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EIUC at 33rd Meeting of the European Coordination Committee on Human Rights Documentation (ECCHRD)

On **10-11 May 2012** EIUC participated in the **33rd Annual Meeting of the European Coordination Committee on Human Rights Documentation (ECCHRD)** that was hosted by the **Deutsche Institut für Menschenrechte** (German Institute for Human Rights) in Berlin.

After the welcome message by Michael Windfuhr, Deputy Director of the Institute, Stefano Palermi, Head of HUDOC (the database containing the case-law of the European Convention on Human Rights), presented the new HUDOC platform.

This year the EIUC Librarian, Stefania Saccarola was joined by EIUC IT Officer, Nicola Tonon, because they are currently developing a project for the setup of a new research and discovery tool that will aggregate in a unique access point all the electronic resources made available by EIUC. The EIUC representatives illustrated their work through a comparison between commercial and open source softwares. They received a positive feedback by the other participants who appreciated the endeavor to find free of charge products to be disseminated among small institutions with limited financial resources.

The meeting continued with the following interventions:

- Federated model of digital archives and the case study on HOPE (Heritage of People's Europe) by Gabriella Ivacs, Chief Archivist of the Open Society Archive in Budapest
- User-generated digital archive on the fall of the Iron Curtain / creating location-based human rights narratives from archival sources by Csaba Szilagyi, Head of Human Rights Program of the Open Society Archive

- Presentation of the GIHR library by Anne Sieberns, German Institute for Human Rights, Head of Library
- Implementing human rights in development cooperation: online publications and resources by the GIHR by Anna Würth, German Institute for Human Rights, Head of Division Development Cooperation and Human Rights
- Content and accessibility of the GIHR websites by Ingrid Scheffer, German Institute for Human Rights, Online Editor
- An update on the work of HURIDOCs (incl. CaseBox and Caselaw Analyser) by Bert Verstappen, HURIDOCs

The last afternoon saw the participants distributed in two working groups: the first one concentrating on the feedbacks collected about the new release of HUDOC, the second one focusing on the future of Human Rights Libraries.

Download here the [programme of the meeting](#).



Opening session by Anne Sieberns (Head of Library of the German Institute of Human Rights - GIHR) and Michael Windfuhr (Deputy Director of GIHR)



Stefano Palermi (Deputy Director of the Italian Institute of Human Rights) with Anne Sieberns (Head of Library of the German Institute of Human Rights)



Participants in the 33rd ECCHRD meeting in Berlin