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The signature of the MoU announces the start of the Global Campus

After 15 years of successful academic programmes in Human Rights and Democratisation, EIUC develops further. With the support of the EU, EIUC is setting up the Global **Campus of Master's Programmes and Diplomas in Human Rights and Democratisation** taking the management of six Regional Master's Programmes which take place now in five continents.

The 28th of January 2012, in view of the starting of the Global Campus, EIUC – represented by its President, Vice-president and Secretary General and the President of the E.M.Alumni Association- hosted a meeting with officials from the European Commission DEVCO (VILLE and HUYGHEBAERT), with the directors of the six Regional Masters: [European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation \(E.MA\)](#), the [LLM in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa](#) , the [Master's in Human Rights and Democratisation in the Asia-Pacific Region](#) , the [European Regional Master's Programme in Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe](#) , the [Master's in Human Rights and Democratisation in Latin America and the Caribbean](#) , the [Regional Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratization in the Caucasus](#) .

The GLOBAL CAMPUS (GC)'s **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** of Master's Programmes and Diplomas in Human Rights and Democratisation was signed during this meeting that also saw the **election of Prof. Horst Fischer as its Chair**.

As stated on Art 2 of the MoU *“The aim of the GC is to educate a new generation of human rights professionals in a global and integrated global framework, who are able to meet global challenges which are informed by universal values and standards, European human rights policies and regional approaches to*

human rights, and aimed at strengthening the resilience of democracies and democratic movements on all continents.”

The vision, as mentioned in Art 2, was supported during the meeting by the exchange of proposals leading up to a plan of actions for the implementation of the MoU and its potential development. These include: the collaboration between the Global Campus's members through increased and institutionalised exchanges of academics and students; the establishment of platforms to allow the sharing of curricula and ideas; the organisation of joint training seminars, research activities and publications; the development of joint alumni associations.

Talking practically, the first action is due to begin in April 2012 when EIUC, in the official vest of Global Campus will start to directly manage the Regional Masters of Pretoria and Sydney. The transfer of management of the other Regional Masters will then follow in 2013. The Global Campus will include 86 Universities from 5 continents, thus marking a major expansion of EIUC's scope and activities far beyond the EU borders.

News on this issue will soon follow and if you wish to receive further information do not hesitate to contact us!