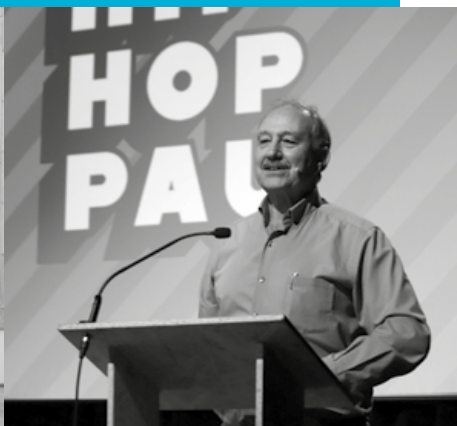


# Annual activity report

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“We have the responsibility of combining the work of a compass with that of radar: to update the concept of the culture of peace and to work for the peaceful transformation of conflicts.”

**XAVIER MASLLORENS**

### One more step to take one big step

Every now and then, organizations must engage in self-analysis to know where we are and where we want to go in the medium term. This is what we did in 2010 and 2014, with the first two strategic plans, and also in 2017, with a process to better focus our action from that moment on. In 2023, we are doing it once again. During the first quarter of 2024, the Governing Board and the operational team have completed a strategic reflection process that we have called “Horizon 2028.”

This is not just a Strategic Plan as such, but rather a way of projecting ourselves clearly in times of general confusion. At the present moment, we have the responsibility of combining the work of a compass – the updating of the concept of the culture of peace – with that of radar, working to preserve the value of dialogue and the peaceful transformation of conflicts.

Compass, promoting the Catalan Forum for Peace (of which ICIP has assumed the technical secretariat). Over the course of two years, the Forum aims to update concepts, create synergies among social, cultural, political and academic sectors, and coordinate peacebuilding initiatives throughout Catalonia. It also aims to promote the development of a specific public policy for peace in Catalonia, which further engages public authorities as agents of peace.

Radar, reinforcing ICIP’s mission as an observatory of coexistence in Catalonia and as counsel for a wide range of actors. Acting to reinforce channels of dialogue, of understanding and also of respectful disagreement, in a changing world that features three worrying aspects.

On the one hand, an environment of intense militarization and an almost tacit acceptance of a weapons build-up as a legitimate way to build peace. With the increase of armed conflicts with “global” consequences, a significant part of the citizenry has gone from “peace is the way” to justifying violence to achieve a negative peace. On the other hand, politics is increasingly emotional and less rational, which contributes to the generation of higher levels of toxic polarization. And, all in all, in a world with challenges as important as increasing inequality, the climate crisis or the new multipolarity fraught with conflicting interests.

This reappraisal of our mission has not hindered us from maintaining a very high level of activity in 2023, as you can see by reading this report. The conferment of our three annual awards (the most important one, the ICIP Award, to two Bosnian associations of women victims of the war and of children forgotten by the war), our two annual grants (for organizations and for research work), our new publications, the annual surveys (the most recent one on the perception of coexistence and security in Catalonia), the work on a new approach to security, the consolidation of the Latin American Women, Peace and Security Network, or our participation in discreet initiatives for the promotion of dialogue and international mediation are just a few examples of a vibrant, dynamic organization that aims to continue increasing the impact of its work.

**Xavier Masllorens**  
PRESIDENT OF ICIP



“Those of us who still believe in conflict prevention, international law and multilateral institutions must join forces to reaffirm and demonstrate that humanity is not condemned to wage war.”

**KRISTIAN HERBOLZHEIMER**

### ICIP, a public service

After the Second World War, the United Nations was created “to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.” Eight decades later, the world seems to be going in the opposite direction. The number of armed conflicts and the number of civilian casualties are growing. The Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022 shocked the world due to its flagrant violation of international law. The Hamas attack against civilians on 7 October 2023 was the most brutal attack in decades of armed conflict in the Middle East and Israel’s response multiplies Hamas’s brutality to levels that are hard to comprehend. Other extremely violent conflicts – Ethiopia, Sudan – go unnoticed.

In this context of conflict escalation, many voices in Europe are calling to prepare for war. The Charter of the United Nations now seems utopian.

This setback in the values and commitments to world peace is taking place precisely when we are more aware than ever before that global problems – environmental, economic, humanitarian, health related – can only be solved with a drastic change in our models of production, consumption, governance and international relations.

In this regard, the United Nations has convened a Summit on the Future to be held in September 2024. Among other issues, a “New Agenda for Peace” will be launched, which will invite states, as well as sub-state entities, to define and increase their commitment to peace.

Catalonia has been moving in this direction for some time now. We have an innovative Law for the Promotion of Peace that was approved in 2003; a public opinion, institutions and a network of associations that are still committed to the culture of peace; a number of highly qualified people from diverse backgrounds such as culture, academia, journalism, social work and activism for global justice. All of this results in a framework – a rich and diverse ecosystem – for the promotion of peace, with a much greater potential for impact than at present.

Based on this diagnosis, in 2023, ICIP has taken an important step forward to reinforce its vocation for public service and thus respond to the functions entrusted to it by the law that created the institution in 2007:

- “Advise the Parliament, the Government and other public administrations in their political policies and actions related to peace.”
- “Give support and advice to organizations, initiatives, campaigns and activities that may need it, and promote activities that civil society, movements for peace, public administrations, international organizations, universities and research centers carry out in the field of training, research and advocacy of peacebuilding and the maintenance of peace.”

In a context of growing fatalism, this work is now more important than ever. From Catalonia we have the potential to promote new forms of diplomacy: citizen diplomacy, city diplomacy, digital diplomacy, sub-state diplomacy. Those of us who still believe in conflict prevention, international law and multilateral institutions must join forces to reaffirm and demonstrate that humanity is not condemned to wage war.

