

Ivan Tabone, LL.D., LL.M. (IMLI)

Ivan Tabone is a maritime professional and legal expert currently serving as the Chief Officer of the Merchant Shipping Directorate and Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen for the Authority for Transport in Malta. In this capacity, he holds executive responsibility for the overall management and strategic direction of the Malta Ship Registry, one of the world's largest and most reputable flags. His role involves the rigorous implementation of international conventions, the modernisation of operating procedures, and the high-level representation of Malta's maritime interests within international organizations such as the EU, IMO, and ILO.

Dr. Tabone's extensive career within the Authority for Transport has seen him transition through several pivotal leadership roles, including Deputy Chief Officer and Manager of the Seafarer Department. His expertise is particularly profound in the regulation of seafarer training, certification, and welfare, where he has been instrumental in aligning Maltese standards with the STCW and MLC conventions.

Complementing his administrative and regulatory career, Dr. Tabone is a committed academic, serving as a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Malta. He delivers specialised lectures in International Maritime Law and Conventions to postgraduate students, bridging the gap between theoretical legal frameworks and practical industry application. His academic background is distinguished, holding a Doctor of Laws from the University of Malta and an LL.M. in International Maritime Law with Distinction from the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI).

A warranted Advocate in the Republic of Malta, Dr. Tabone possesses a diverse professional history that includes a foundation in the health sector and a background in archaeological studies. This unique multidisciplinary perspective informs his approach to complex problem-solving and negotiation. He is a very good communicator and negotiator, fluent in Maltese, English, and Italian, with a professional ethos defined by leadership, transparency, and a commitment to maintaining the global competitiveness of the Maltese flag.

Outside of his professional endeavours, he is a musician, and automotive enthusiast.