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Prof. Zdzisław (Dzidek) Kędzia is the new President of EIUC

EIUC is glad to announce the appointment of **Prof. Zdzisław** (**Dzidek**) **Kędzia** as the new President of the European Inter-University Centre of Human Rights and Democratisation.

Prof. Kedzia, <u>recently re-elected as a member of the UN Committee on Economic</u>, <u>Social and Cultural Rights</u>, teaches International Human Rights law and Constitutional Law at the <u>Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań</u>(Poland), he is also the Polish national director for the European Masters in Human Rights and Democratization (**E.MA**), at the European Inter-University Centre for HumanRights and Democratization <u>EIUC Venice</u>.

He has been the **Minister-Counsellor** in the Permanent Mission of Poland to **the United Nations in Geneva** (1991-1994) among others: General Rapporteur of the II World Conference on Human Rights (1993), Rapporteur of the 54th session of the Commission on Human Rights, Chairman-Rapporteur of the Drafting Group of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture. 1994-2005 – Senior Adviser to the High Commissioner for Human Rights, director of the Activities and Programmes Branch and of the Research and Right to Development Branch.

He has also been a member of the **Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights** since 2009, where he was re-elected and his terms will continue from 1 January 2013 through to 31 December 2016.

He is a member of the European Union's research project "Fostering Human Rights Among European (external and internal) policies" <u>FP7-Frame</u>, a collaborative research project funded under the EU's

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