**Kristian Herbolzheimer**

DIRECTOR OF ICIP

# ICIP at a glance

## The institution

**Creation:**

Parliament of Catalonia, December 2007, by law

**Institutional goal:**

ICIP seeks to promote the culture of peace in Catalan society and internationally, and to enable Catalonia to play an active role as an agent of peace in the world.

**Offices and Library (temporary location):**

Aragó 244-248, 08007 Barcelona

**The Governing Board:**

The ICIP Governing Board is made up of ten members: seven chosen by Parliament, as proposed by the Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace (Marco Aparicio, Gemma Casal, Carme Colomina, Xavier Masllorens, Oscar Mateos, Nour Salameh and Remei Sipi), and three designated by the Government (Yoya Alcoceba, Anna Dotor and David Minoves).

**President:**

Xavier Masllorens

**Director:**

Kristian Herbolzheimer

**Staff:**

17 people

**Pressupost 2023:**

1.557.562 euros

## Activities



**48**

Seminars, conferences, roundtables and training activities



**143**

Number of collaborations with other actors



**1.530**

Number of people who have followed ICIP's activities in person



**945**

Number of people who have followed ICIP's activities online

## Publications



**8**

Books published



**130**

Books catalogued in the Library



**9.850**

Total Library holdings

## Internal organization



**5**

Number of positions announced



**15**

Number of agreements signed

## Calls for proposals and grants



ICIP Peace in Progress Award



ICIP Alfons Banda Award



ICIP Hip Hop for Peace Contest



**€ 78,188**

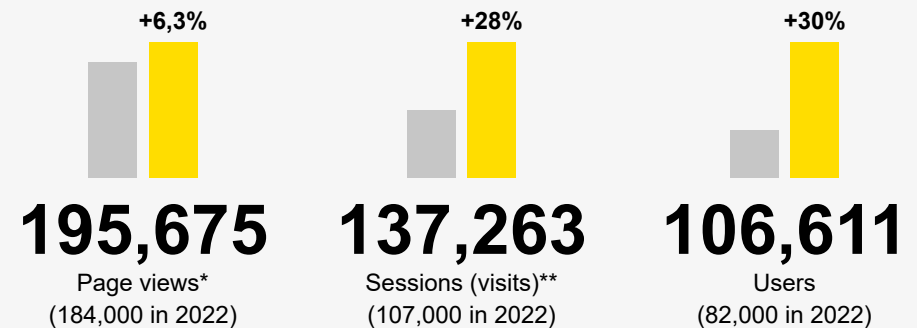
Grants for research work for fiscal year 2022-2023 (R-ICIP) (8 projects financed)



**€ 79,316**

Grants for peace promotion projects by non-profit organizations (7 projects financed)

## icip.cat website



\* Views are the total number of pages viewed, in different sessions.

\*\* A session is the period of time in which a user actively interacts with the website (set of interactions of a device from the moment the user enters the website until they leave). When a session is resumed after 30 minutes or more of inactivity, it counts as a new session.

## Main achievements in 2023

- Co-organization of the **First Conference for Peace** of the Parliament of Catalonia featuring the participation of the Nobel Peace Prize 2022 winners
- Conferment of the **ICIP Peace in Progress Award 2023** to two associations of Bosnian war victims
- Promotion of the **Catalan Forum for Peace**, a space for participation and reflection to elaborate a national plan for peace and strengthen the peace movement
- Creation of a **Strategic Alliances** position to strengthen collaboration with other organizations and institutions
- Publication of the monographic issue of the **Peace in Progress** magazine: “The culture of punishment: A critical approach”
- Publication of the “Coexistence and cohesion in Catalonia” **ICIP 2022 Survey** and of the “Coexistence and security in Catalonia” **ICIP 2023 Survey**
- Publication of the systematization of the work process of the **Technical Secretariat of the Truth Commission of Colombia in Europe**, performed by ICIP (2019-2022)
- Expansion of the **four ICIP book series**, with a new title in each one
- Production of the **animated audiovisual** “Risks of toxic polarization: How to deal with it”
- Calls for **grants** for projects by organizations and universities
- Consolidation of the **Platform for Peacebuilding in Mexico** and of the **Latin American Network of Women, Peace and Security**
- Organization of a conference in Madrid on **mediation in armed conflict**, in collaboration with the European Union and the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Display of the “Face to face with violence” **street exhibit** in various Catalan municipalities
- Award ceremony for the seventh edition of the **Hip Hop for Peace Contest** and call for entries for the eighth edition
- Organization of **reading clubs** in collaboration with the Library Network of Catalonia, and of the “Building peace” conference series with the Library Network of Barcelona
- **Promotion of dialogue** with local and international initiatives



## 1 The Governing Board

The ICIP Governing Board is made up of ten members, seven chosen by the Parliament of Catalonia, as proposed by the Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace, and three appointed by the Government of Catalonia.

Its current members are as follows:

### Members elected by Parliament

**Marco Aparicio i Wilhelmi**

Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Girona

**Gemma Casal i Fité**

Anthropologist

**Carme Colomina i Saló**

Journalist and researcher at CIDOB

**Xavier Masllorens i Escubós**

Psychologist and educator. President of the Governing Board

**Oscar Mateos i Martin**

Professor at Ramon Llull University and coordinator of the GLOBALCODES research group

**Nour Salameh**

PhD in History.

