



Reinforcement Action to the
“Rapid Expert Assistance and Co-operation Teams” (**REACT**) of
the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
(OSCE) and other similar international Institutions

TRAINING COURSE: Experts in Rapid Co-operation
and Assistance for Conflict Prevention Operations, Crisis
Management and Post Conflict Rehabilitation

HELSINKI ESPAÑA – UNIVERSITY NETWORK

Course Certified by The Institute of Human Rights of the Faculty of Law of
the Complutense University of Madrid (Spain)

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XV EXPERT COURSE

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The origin of this project was the Declaration of Santander 2001, which was adopted at a Conference held in Santander, Spain, with professors and students from 35 Universities from Europe, USA and Canada.

OBJECTIVE

Prepare international teams of participants, mainly postgraduate students, more than 24 years old, to work with the OSCE, UN, EU and other International Organizations in International Missions.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE IN NOVEMBER 2011:

- **General Contents of the Course:** Human Rights and Fundamental Liberties, Democratization and Rule of Law, Conflict Prevention and Resolution, Crisis Management and Fieldwork Techniques.
- **Dates and Places of the XV Course:**
 - **Dates of the XV Course: November 6th to December 3rd 2011**
Note: students should arrive in Madrid on Saturday November 5th, as the group will travel together on the morning of Sunday, November 6th to spend their first week of the course in a different location.
 - **Location:**
 1. First week away from Madrid. (From Sunday November 6th to Saturday November 12th) – Transportation, hotel and full board will be financed by Helsinki España during those days.
 2. Second, third and fourth week in the Helsinki España's Headquarters in Madrid. – **Helsinki España will NOT provide or be responsible of your accommodation during the weeks spent in Madrid.**
- **Duration of the Expert Training:** Intensive Course of 220 hours.
- **Schedule:** Mondays to Fridays from 8:30 AM to 18:00 PM. Saturdays from 9 AM to 14 PM.
- **Student Requirements:** Possess a university degree and a high level of English
- **Number of students per course:** Maximum of 25
- **Language of the Course:** The Courses will be offered in English due to the international character of the students and lecturers.
- **Course Teaching Staff:** The Courses will be taught by university professors from different countries, experts in the thematic contents of the course; trainers from the OSCE and the UN; diplomats and civil servants from the Spanish Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Defence and the Spanish Home office; the Red Cross and international experts in the missions of different international organizations.

- **Methodology:** The course combines theory and practice using debates, conferences, group work, seminars, case studies, fieldwork techniques and simulations.
- **Registration fee:** €350, which must be paid from the moment the student confirms his/her availability. This amount will be subtracted from the total tuition. No reimbursement will be granted to students who for whatever circumstance cannot attend afterwards.
- **Scholarships:** Helsinki España grants a limited amount of partial scholarships covering between 30% and 90% of the course tuition. They have to be requested by the interested candidate whom, along with the relevant documentation, must attach a copy of a recent payslip or income-tax-return.
- **Tuition:** € 4.850 which covers:
 - Tutorship
 - Reading material
 - Diploma recognized by the Complutense University of Madrid and Helsinki España
 - Hotel accommodation, transportation and full board **for the week spent out of Madrid. (From November 6th to November 12th).**
 - Visits and transportation to the International Demining Centre of Hoyo de Manzanares (mine-awareness practice).
 - Four-wheel driving practice
 - First aid diploma (Spanish Red Cross)

Note: Board & lodging costs during the three weeks of the Expert Course in Madrid are NOT included. Helsinki España is not responsible of your accommodation during the weeks in Madrid.

Helsinki España cannot be held responsible if last minute changes arise outside its field of responsibility.

Diploma: Course certified by the Department of Human Rights of the School of Law of the Complutense University of Madrid and by Helsinki España.

CONTENTS:

The main objectives of this Expert Course are:

- To offer essential information on international organisations, international conflict and actors in the field.
- To transmit a deeper understanding of the practical issues that arise when dealing with conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation.
- To obtain a sufficient level of practical knowledge and skills in order to be immediately incorporated, if possible, in the planning, execution or monitoring cells of the different international missions of the OSCE, EU, UN and those of other institutions.

MODULE I: INTRODUCTION. CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORKS

- Violent conflict
- Peacebuilding

MODULE II: INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT

- Conflict prevention and management
- Human development; development in conflict situations
- Culture, communication
- Crisis management
- Post conflict-rehabilitation
- Rule of law
- Governance issues in Peacebuilding Operations
- Analysis of international conflict
- Caucasus and Central Asia, Afghanistan, Chechnya
- Latin America, Colombia, internal revolts, post-conflict countries
- Africa

- Mediterranean area and Arab States
- Asia

MODULE III: HUMAN RIGHTS, FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

- Human rights. Resuming the philosophical perspective
- Fundamental freedoms and human rights in the world today
- Peacebuilding
- Monitoring human rights and administering justice in peace operations
- Principles of international humanitarian law
 - Protection of the civilian population in the current conflicts
 - Protection of the POW – prisoners of war –
 - Protection of medical personnel and medical duties within armed conflicts
 - Protection of refugees and displaced persons
 - Child protection in armed conflicts. Young soldiers

MODULE IV: INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND ENTITIES

- The UN and peacekeeping operations. UN Charter, Chapter 5,6,7,8.
- UN Peacekeeping and human rights
- Operational aspects of UN and other international interventions
- Peacebuilding
- Basic principles of international humanitarian law and it's overlapping with operational HR law
- NATO: New strategic concept
- European Union - The EU Policy for Western Balkans
- OSCE
- World Bank; Reconstruction Unit
- NGO's

MODULE V: MULTIFUNCTIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF INTERVENTIONS IN CONFLICT PREVENTION, CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND POST-CONFLICT REHABILITATION.

- Police in crisis management
- Military forces
- Transitional Justice Processes
- Truth commissions
- Law and order
- International Criminal Court: Creation and operation
- Election observers

MODULE VI: FIELDWORK TECHNIQUES

- The use of negotiating and public information techniques
- Negotiation techniques
- Working with interpreters
- Introduction to Meeting Management Techniques
- Report writing techniques
- Project work in international missions
- Project management
- Communication systems
- Health and security issues
- Stress management
- Mine awareness. Practice at an international demining centre
- Four-wheel driving
- Map reading
- First Aid
- Personal safety. Smooth flow of information and co-ordination. Knowledge of the difference between weapons and residuum war explosives

POSSIBLE INCORPORATION TO INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

1. Nationals of OSCE member states may perform **internship** of up to 6 months both in the OSCE country missions and Secretariat may access **seconded** positions (proposed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of their country) **and contracted positions** both in the OSCE country missions and Secretariat. For additional information on employment opportunities within the OSCE, please refer to: <http://www.osce.org/employment/>

2. Students of all nationalities may access the **missions of the EU, UN** and those of other international organisations and NGOs as volunteers or as contracted personnel.

Note: This course is neither a step prior nor a position of advantage recognised by the OSCE to access posts or internships within this organisation.

Today, 76% of the graduates of the course are currently working with IGOs, national organizations, NGOs and the private sector.

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS AND/OR COLLABORATORS OF THE NOVEMBER 2011 COURSE

- The Organization for the Security and the Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
- The United Nations (UN)
- The Peace Operations Training Institute
- The NATO
- The United States Institute of Peace (USIP)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
- Ministry of Defence
- Spanish Red Cross
- International Committee of the Red Cross
- Coca Cola
- Lindt



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