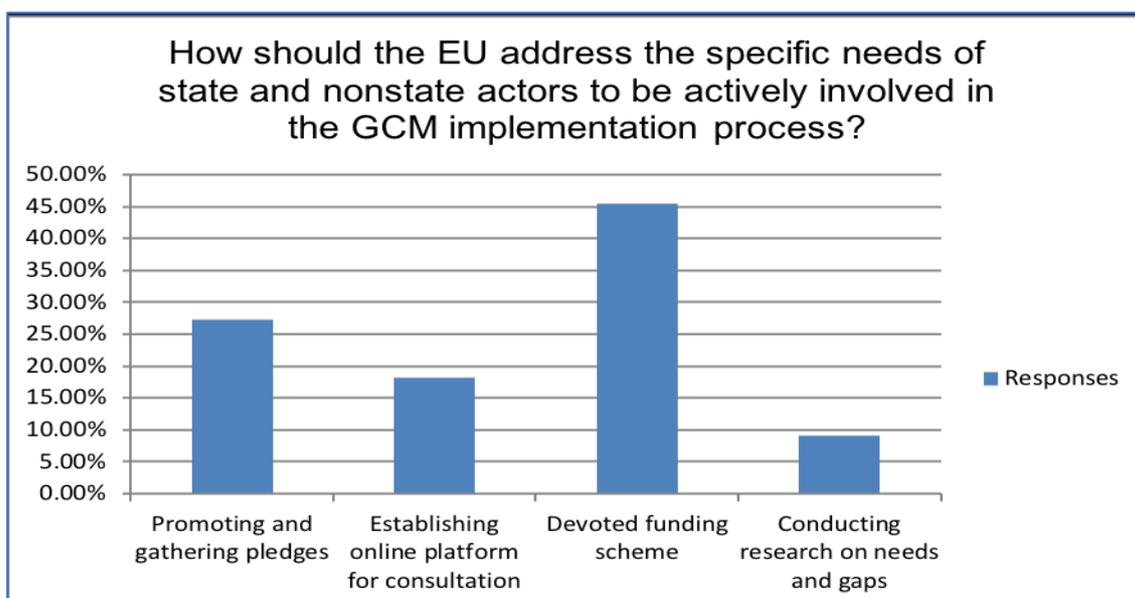


However, overall, the respondents are of the opinion that GCM is important as it provides a mechanism for international cooperation. The chart below shows that issues related to home affairs are considered less when experts are asked to assess the added value of GCM. The chart below presents the percentage of answers chosen (N=11).



## EU's role in cooperating with other actors

Responses vary when it comes to the options for how EU should improve cooperation with and among the critical actors implementing the GCM in the EU Member States. While devoting funding is seen as the most important way the EU could support other actors, promoting and gathering pledges is also seen as a crucial way. Online platform for consultation and research on gaps and needs are considered less important. The chart below presents the percentage of answers chosen (N=11).



## **The EU's accountability for implementing GCM**

To the question of what kind of EU oversight institutions and mechanisms would ensure Member States and EU level institutions' and agencies accountability for (non)implementation of the GCM, PICUM representative suggests planning direct actions on all 23 commitments of the GCM. PICUM states that NGOs involvement is key starting from the planning process and adoption of the plan with clear procedures in line with the Compact's objectives, and certainly during the review process.

With the limited data, it is hard to reach clear conclusions on what the EU's role in implementing the GCM. Further research is needed into the mechanisms and institutions that would facilitate the implementation of the premises of the Compact.



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