**Remei Sipi i Mayo**

Activist and writer

### Members appointed by the Government

**Yoya Alcoceba i Cruixent**

General Director of Development Cooperation of the Government of Catalonia

**Anna Dotor i Casals**

General Director of Foreign Action of the Government of Catalonia

**David Minoves i Lluçà**

President of Ciemen and Director of the Catalan Fund for Development Cooperation



## Resolutions of the Governing Board

The ICIP Governing Board met ten times in 2023 and these were the main points that were dealt with:

- Renewal of ICIP management for 2023-2028
- Approval of the document “ICIP, a pivotal institution: 2023-2028,” resulting from a strategic reflection process which began in February 2023 with the participation of the Governing Board and the ICIP operational team
- Approval of the specific rules and calls for grants for 2023 for projects of non-profit organizations aimed at the promotion of peace and for research work in the field of peace
- Approval of the conferment of the ICIP Peace in Progress Award 2023 to the following organizations: “Women Victims of War in Bosnia and Herzegovina” and “Forgotten Children of War,” and approval of the call for the ICIP Peace in Progress Award 2024.
- Approval of the call for the 8th ICIP Hip Hop for Peace Contest
- Approval of the proposal for ICIP’s participation in the multi-year contract between the Administration of the Government of Catalonia and AGAUR (Agency for Management of University and Research Grants) for 2022-2025, and for the management of the ICIP Alfons Banda Award within the framework of the Young Research Awards.
- Approval or ratification of agreements with various municipalities for the display of the exhibit entitled “Face to face with violence: Stories of resilience in Central America”
- Approval of proposals of agreements and management commissions with organizations, institutions and universities for the execution of joint activities
- Approval of the closing of the 2022 financial year and the institution’s budget for 2023
- Approval of the initiation of the public contracting process for the leasing of the new ICIP offices

## Strategic reflection process

In 2023, ICIP initiated a participatory strategic reflection process between the Governing Board and the staff, which will lead to the approval of the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan. The reflection process was facilitated by the Resilience Earth cooperative, and focused on five key points: developing our organizational culture, reinforcing our institu-

tional structure, becoming an exemplary model in the thematic areas of the institution, structuring the ecosystem of the promotion of peace, and developing our corporate identity and communication strategy.

In order to carry out this reflection process, between February and July, meetings and activities were organized with the work team, management, presidency, and Governing Board members in order to obtain a diagnosis of the current state of the institution and the lessons learned, and to identify the challenges and needs for the next four years.

As a result of the various working sessions, the Governing Board approved a document entitled “Horizon 2028: A pivotal organization.” This document underlines the uniqueness of ICIP as an organization that operates between the institutional and social spheres, and between the local and global spheres.

## 2 Presidency and management

Throughout the year, the presidency and management of ICIP have maintained institutional contacts at different levels: the Government and Parliament of Catalonia; the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation; academia and civil society organizations. Collaborations have been strengthened both locally – with new relationships with the Pau Casals Foundation and PEN Català, among others – and internationally, with contacts with organizations such as the Center for Civil Liberties of Ukraine, Viasna of Belarus, Memorial of Russia, and with the promoters of the World Peace Forum Barcelona 2023. At the international level, ICIP’s management has also offered technical advice regarding the development of the Colombian government’s peace policy.

In Catalonia, institutional activity has been marked by the organization of the First Peace Conference of the Parliament of Catalonia and by preparations for the Catalan Forum for Peace, a process of reflection and participation promoted by the Government of Catalonia, the Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace (CCFP), ICIP and civil society associations. The forum has a double objective: to create a public policy for peace in Catalonia and to strengthen the movement for peace (for more information, see the section entitled “Synergies with other actors and internationalization”).

In order to launch the Catalan Forum for Peace – of which ICIP acts as Technical Secretariat – in 2023, the director of ICIP joined the Forum’s Working Group, together with the presidency of the CCFP and the Directorate General for Development Cooperation.

ICIP management has also collaborated with the Delegation of the Catalan Government in Madrid to organize a conference on dialogue; with the Delegation of the Catalan Government in the Balkans to organize an award ceremony for the two associations of war victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina that won the ICIP Award 2023; and with the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs to organize a visit to Madrid of three representatives of the associations awarded the Nobel Peace Prize 2022 and a conference on mediation of armed conflicts.

Internally, the ICIP management and team have promoted the Horizon 2028 strategic plan, as well as the process to elaborate its own labor agreement with the intention of approving it in 2024.

## First Peace Conference

On 30 January, the School Day of Nonviolence and Peace, ICIP and the Parliament of Catalonia organized the First Peace Conference, with the collaboration of Lafede.cat and the Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace.

The conference brought together representatives of the peace movement in Catalonia and consisted of two roundtables: “Peacebuilding alternatives for a paradigm change: The contributions of Catalan organizations,” featuring the participation of Albert Caramés (Fundipau), Ana Vilellas (School for a Culture of Peace), Tica Font (Delàs Center for Peace Studies), Luca Gervasoni (NOVACT) and Pilar Font (Peace Brigades International); and “Civil society versus war and authoritarian regimes: Ukraine, Russia and Belarus,” featuring the participation of representatives of the three organizations awarded the Nobel Peace Prize 2022: Oleksandra Romantsova, executive director of the Center for Civil Liberties (Ukraine); Natallia Satsunkevich, member of the Interim Board of the Viasna Human Rights Center (Belarus); and Alexander Cherkasov, president of the Board of the Memorial Human Rights Center (Russia).

These three civil society initiatives – one individual and two collective – were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize 2022 for their work in denouncing war crimes and defending peace and human rights. ICIP, together with the organization NOVACT, organized the visit of this delegation to Barcelona and Madrid.

