



REACT

**Rapid Expert Assistance
and Cooperation Teams for Conflict Prevention,
Crisis Management and
Post-Conflict Rehabilitation**

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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 efforts to build **international peace and security**.

Dates: 25 May - 29 June 2019

Hours of training: 220h

Location: Escuela de Organización Industrial, Madrid

Schedule: Monday to Friday 8.30 - 18.30h

Saturdays 9.30 - 14.00h

Participants per edition: 30 max

Requirements: University degree

Fluent in english

Able work under pressure

Diploma: Participants who successfully complete the course will obtain a diploma from the **International University Centre for Peace Missions** of Helsinki España, and the *Escuela de Organización Industrial*

Objectives:

-To provide participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to understand and analyze 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' capabilities in prevention, management and resolution of conflicts as well as protection of civilians in armed conflicts.

-To strengthen the capacity and confidence of participants to deal effectively with risk-associated and emergency/critical situations while deployed in hostile environments abroad



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.

Faculty: The teaching staff are trainers and experts from international organizations (including the UN, EU, OSCE and NATO), diplomats and civil servants, military personnel, police officers, experts from the ICRC and humanitarian NGOs, independent consultants, and university professors.

REACT COURSE CONTENTS



Module I: Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding: conceptual framework

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

Module II: International Law: Comprehensive overview

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

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

Module IV: Conflicts and current threats to international peace and security

- Asia: Afghanistan, North Korea and Myanmar
- Middle East: Israel-Palestine, Iraq, Syria and Yemen
- Sub-Saharan Africa: Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mali and South Sudan
- Maghreb: Libya and Western Sahara
- Eastern Europe and Caucasus: Ukraine and Kosovo
- Latin America: Colombia
- Radicalization, terrorism and violent extremism
- Transnational organized crime
- Weapons of mass destruction
- Hybrid threats
- Climate change



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

Module VI: Tools for sustainable peace

- 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 VII: Skills and competencies

- 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
- Career development



WORKING IN HOSTILE ENVIRONMENTS

As part of the REACT course, students will learn how to deal effectively with risk-associated and emergency/critical situations while deployed in hostile environments abroad.

This training is expected to improve participants' understanding of the behavioural requirements while working as a team member of an international field operation.



RECRUITMENT

During the course, interested participants may sign up for a face-to-face interview with a recruitment agent from the United Nations Volunteer Programme (UNV).



DIPLOMA

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TUITION FEES

Course fee: € 4,950

- 220h of training
- Registration fee
- Reading material
- Field visits and transportation
- Exam and diploma fee

Registration fee: € 350

This fee should be paid once the participant is accepted and confirms his/her availability to participate in the course. Registration fee is non-refundable.

NOT covered:

- Accommodation and meals in Madrid
- Travel costs, other than the ones related to the field trips.

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are a limited number of partial scholarships available, which only cover part of the course fee.

All candidates are eligible to request financial aid. Partial scholarships are allocated based on available funds and candidates' needs.

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



The deadline for applications:
Participants in need of Schengen visa - March 15, 2019
Europeans and visa holders -April 15,2019
Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.
REACT registration form can be downloaded from
www.humandimension.net

HOW TO APPLY?

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

-REACT Registration Form

-Motivation Letter

-Resume/CV

-Recent digital photo, passport size

-Copy of passport

-Copy of academic transcripts

-Two letters of recommendation on letterheaded 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.

-English language certificate. If you don't have one, contact us and we will schedule a brief phone interview.

-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.

Applications will be evaluated according to order of arrival until all available places are filled. Early applications are encouraged.

Application dossiers should be sent to iucpm@helsinki.es

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PAYMENTS:

Payment of tuition fees can be made in full or through an installment payment plan, which enables participants to divide the cost of course into two installments.

Payments should be made by bank transfer to Helsinki España.

REFUND POLICY:

If a participant cancels his/her participation 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.

VISA:

It is the participant's responsibility to make all the appropriate visa arrangements before traveling to Spain. At least 2 months should be allowed for visa processing.

Helsinki España will provide all the necessary documents to support visa applications. However, participants are required to pay the € 350 registration fee prior to the issuance of the letter of invitation.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION:

Participants should arrive before the opening and depart after the official closure of the course.

Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Helsinki España will not be held accountable for any arrangements or travel /accommodation related costs in Madrid.

Helsinki España will arrange accommodation and transportation to all field visits at no additional cost. Students will be lodged in double rooms. No meals are included in the course fees.

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS



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