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"Women's rights in democratic transitions" at the core of the next EP Study conducted by the EIUC

Meeting held 27 January 2012 – Venice Lido (Italy)

The Study titled «Enhancing EU action to support universal standards for women's rights during democratic transitions» is another ambitious research project that the EIUC has been selected to draft by the **European Parliament**. In response to the challenging policy developments emerging from the Arab Spring, the thematic area of the study chosen is “**women's rights in democratic transitions**”.

During the meeting held at the EIUC's premises, tasks distributions among experts have been discussed, followed by the drafting of a plan of actions to implement the project. The study's responsible and coordinator is **Prof. Kalliope Agapiou-Josephides** (EIUC Deputy-President and Professor at the University of Cyprus). The Committee of experts, all chosen on the basis of their recognised knowledge on Islamic Law and Politics, is composed by **Christina Kaili** (EIUC - University of Cyprus), **Roberta Aluffi** (University of Turin), **Leila Jordens-Cotran** (Arab Dutch Law), **Annette Juenemann** (Helmut Schmidt Universitaet - Universitaet der Bundeswehr Hamburg), and **Farida Bennani** (University Cadi Ayad, Marrakech). The tasks assignment for each of the experts was decided during the meeting, a table of contents was drafted in order to distribute their work and corresponding chapters/sections of the study.

Decisions were also made in regards to the methodology; the study will be conducted by following a comparative approach and focusing mainly on the Maghreb region.

The deadline for submitting the draft study to the EP is 14 May 2012. Before then, more news presenting the progresses of this exiting project can be followed on our Facebook page!

