Ivan Sammut has 15 years' experience in the international maritime industry and graduated with a Master of Science degree in International Maritime Studies from the University of Southampton, United Kingdom. He is the current Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen, responsible for the Merchant Shipping Directorate within Transport Malta – the Malta Ship and Yacht Register. He is Malta's representative on the Administrative Board of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) and the European Sustainable Shipping Forum (ESSF). Mr Sammut is also Malta's head of delegation at a number of meetings of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO). He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Yachting Malta and a member of the National Integrated Maritime Policy Committee.

For the last five years, Mr Sammut is entrusted to regulate, control and administer all matters related to ship and yacht registration under the Malta flag and their technical performance with regards to safety and pollution prevention and to promote Maritime Malta with the international shipping community. He is also entrusted with regulating the employment and certification of seafarers and to promote and advance the skills of seafarers and of persons employed in the maritime industry, to foster Malta's relations in international shipping fora and to administer the implementation of maritime and other related international conventions and agreements.