



**2009 CSISAC
Steering Committee Nomination
EDRI – European Digital Rights**

Full Name of the person being nominated: Meryem Marzouki (Meryem.Marzouki@edri.org)

Kind of nomination: Organization representative, on behalf of EDRI (European Digital Rights)

Country: EDRI: Europe (International NGO under Belgium law). Meryem Marzouki: France.

Selection of CSISAC Goals related to main competence: Freedom of Expression; Privacy and Transparency; Access to Knowledge; Internet Governance; Open Standards / Net Neutrality; Balanced IP Policies.

Organization website: www.edri.org

Brief biography: Meryem Marzouki is a French academic. Her academic bio, with links to publications on Internet-related issues, is available at www.igloo.org/meryemmarzouki.

As part of her volunteering activities, Meryem Marzouki has been actively promoting human rights in the information society since 1996. She is the president of the French NGO IRIS (www.iris.sgdg.org), involved in main French digital rights campaigns since 1997. IRIS is an early member of GILC (Global Internet Liberty Campaign, www.gilc.org, 1996-2003), of the Public Voice Coalition (since 1996), and is a founding member of EDRI (European Digital Rights, www.edri.org) in 2002. Meryem Marzouki served as EDRI president in 2006-2008.

She has been regularly invited since 1996 to participate to the European Commission groups of experts and consultations on Internet-related issues. She actively engaged in the UN WSIS process (2002-2005), creating and co-chairing the CS Human Rights Caucus (<http://www.iris.sgdg.org/actions/smsi/hr-wsis/>). A member of the CS Internet Governance Caucus, she is involved in the IGF since its creation in 2006. She was a member of the Council of Europe group of specialists on human rights in the information society (2005-2008).

Meryem Marzouki's engagement with the Public Voice Coalition in relation to OECD started in 1998. She co-organized 3 Public Voice Conferences in liaison with the OECD: 1998 Ottawa OECD Ministerial (www.gilc.org/events/ottawa98), 1999 Paris OECD Forum on Electronic Commerce (www.iris.sgdg.org/actions/publicvoice99), and 2008 Seoul OECD Ministerial (www.thepublicvoice.org/events/seoul08). She co-drafted Ottawa and Seoul CS Declarations. In 2008, she served as a member of the OECD CS reference group and, after CSISAC creation, remained active as a member of its interim Steering Committee.

Brief statement on contribution: In addition to Meryem Marzouki's personal knowledge and experience, EDRI will bring the competence and diversity of its 29 member organizations, based in 18 countries of the European continent, one of the OECD regions. This means a wide legal, political and technical expertise relevant to CSISAC goals and OECD issues. This also means an important capacity of information dissemination, campaigning, and dialogue with CS and other constituencies at national level, and at the regional level (EU and CoE). In addition, EDRI or its members being active within international and global arenas such as: IGF, ICANN, OECD, WIPO,..., this would help coordinating CS activities in different settings. EDRI members are not-for-profit, non-governmental organizations whose goals include the defense and promotion of civil rights in the field of information- and communication technology. Since its creation in 2002, it has managed to establish a high profile and good reputation in Europe and beyond. EDRI is funded through membership fees, individual donations, and grants, including from OSI and from the EU through application to EC projects.