



# REACT

XXIII Edition

## Helsinki España

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

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International University Centre for Peace Missions (IUCPM), Helsinki España  
Escuela de Organización Industrial (EOI), Spanish Ministry of Industry, Energy and  
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Guardia Civil, Spanish Ministry of Interior



The REACT course is a five-week training programme on **international peace operations** intended for professionals interested in improving their knowledge of **conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation**, and developing practical skills for their work in the field.

#### Aim of the Course

The course is aimed at **preparing international experts for their deployment in peace operations** led by international organizations including the United Nations (UN), the Organization for the Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the European Union (EU) and other regional organizations.

#### Dates

May 26 – June 30, 2018

Five-week programme which includes **220 hours of training**

#### Location

The course takes place in **Madrid**, at the premises of the Escuela de Organización Industrial (EOI), located at Av. de Gregorio del Amo 6, Madrid.

The last week of the course takes place in Logroño, in Northern Spain, at the Special Training Centre of the Spanish Civil Guard.

#### Schedule

Monday to Friday: 8.30am – 6.30pm

Saturdays: 9.30am – 2.00pm



#### Requirements

- Candidates must hold a university degree
- Candidates must be fluent in English as all lectures are given in English

#### Students per class

25 students



## Course specifics

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### Objectives

- To provide participants with the knowledge and skills to analyse the main threats to international peace and security; the contexts in which conflicts arise; key actors; and their impact on civilians.
- To build the capacity of participants for the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts as well as for the protection of civilians in armed conflict.
- To strengthen the capacity and confidence of participants to cope with and work 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

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

# Contents of REACT



## Module I: Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding: conceptual framework

- Peace and conflict analysis
- Conflict prevention
- Conflict resolution
- Post-conflict reconstruction
- 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

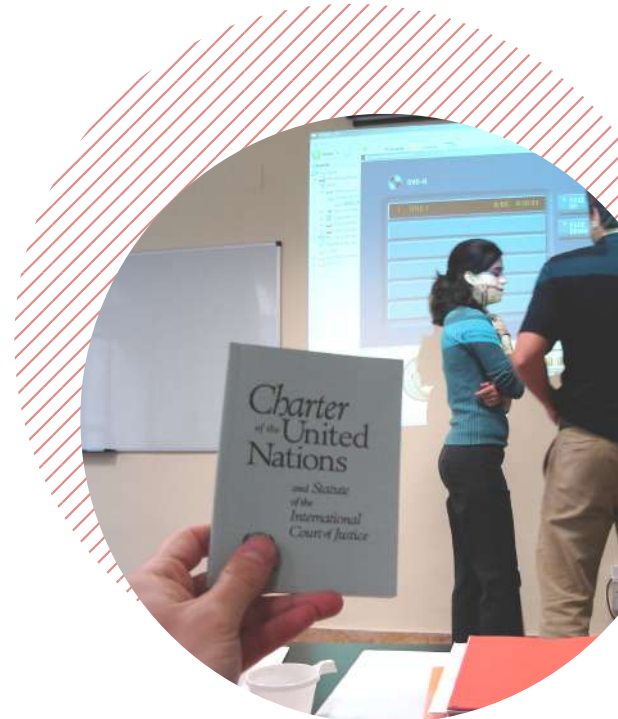
- Protection of civilians in armed conflict
- Women, Peace and Security. Gender in Operations
- Children and Armed Conflict
- Refugees and internally displaced people

## 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

## 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





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## 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

## INTERNSHIPS at NATO

Helsinki España has entered into an agreement with NATO for which students with a legal background have the opportunity to do a **six-month unpaid internship** at NATO headquarters in Brussels.



## RECRUITMENT INTERVIEWS

Interested students may sign up for a **face-to-face interview** with a recruitment agent from the **United Nations Volunteer Programme (UNV)** during the course.



# HEAT Course



As part of the REACT course, students will benefit from the program **Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT)**. An intensive 40-hour course that aims at training professionals to effectively deal with multiple threats present in hostile field environments.

HEAT is expected to improve participants' understanding of the behavioural field requirements while working as a team member of an international field operation irrespective of their national or professional background.

This training programme is certified by ENTRI (*Europe's New training Initiative for Civilian Crisis Management*) and conducted by the Spanish Civil Guard at its Centre for Special Training in Logroño.







# 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 (EOI)**.

Participants will also obtain a Hostile Environment Awareness Training Certificate from ENTRi (**Europe's new Training Initiative for Civilian Crisis Management**) and the **Spanish Civil Guard**.

## Training Fees



**Course fee:** € 4,950

- 220h of training
- Registration fee
- Reading material
- Field visits and transportation
- Hostile Environment Awareness Training, HEAT program
- Transportation and accommodation in Logroño
- Exam and diploma fee

**NOT covered:**

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

**Registration fee:** € 350

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

**scholarships  
available**

## How to apply



Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. If you are interested in participating in this course, please fill out the registration form and send it to [helsinkicursos@humandimension.com](mailto:helsinki cursos@humandimension.com)

The registration form can be downloaded from [www.humandimension.net](http://www.humandimension.net)

The application deadline is **March 30, 2018**



# Participating institutions

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