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**Consultation of the Draft Toolkit on FoRB**

**and Interreligious and Interfaith Dialogue and Partnership (IIDP)**

**Università di Foggia, Italy**

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OSCE participating States have made a number of commitments in the area of Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB), from those enshrined in the Helsinki Final Act of 1975, to those affirmed by OSCE participating States in Vienna 1989, Copenhagen 1990, Istanbul 1999, Bucharest 2001, Maastricht 2003, Helsinki 2008, Astana 2010 and Kyiv 2013. Additionally, participating States have made several commitments in the area of interreligious, interfaith and intercultural dialogue including Porto 2002 and Kyiv 2013.

The ODIHR’s FoRB is developing a publication that will, among others, include recommendations for OSCE participating States and other relevant stakeholders on the importance of inter-religious and inter-faith dialogue and partnerships for strengthening of freedom of religion or belief for all.

As a next step in the process of the finalization of the toolkit, ODIHR in partnership with the University of Foggia is planning to host an in-person consultation at the premises of the University of Foggia, in Italy, on the 29th of June 2023. The purpose of the meeting is to undertake a final review of the draft toolkit on Freedom of Religion or Belief and interreligious dialogue and partnership, and facilitate a platform for discussion and exchange on any outstanding issues based on the written feedback received of a selected group of experts, involving as well ODIHR representatives. The invitees are, by their background, primarily academics and experts on FoRB or inter-religious and inter-faith dialogue and partnerships and do not necessarily represent any religious or belief groups.

The Consultation of the Draft Toolkit on FoRB and Interreligious and Interfaith Dialogue and Partnership (IIDP) concludes the activities of Religion and Comprehensive Project (Re.Co.Se.) which will host in Foggia - 27th-28th June - many national and international experts on FoRB and Security Law.

The School of Law of University of Foggia has been working for many years in the field with significant scientific results at national and international level.