## Appearance before the Parliament of Catalonia

As established in the law that created ICIP, the president and the director of the institution, Xavier Masllorens and Kristian Herbolzheimer, respectively, appeared before the Commission on Foreign Affairs, Transparency and Cooperation of the Parliament of Catalonia on 8 June to present the annual Activity Report for 2022.

In their speeches, the president and the director of ICIP highlighted the work carried out by the institution and defended the need to work on the promotion of the culture of peace in a context of global setbacks.

The activity presented by ICIP in the 2022 annual report received near-unanimous support of the spokespersons for the various parliamentary groups. In their speeches, the groups Socialistes Units per Avançar, ERC, Junts per Catalunya, CUP and En Comú Podem conveyed their gratitude and congratulations for the work of dissemination and promotion of peace carried out by ICIP, and its contribution to the promotion of the culture of peace in Catalan society and around the world.



Celebration of the First Peace Conference at the Parliament of Catalonia, 30 January 2023

# Thematic work areas

ICIP's activity is structured around four work areas, focused on issues where the institution can provide added value and contribute to theoretical and practical innovation in peacebuilding.

The four areas feature components of analysis and research, of consciousness-raising and advocacy, and of alliances with social, academic and institutional actors – in Catalonia and around the world.

## **Memory, coexistence and reconciliation**

We promote the participation of victims and diasporas in processes of transition to peace.

## **Violence in non-war settings**

We provide tools for analysis and action in situations of high levels of violence that are not formally considered armed conflicts.

## **Social and political dialogue**

We promote dialogue at different levels, with a commitment to depolarization, coexistence and cohesion.

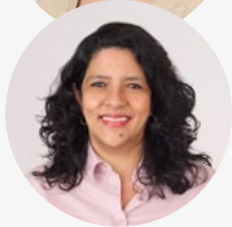
## **Alternatives of security**

We rethink the traditional vision of security based on the principles of the culture of peace and feminism.



“The experiences and voices of victims of conflicts need to be recognized and brought to light and their active participation in processes of transition to peace needs to be promoted.”

**SÍLVIA PLANA**



“Diasporas can be a powerful peacebuilding actor.”

**MARIA EUGENIA BLANDÓN**

## 1 Memory, coexistence and reconciliation

Wars and dictatorships have a social and political impact on societies and people. These impacts are not overcome with the signing of a peace agreement or with democratic elections; what is needed is to promote processes for the reconstruction of the social fabric and reconciliation within the institutions and within society itself. It is necessary to reconstruct the memory of the events that took place in order to promote psychosocial healing and generate conditions to avoid the repetition of cycles of violence.

The objective of this work area is to highlight and support civil society initiatives in processes of transition to peace while promoting the exchange of innovative experiences to foster coexistence, often through creative artistic expressions. In particular, we highlight the role that women and victims can play in processes of peace and memory, with a special focus on those who have had to leave their country and are in the diaspora.

In 2023, based on our knowledge of the Colombian diaspora, acquired through our three years of work as Technical Secretariat of the Truth Commission of Colombia in Europe, this work area has emphasized the study and conceptualization of diasporas as peacebuilding agents. Our work began with contacts with different diaspora communities established in Catalonia, such as those from Ukraine, Syria, Iran and Palestine.

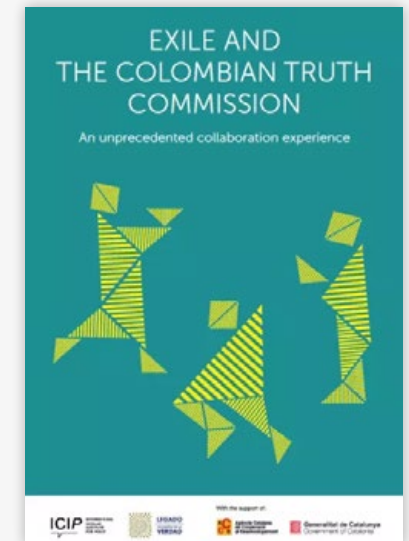
## Dissemination of the work process with the Truth Commission of Colombia

The work carried out by ICIP as Technical Secretariat of the Truth Commission of Colombia in Europe (2019-2022) has been featured in a publication with the objective of serving as inspiration for other countries in conflict that promote truth commissions and assume the commitment to work with the exiled community in these processes.

*Exile and the Colombian Truth Commission. An unprecedented collaboration experience*, published in 2023 in the ICIP reports series, recounts the participatory process of the exiled community in several European countries with the Truth Commission of Colombia. The publication relates how the exiled community participated – through working groups (nodes) – and describes the central element of the process: listening, the psychosocial approach, recognition and the role of art as a healing and transformational element, among others.

Thus, the report aims to compile the legacy of the Commission and the lessons of the process; recognize the work of people, organizations and institutions involved in this experience; contribute to the recognition of “Colombia outside of Colombia”; and provide the international community with a tool to design future participatory processes of exiled, refugee and migrant communities in processes of peace, memory and reconciliation.

In line with the spirit of the Colombian peace agreement, the key element of this work, and of the peacebuilding process itself, is the leading role of the victims.



The methodology used to prepare the document combined a meeting for analysis and reflection in Barcelona, virtual focus groups with participants of the process in various European countries, and personal interviews, as well as the compilation of documentation.

The publication received the support of the Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation.

## Public presentations

Throughout 2023, ICIP has presented the publication at several events: at the annual conference of the Memory Studies Association, held in July, in Newcastle (United Kingdom); at the “Geneva Peace Week,” in November, in Geneva (Switzerland); and at the conferences entitled “State violence and management of memory” at Pompeu Fabra University, and “War, peace and the management of memory” at the University of Lleida, both of which took place in May.

