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## EIUC Activities

EIUC has become instrumental in facilitating institutional cooperation in Europe in the area of human rights and democratisation.

Aside from the Degree Awarding / Opening Ceremony usually taking place in Palazzo Ducale, which is the major annual event organised by the European Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation, EIUC is host to a broad range of academic events in Venice involving leading international authorities and scholars in the field of human rights and democratisation.

In the following links are listed the international conferences, seminars, and training courses that have been organised by EIUC in the Monastery of San Nicolò in Venice-Lido with the support of the European Commission and sometimes in collaboration with other partners.

The main activities organised by EIUC are:

- [European Master's Programme in Human Rights & Democratisation](#)
  - International conferences
  - Seminars & training courses
  - E.MA Internship Programme
  - EIUC EU-UN Fellowship Programme
  - Visual arts & human rights
- EIUC Summer School on Cinema & Human Rights

- EIUC Human Rights Film Award

- Amateur Photo Competition on the theme of "Visualising Democracy"

- Special projects

- EIUC Study for the European Parliament

On 18 October 2005, the European Parliament has invited to a tender for a service contract concerning the provision of external expertise in the form of a study on "the impact of the resolutions and other activities of the European Parliament in the field of human rights outside the EU".

EIUC has successfully submitted a tender, gathering a team of seven independent academics and experts in the fields of Human Rights and the European Union: Prof. Florence Benoit-Rohmer (Team leader, President of the Université Robert Schuman, Strasbourg, Member of the EU

Network of Independent Experts of Fundamental Rights), Prof. Manfred Nowak (United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture), Prof. Horst Fischer (Academic Director of the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict, Bochum, President of the EIUC), Prof. Stelios

Perrakis (Professor at the Faculty of International and European Studies of the Panteion University of Athens), Prof. Wolfgang Benedek (Director of the European Training Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, Prof. at the University of Graz), Ambassador Klaus Metscher (Former Deputy

Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations in Geneva, Former Chairman of COHOM), and Dr. George Ulrich (Secretary General of EIUC).

The team is being assisted in its work by Sebastien Lorion as well as several research assistants, including Ingrid Nifosi, Magalie Jurine, and Saed Zain. The EIUC study concentrates on three main aspects: the direct impact of the European Parliament's activities in third countries; the reception/image of these activities among authorities, media and civil society in the targeted countries; the input of the European Parliament to the general EU HR policy, drawing on its accountability mechanisms in relations to the European Commission and Council of the EU.

The study will also put forward proposals on how to enhance the impact of EP activities in the field of human rights, and will make suggestions vis-à-vis the impact assessment of such activities by the European Parliament itself.

Members of the European Parliament as well as other EU institutions and external actors, including local and international NGOs, have considerable expectations attached to this study. It is therefore a concrete opportunity for EIUC to give input to the EU decision-making process in the area of human rights. The study will be presented in the EP Subcommittee on Human Rights. It should represent a valuable tool for the EP to enhance its action and impact in third countries in the field of human rights.