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REACT 2021

GENERAL INFORMATION

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: May 31- July 2, 2021

Hours of training: 220h

Location: El Albir, Alfaz del Pi, Alicante from: May 31st to June 27th, 2021

Los Ángeles de San Rafael, Segovia: from 27th till 2nd July (Training HEAT module, Hostile Environment Awareness Training)

Schedule: Monday to Friday 08.30 - 18.30h

Saturdays 09.30 - 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.

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.

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: 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.

CONTENT

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: 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 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



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.

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
- Leadership
- Career development

FEES

REACT's fee is € 4,950 which includes the following services:

- 220h of training
- €350 registration fee (**non refundable**)
- Three day HEAT course (field trip, equipment and simulations)
- Field visits
- Individual career development coaching
- Access to jobs interviews
- Diploma

Considering the current **COVID-19 situation** in Madrid, this year the program will be held in the city El Albir, located at the Valencian Community. In order to safeguard the protection of all attendees, everyone will stay in one place where students can eat, sleep and attend to the classes.

Meals and accommodation are NOT included in the course fee.

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.**

Payments are only accepted by **bank transfer**.

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. Other refunds are not considered.

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.

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.





APPLICATION PROCESS

If you are interested in applying for REACT 2021, please send us a copy of the following documents:

REACT **Registration Form** (can be downloaded from www.helsinkiespana.org/en/react-training-program/)

1. **Motivation Letter**
2. **Resume/CV**
3. Recent digital **photo, passport size**
4. Copy of **passport**
5. Copy of **academic transcripts**
6. **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.
7. **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@helsinkiespana.org

The registration form can be downloaded from www.helsinkiespana.org

Deadline for applications:

- Participants in need of Schengen visa: March 15, 2021
- Europeans and visa holders: May 3, 2021

Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.



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