In addition, ICIP participated in the events held to celebrate the first anniversary of the publication of the Final Report of the Truth Commission of Colombia. In Barcelona, the event took place at Espai Jove La Fontana, organized by ICIP, Taula Catalana for Peace and Human Rights in Colombia, the group Generación V+, the Youth Council of Barcelona and the International University of Peace. The celebration featured a theatrical performance and a debate on the status of the peacebuilding process in Colombia.

### “Exilios y lejanías. Relatos de mujeres colombianas”

The result of the coordination work of the Colombian exile, within the framework of the process of the Truth Commission of Colombia, ICIP has participated in the preparation and publication of the book entitled *Exilios y lejanías. Relatos de mujeres colombianas*. The book was written and illustrated by thirteen Colombian women living in exile in Germany, Canada, Denmark, Spain, Italy, Norway and Sweden.

The book, promoted by the Internodal Gender Group in Support of the Colombian Truth Commission’s Legacy, contains forty accounts of life experiences in exile.



Presentation of the book *Exilios y lejanías. Relatos de mujeres colombianas* at the Born Center for Culture and Memory, October 2023

It was presented publicly in October at an event at the Born Center for Culture and Memory in the framework of a meeting of authors and editors of the book in Barcelona.

## Audiovisual screenings

The documentary short *Para volverte a ver*, produced by ICIP and Mandorla Films, features the experiences of Colombians in exile. It has been screened at several film festivals (see section on “Exhibitions and audiovisual materials”).

In addition, ICIP organized a screening of the documentary *Del otro lado*, by Iván Guarnizo, which deals with forgiveness in the context of the Colombian conflict. The audiovisual was screened at the University of Barcelona Law School during the 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS 2023) conference “Authoritarianism & Genocide: Narratives of Exclusion”.



Finally, ICIP collaborated with the Colombia Migrante Film Festival, which was held internationally from 1-8 October 2023 in more than 14 countries, with the aim of raising awareness and building ties through cinema and documentaries, tools of symbolic and collective memory of forced migration, in particular that of Colombia.

## Diasporas and peacebuilding

In 2023, our work area has progressed in research and conceptualization regarding the capacity of people in the diaspora as relevant actors for social and political transformation, both in their country of origin and of resettlement. This has been done with the aim of contributing to more inclusive and participatory peace processes, and promoting a greater participation of diverse actors.

The book *Exilios y lejanías. Relatos de mujeres colombianas* was written and illustrated by thirteen Colombian women who live in exile



An example of this process is the publication of the article *Diasporas Building Memory and Peace: The Role of the Diaspora with the Colombian Truth Commission* and its presentation at the conference “Diasporic heritage and identity,” held in June at the University of Amsterdam (Netherlands).

In addition, contacts with various diaspora communities established in Catalonia were made throughout the year. For example, ICIP organized a meeting between the associations of Ukraine, Russia and Belarus that were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize 2022 and people and associations of the Ukrainian, Russian and Belarusian diasporas in Barcelona. Meeting spaces and links have also been established with the Syrian diaspora in Europe and with the Iranian diaspora in Catalonia (see section on “Situational analysis sessions”).



“Chronic and high-intensity violences in non-war settings have been addressed mainly from a repressive and militaristic logic of public security. We need to deal with them from a peacebuilding perspective.”

SABINA PUIG

## 2 Violence in non-war settings

The vast majority of organizations and study centers dedicated to peace strive to prevent, understand and stop armed conflicts and rebuild societies once hostilities end. A look at current international events makes it clear that this work is still essential.

However, peace is more than the absence of war. Peace, as understood at ICIP, is not the opposite of war, but the opposite of violences – direct, structural and cultural – and these violences can take place both within and outside war settings.

For this reason, quite some time ago, ICIP decided to create a thematic work area that would focus on those situations with high levels of violence that are not considered armed conflicts and examine what practical and theoretical tools from the broad scope of peacebuilding can be applied.

In these violent situations, there is no lack of people or organizations that act locally for a social and political transformation, for the promotion of the culture of peace and the defense of human rights, and for the strengthening of the community. One of the main objectives of ICIP is precisely to identify initiatives of this type, learn

from their experiences and facilitate the transfer of knowledge and methodologies among them.

Throughout 2023, ICIP has explored and defended the role of two actors who are not necessarily identified as peacebuilders, but who actually do an extraordinary job in reporting and preventing violence. On the one hand, there are groups of families of victims of enforced disappearances who seek truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-repetition. And on the other, groups of artists who resort to hip hop culture as a tool of education for peace and social transformation.

## Building peace in Mexico

As part of the study and analysis of the multiple acts of violence recorded in Mexico, ICIP is part of the Platform for Peacebuilding in Mexico, a space of dialogue and synergy, formally established in 2022, in which 25 organizations and various people from the field of peace and human rights have converged. The Platform is partly the



result of the First International Forum for Peacebuilding in Mexico, organized in Barcelona in 2019 by Taula per Mèxic, Serapaz and ICIP.

The Platform meets quarterly in online sessions for joint analysis and reflection, from a peace perspective, on strategies to deal with the multiple violences that Mexico experiences. In September 2023, the Platform celebrated its second face-to-face meeting at Casa Xitla, south of Mexico City, which brought together forty people linked to the member organizations. This second meeting also provided an opportunity to define the internal organization and to identify strategies and methodologies for future actions.

In addition to the internal work sessions, the Platform convened a “Discussion group of citizen peacebuilding initiatives,” an event that featured other proposals and projects related to peace in the country.

