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DE.MA Master in Democratic Governance in the MENA Region

The European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (<u>EIUC</u>) opens admissions to the second edition of the Master in Democratic Governance - Democracy and Human Rights in the MENA Region (<u>DE.MA</u>).

DE.MA was created thanks to the support of the **European Union** and of the **Danish Institute for Human Rights**. It is based on a partnership between EIUC and the following universities: International University of Rabat (Rabat, Morocco), Birzeit University (Birzeit, Palestine), St Joseph University (Beirut, Lebanon), Ca' Foscari University (Venice, Italy) and a growing network of partner Universities in the Region.

DE.MA is **unique** in its nature for its features and objectives. Open to professionals and graduates, it will combine a theoretical and practical approach and it will deliver a **professional Master's degree** (60 **ECTS**) from Ca' Foscari University, Venice. This is a **multidisciplinary** curriculum offering courses in law, political science, sociology and other fields relevant to the study of democratic governance and Human Rights. The first semester from January to April 2016 is held at the EIUC premises in **Venice** and the second one from April to July 2016 takes place in one of the **partner universities in the Master's Consortium**.

DE.MA is meant to play an active role in the ongoing debate about the principles underpinning the transition of political regimes to democracy. It aims at:

• Creating high-profile experts in the fields of democratic governance and the protection of human rights, allowing them to act as promoters of a process leading to the affirmation of the democratic principles;

- Fostering the creation of an élite group of people committed to the promotion of democratic institutions;
- Building a network of experts to be active in political institutions, in national and international, governmental and non-governmental organisations in the Region.

The presence of academics, professionals and students from different countries, coupled with the knowledge-sharing and the international mobility, make of this Master a unique and excellent opportunity to get an in-depth knowledge and to build up skills in the field of democratic governance and human rights. Moreover, participants will be plunged in a truly international environment and will be part of a Mediterranean network of high-level faculty, experts and prestigious international partners.

EIUC offers financial support in the form of a partial contribution towards living expenses and/or a full or partial tuition waiver. This type of financial support is awarded to a limited number of students on the basis of academic achievement, need and geographical distribution.

Furthermore, all participants will be assisted in finding accommodation in Venice and with administrative procedures for getting the visa.

For further information and for applying, please visit http://eiuc.org/dema