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## **EIUC welcomes the 4th edition of the Venice School of Human Rights**

[EIUC Venice School of Human Rights](#) was born in 2010 with the goal of studying today's challenges in the field of Human Rights. It allows its participants coming from all over the world to list these challenges and examine their reasons and possible solutions they can deploy. The Venice School at the same time combines theory and practice and its faculty involves both academics and practitioners highlighting that the respect for Human Rights is the responsibility of all, that «Human Rights are our responsibility».



The EIUC Venice School of Human Rights opened today, Thursday 28 June 2013, with a welcome speech by Prof. Florence Benoit-Rohmer (EIUC Secretary General and Scientific Coordinator of the Venice School) followed by a spritz party to initiate the participants to this Venice

tradition.

Prof. Teresa Pizarro Beleza (Universidade Nova de Lisboa) introduced the theme of the current Human Rights challenges and Mr. Ryszard Komenda (OHCHR Russian Federation) continued by focusing on the shrinking space for Human Rights NGOs in the Russian Federation.

From Monday, participants will be divided into three clusters: [Human Rights based approach to development cooperation](#) (Cluster responsible: Mr. Konstantinos Tararas); [Lesbians, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersexual Rights](#) (Cluster Responsible: Prof. Koen Lemmens) and [Religion and Human Rights](#) (Cluster Responsible: Dr. Eva Maria Lassen). The [Faculty](#) included internationally recognised high level experts in the field of Human Rights such as Katayoun Alidadi, Mark Bell, Catarina de Albuquerque, Pablo Espiniella, Malcolm Evans, Ingeborg Gabriel, Adriana Jacinto, Paul Lemmens, Lydia Malmedie and Patrick Van Weerelt.