Additionally, a delegation from ICIP attended the National Dialogue for Peace, an event held at the Ibero-American University of Puebla from 21-23 September. This meeting, convened by the Conference of the Mexican Episcopate, the Conference of Major Superiors of Mexico, the Episcopal Lay Dimension and the Mexican Province of the Society of Jesus was the culmination of a participatory process in which 10,000 people engaged in dialogues and forums across the country. The Dialogue of Puebla brought together more than 1,300 people with the aim of generating a space for plural and inclusive dialogue about security and peacebuilding in Mexico.

## Disappearances and Peace

Enforced disappearances constitute a host of serious human rights violations with an enormous impact, not only on the people directly affected, but also on the community. Based on this premise, ICIP has decided to further explore the relationship between peacebuilding and the search for disappeared persons and, at the same time, highlight the importance of the contributions of groups who search for disappeared persons and contribute to the transfer of knowledge and tools to bolster their work.

With this objective in mind, ICIP commissioned the preparation of a study on this issue and, at the same time, organized a meeting with people from different social,



International meeting of families of disappeared persons held in Barcelona, November 2023

cultural and geographical backgrounds who search for disappeared persons.

The meeting was held from 27-29 November in Barcelona in order to: create a space to share experiences and knowledge; reflect on the peacebuilding role of people who search for disappeared persons; propose tools that facilitate and strengthen the work of peacebuilding; and raise awareness regarding the phenomenon of enforced disappearances and the need for mechanisms of prevention and mechanisms to guarantee the right to truth, justice and reparation, and collect observations for the upcoming World Congress on Enforced Disappearances which is scheduled to take place in Geneva in 2024.

Women from twelve countries participated in the meeting, including women from the Basque Country and from Catalonia. They all had in common the experience of having a close family member forcibly disappeared and their subsequent struggle to find them. The organizations and institutions invited to attend included: Act for the Disappeared (Lebanon), CEDI, Colectivo Búscame (Mexico), COFAMIDESUR (Honduras), Collectif SOS Disparu(e)s (Algeria), Comité de familias de Saharais desaparecidos (Western Sahara), FEDEFAM (Switzerland), FEMED (France), Fundación Baketik (Basque Country), Fundación Faryd Leonardo Porrás Bernal (Colombia), Fundación Nydia Erika Bautista (Colombia), H.I.J.O.S. Barcelona (Argentina and Catalonia), International Commission on Missing Persons (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Movimiento Por Nuestros Desaparecidos (Mexico), MOVIR, (El Salvador), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Switzerland), Reds (Catalonia), Sodepau (Catalonia), SOS Bebés Robados (Spain),

Srebrenica Memorial Center (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Truth and Justice Charter (Syria).

## Organized crime and peacebuilding

One of the objectives of this work area is to promote reflection on the dynamics of violence related to the action of criminal organizations as well as on peacebuilding strategies in environments affected by their presence. In this regard, the training seminar co-organized with Taula per Colòmbia and Taula per Mèxic entitled “Peacebuilding in the face of criminal violence in Mexico and Colombia,” stands out. It took place in May and featured the participation of Guillermo Trejo and Angélica Durán Martínez.

ICIP also organized the analysis session “Indigenous resistance in Mexico” held in October, with the participation of representatives from the Consejo Nacional Indígena and from the Centro de Derechos Humanos Frayba of Mexico. The aim of the session was to reflect on the increase in violence in Chiapas and other Mexican territories, especially in relation to the penetration of organized crime and the construction of megaprojects such as the Tren Maya, the Corredor Transistmico and the Corredor Integral Morelos. These are factors that particularly affect Indigenous peoples and communities and that require reflection and action from a peacebuilding approach.

## Analysis of youth gangs

ICIP continues to collaborate with the research project “LEBAN: ¿Legalizar las bandas? La constitución de agrupaciones juveniles de calle en España, Ecuador y El Salvador: evaluación y prospectiva (2000-2025)” funded by the Spanish government. The collaboration consisted in the co-authorship of the chapter “Pandillas: intervención y control. Apuntes sobre tres realidades distintas” which is part of the book *Bandas fuera, bandas dentro. Organizaciones juveniles de calle en Iberoamérica* (Ned Ediciones, 2023) and with a paper in the framework of the international seminar “Transgang and Leban Final Conference: Researching Youth Street Groups in the Global Age,” which took place at Pompeu Fabra University from 15-17 May.





Roundtable during the Artèria Hip Hop international meeting, October 2023

## Artèria Hip Hop: International meeting of education for peace and social transformation

In October 2023, Barcelona hosted the first edition of Artèria Hip Hop, an international meeting of people and groups involved in projects for the culture of peace and transformative education through the various artistic expressions of hip hop.

The initiative was co-organized by ICIP, the Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation and the Catalan Youth Agency, with support from Versembrant, Heal Hop and Erol Urbà. The meeting, which took place from 5-7 October, brought together thirty participants and groups from ten countries, and featured workshops, presentations, debates and concerts open to the public. Noted participants included groups such as Agroarte (Colombia), Barrio Arte (Costa Rica), Casa Kolacho (Colombia), Colectivo Qhispikay (Peru), Comunica con Alma (Brazil), Evalutile (Chile), Hip Hop Works, Let's Grow (Valencia), Nosotras Somos Hip Hop (Panama), Global Platform (El Salvador), Rapijudesco (Colombia), Vella Escola (Galicia) and Warriors Zulu Nation (Honduras). Artists from Mexico, Andalusia and Catalonia also participated in the event.

The various activities generated a space for the exchange of experiences – both local

and international – of transformative education through hip hop and provided good ideas to improve the educational practices of participants and the public. Additionally, they highlighted hip hop culture as an educational and transformative tool.

