

REACT

2023

GENERAL INFORMATION

MAY 29th - JUNE 30th, 2023
Spain



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NETWORK



Rapid
Expert
Assistance and
Cooperation
Teams

for conflict prevention,
crisis management and
post - conflict
rehabilitation



The REACT course is a five-week training programme on conflict prevention and peacebuilding intended for professionals interested in being deployed in peace operations and contribute to the global effort to build international peace and security.

DATES

MAY 29th - JUNE 30th, 2023

220h

HOURS OF TRAINING

SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday 08.30 - 18.30h

Saturdays 09.30 - 14.00h

El Albir, Alfaz del Pi, Alicante: from May 29th to June 25th, 2023

LOCATION

Los Ángeles de San Rafael, Segovia: from June 25th till 30th June
(Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT module))

PARTICIPANTS PER EDITION

30 maximum

University degree or equivalent professional training
Fluency in English: B2+
Strong interest in international affairs

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

METHODOLOGY

The course uses a variety of methodologies, including lectures and presentations, debates, group work, practical and advanced role-playing sessions, outdoor activities and simulation exercises.

OBJECTIVES

- To provide participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to analyze and understand the main threats to international peace and security, the contexts in which armed conflicts arise, their key actors and the impact of conflict on civilians.
- To build participants' skills in conflict prevention and peace-building.
- To strengthen the capacity and confidence of participants to deal effectively with risk-associated and emergency/critical situations while deployed in hostile environments.

United Nations (UN)
Organization for the Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
Spanish Ministry of Defense
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
United States Institute of Peace (USIP)
Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA)

**PARTICIPATING
ORGANIZATIONS**

FACULTY

Trainers and experts from international organizations, diplomats and civil servants, military personnel, police officers, experts from humanitarian NGOs, independent consultants, and university professors.

DIPLOMA

Participants who successfully complete the course will obtain an official diploma from the International University Centre for Peace Missions of Helsinki España, a HEAT diploma and a diploma from NAEM, National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians.



CONTENT REACT

MODULE I:

Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding: conceptual framework

- Peace and conflict analysis
- Conflict prevention
- Conflict management
- Conflict resolution
- Peacebuilding

- Public International Law: basic concepts
- International Human Rights Law
- International Humanitarian Law
- International Criminal Law

MODULE II:

International Law: Comprehensive overview

MODULE III:

Protection of Civilians

- Protection of civilians in armed conflict
- Women, Peace and Security. Gender in Operations
- Children and Armed Conflict
- Refugees and internally displaced people

- Asia: Afghanistan, North Korea and Myanmar
- Middle East: Israel-Palestine, Iraq, Syria and Yemen
- Sub-Saharan Africa: CAR, DRC, Mali and South Sudan
- Maghreb: Libya and Western Sahara
- Eastern Europe and Caucasus: Ukraine and Kosovo
- Latin America: Colombia and Venezuela
- Radicalization, terrorism and violent extremism
- Transnational organized crime
- Disarmament and Non-Proliferation
- Hybrid threats
- Climate change

MODULE IV:

Conflicts and current threats to international peace and security

MODULE V:
Key actors and their
contribution to
international
peace and security

- United Nations, Peace and Security Pillar
- European Union, Common Security and Defense Policy
- Organization for the Security and Cooperation in Europe, OSCE
- African Union, Common African Defense and Security Policy
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization, NATO
- The role of Civil Society

- Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration of ex-combatants (DDR)
- Security Sector Reform (SSR)
- Accountability and transitional justice
- Democracy and Rule of Law
- Elections in peacebuilding
- The role of media in peace and conflict

MODULE VI:
Tools for
sustainable peace

HEAT Hostile Environment Awareness Training

As part of the REACT course, students will participate in real simulations to learn how to deal effectively with risk-associated and emergency/critical situations while deployed in mission.

- Awareness of threats and risks. Personal security
- Safety and security procedures for vehicle movement
- Kidnapping and hostage survival
- Weapons, mines, improvised explosive devices and unexploded ordnances
- Protection of classified and sensitive information
- First aid in hostile environments
- Orientation and communications in the field
- 4x4 off road driving
- Working with interpreters
- Stress management
- Negotiation and multicultural communication
- Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense
- Addressing media
- Leadership

MODULE VII:
Skills and
competencies

FEES

REACT's total fee is 4,950€. It includes the following services:

- Comprehensive five-week REACT course (220h total, 8h/day)
- Complete five-day Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT, 1650€)
- Organized local transport (Madrid-El Albir-Los Ángeles-Madrid)
- Personal mentoring focused on professional development, networking opportunities with participating organizations, and direct access to UNV recruiters
- Administrative, logistic, and visa-related support
- 1.000€ registration fee (**non-refundable**)
- All course materials
- Official diploma

Meals and accommodation costs are NOT included.

Applicants are also responsible for their visa-related costs.

PAYMENTS

Course fees can be paid either in full or through an installment payment plan, which enables participants to divide the cost of the course into two installments. **All payments must be done before the course starts with no exception.**

In order to start with the visa process, students must have paid the first installment and the registration fee.

In case of cancellation prior to the start date of the course due to visa or health-related reasons, payments made will be deferred to the following course free of charge. Full or partial refunds will be considered only under exceptional and properly justified circumstances.

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are a limited number of partial scholarships available, which cover **up to 35% of the course fee**. Scholarships are awarded based on the profile and needs of candidates, on a first-come, first-served basis. Therefore early applications are strongly encouraged.

Candidates who wish to be considered for a partial scholarship should enclose proof of their annual income and employment status. Documents should be translated into English or Spanish.

APPLICATION PROCESS

If you are interested in applying for REACT 2023, please send us a copy of the following documents:

1. REACT Registration Form (can be downloaded from www.helsinkiespana.org/en/react-training-program/)
2. Motivation Letter
3. Resume/CV
4. Recent digital photo, passport size
5. Copy of passport
6. Copy of academic transcripts
7. Two letters of recommendation on letter headed paper. They should include the date and stamp/signature of the entity/person that is writing the letter. The ORIGINALS MUST be sent by post. Letters may be advanced via email, however, originals are still required.
8. English language certificate. If you don't have one, contact us and we will schedule a brief phone interview.
9. In case you apply for a partial scholarship, **proof of your annual income** together with an official translation into English or Spanish. This is absolutely mandatory.

**Application deadline for visa candidates:
April 1, 2023**

- Applications will be evaluated in order of arrival until all available places are filled. Therefore applications are strongly encouraged.
- Application dossiers should be sent to: iucpm@helsinkiespana.org
- Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.
- The evaluation process includes an individual interview



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