



8 February 2017 – The [United Nations](#) , the European Union and its [Maltese presidency](#) have set out migration as one of their top priorities. The need for solutions, cooperation, partnership and dialogue in order to tackle challenges related to migration were once again emphasized during a Senior Officials Meeting that kicked off today in Valletta, Malta.

“Our presence here is a political statement. We are reaffirming that migration can only be managed effectively through cooperation and partnership”, said the EU High Representative and Vice-President Federica Mogherini in her opening statement. “There are forces all around the world pushing for a totally different approach. An approach based on confrontation instead of cooperation, on building walls instead of building partnerships, on closures rather than dialogue.”