Artèria Hip Hop has also been present at the Esperanzah music festivals in El Prat de Llobregat, and Perifèria Beat at the Pou de la Figuera community center in Barcelona. These events also defend culture as a means of social transformation and community building.

## “Facing violence” exhibit

Through photography and interviews, the outdoor exhibition “Facing violence: Stories of Resilience in Central America” is a journey through the many faces of violence that affect daily life in three countries of Central America known as the Northern Triangle: El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

However, the exhibition also gives voice to the people who fight daily to stand up to this violence. In 2023, the exhibition was on display in various Catalan municipalities (for more information, see the section on “Exhibitions and audiovisual productions”).

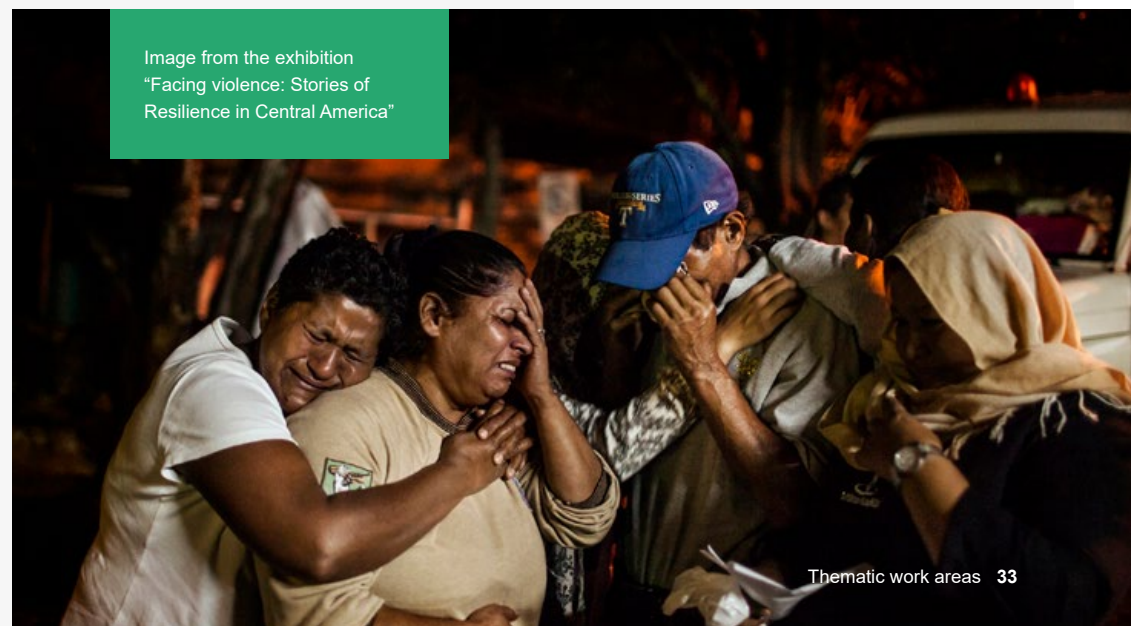


Image from the exhibition “Facing violence: Stories of Resilience in Central America”



“Dialogue is the art of finding what is true in the arguments of others.”

PABLO AGUIAR

### 3 Social and political dialogue

Conflicts are part of human nature and, when managed constructively, they contribute to social progress. But if they are not recognized and treated in time, they can affect social coexistence and, in extreme cases, escalate to violent scenarios. When a section of the population denies legitimacy and advocates the elimination of divergent democratic thinking, polarization becomes toxic: a destructive dynamic that also affects consolidated democracies. This work area offers tools for analyzing, managing and transforming conflicts, specifically promoting dialogue to prevent or redirect conflicts: political dialogue at the institutional level and social dialogue in all spheres of society.

In this work area, in 2023, we have continued working on two consolidated activities: the implementation, for the fifth consecutive year, of our annual survey, and the third edition of Àgora, a space for meeting and dialogue among people with different perspectives.

This year, as something new, we have produced a short informative video about the risks of toxic polarization and how to deal with it, and we have begun to analyze the culture of peace in Catalan society through the concept of “social cohesion,” with a conference on the relevance of this approach. At the international level, we have started a task – which, by necessity, is discrete – facilitating dialogue between social and political organizations that work for a democratic transition. And we have also organized a conference on the roles of local actors in mediation, in collaboration with the European network EPLO and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of the Spanish government.

### ICIP surveys on coexistence in Catalonia

Over the past five years, ICIP has consolidated the analysis on the public perception of coexistence in Catalonia with the publication of annual surveys. Continuing along these lines, two surveys were published in 2023: the ICIP 2022 Survey, entitled “Coexistence and cohesion in Catalonia” and based on a questionnaire conducted in October 2022, was presented in March; and the ICIP 2023 Survey, entitled “Coexistence and security in Catalonia” and based on a questionnaire conducted in July 2023, was presented in November.

In both cases, the aim of the surveys is to evaluate the evolution of perceptions and attitudes of coexistence and interpersonal trust, and to understand the degree of ideological and emotional polarization of Catalan society.

The ICIP 2022 Survey specifically analyzes the degree of social cohesion in Catalonia and concludes that, for the most part, society is imbued with the values of the culture of peace: it is open to the resettlement of refugees, critical of military spending and aware of social and global justice. The survey also assesses perceptions on coexistence and polarization. In this respect, the poll shows a deterioration of coexistence indicators and an increase in polarization regarding all the topics of debate, particularly regarding the pro-independence process.



These two issues are also analyzed in the ICIP 2023 Survey and the results are similar. This second survey confirms that the assessment of coexistence maintains a downward trend and that the pro-independence process is the issue that most divides Catalan society.

The ICIP 2023 Survey, focused on security, concludes that the perception of personal security is mostly stable while most of the population considers that security in Catalonia and in the world has worsened in the last year. In light of this situation, the survey finds that citizens prioritize social policies, especially educational policies and training in values, as a way to increase safety.

The two surveys were presented publicly in a press conference at the Association of Journalists of Catalonia.

## Audiovisual about toxic polarization

Polarization, insofar as the existence of opposing positions with respect to topics of debate, is not in itself negative for society, but beyond the confrontation of ideas typical of a democratic system, there is a phenomenon on the rise in many established democracies that is indeed pernicious. ICIP refers to it as “toxic polarization,” a dynamic which involves belittling and delegitimizing positions that are different from one’s own: “others” are seen as “enemies,” and there is no room for dialogue, debate or a constructive confrontation of ideas.



Toxic polarization affects coexistence, cohesion and democratic culture because it deteriorates political and social debates, generates political disaffection and can lead to violence.

With the aim of warning of the risks of this phenomenon and, at the same time, presenting tools that, as a society, we have at our disposal to avoid it, ICIP has produced the animated audiovisual “Risks of toxic polarization: How to deal with it,” in collaboration with Intuitivo Films. The video is available in Catalan, Spanish and English on the ICIP YouTube channel.

## Dialogue promotion initiatives

This ICIP work area organizes dialogue initiatives to promote conversation and listening among people with different – and even conflicting – views.

In 2023, ICIP has continued working on the Àgora Project, developed jointly with the Catalunya Europa Foundation and the Casa dels Clàssics. The project consists in the celebration of three work sessions, in October and November, with the participation of influential people from different areas of society and diverse ideological leanings.

The sessions were led by María Begoña Román, professor of Ethics and Bioethics in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Barcelona and Head of the Department of Ethics at Ramon Llull University; Raül Garrigasait, classical philologist, writer and associate professor at the University of Barcelona; and Joan Manuel del Pozo, PhD in Philosophy and emeritus professor at the University of Girona.

The methodology consisted of a reading of classic texts selected by Casa dels Clàssics, from which topics of debate and reflection related to the political conflict in Catalonia emerged.

Regarding the promotion of dialogue and constructive debate, ICIP also launched the “Polaritzamaton” project in 2023 in collaboration with Institut Provençana in L’Hospitalet de Llobregat. This initiative seeks to measure the degree of toxic polarization of citizens, in this case, of vocational training students. The project was

awarded first prize in the Teaching Excellence category of the ImpulsFP Awards, a competition that honors the best entrepreneurial initiatives of vocational training students in Catalonia.

## Analysis of social cohesion

Social cohesion and fracture, bond and exclusion, or the sense of belonging are issues of debate in our society, and they change based on migratory movements, new dynamics of social interaction and phenomena such as the rise of the extreme right and hate crimes. In order to reflect on how to face new social realities, ICIP organized the seminar “New looks at social cohesion: Dynamics of interrelationship and social segmentation in 21<sup>st</sup> century Catalonia.” The session took place in Barcelona in June and was organized in collaboration with the Institute of Catalan Studies (Philosophy and Social Sciences section), the Sociology of Religion research team (ISOR) at the Autonomous University of Barcelona and the Paco Candel Foundation.

## International mediation experiences

In 2023, ICIP started working on the analysis of situations of democratic transitions in order to extract lessons learned that can be applied in other contexts.

In addition, ICIP co-organized a conference in December on the roles of local actors in mediation in collaboration with the European NGO network EPLO, the European Union and the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation. The conference took place in Madrid and brought together 33 participants, including members of the European Union (EU) and the ministry, and representatives of ten countries in armed conflict. Participants contributed their experiences and proposals in regards to challenges of security, financing and advocacy of local actors, and how to link local initiatives with international ones. The objective of the session was to make specific recommendations for the EU and the Spanish government.



“To transform violences, we must transfer investment and trust from punitive mechanisms to social mechanisms.”

SANDRA MARTÍNEZ

## 4 Alternatives of security

Security is one of the most discussed sociopolitical notions in the world, especially due to the public policies that derive from it. Although it has a profoundly social significance, since its task is to guarantee rights and freedoms and the management of all types of discrimination, these days, it remains a challenge to focus on the transformation of the multiple sources of conflict, insecurity and violence that individuals and groups face.

This is why the “Security alternatives” work area has been consolidating as our main objective the analysis of the collective imaginary and dominant policies since we believe that security must be one of the priorities in building peace. Through the coordination between theory and practice, and the promotion of spaces for dialogue among various actors, we aim to redirect the priority of the security model towards the wellbeing of the people directly affected by violences and address the causes in order to transform them.

All over the world, we are seeing a proliferation of security policies that stigmatize difference, minorities, dissidence or simple dynamics of discrepancy that often provoke an escalation of the conflict that was trying to be avoided. They are zero-sum practices (“if you lose, I win”) that focus on pointing out enemies and threats, and their goal is immediate confrontation and deterrence, but not cooperation or a deep transformation of violent relationships of an interpersonal, communal or structu-



ral nature. Thus, at the local level, security is mainly based on fighting crime and guaranteeing public order, while at the international level, security is completely linked to militarized defense structures that seek to protect sovereignty and territorial integrity. These models are based on a restrictive, reactive and state vision of security, which does not nearly respond to current needs because it leaves aside many expressions of insecurity and social violence and also does not offer positive long-term results.

Throughout 2023, we have reflected especially on the interrelationship between peace, security and justice, and this has led us to examine how the culture of punishment is expressed. At the same time, we have analyzed experiences that distance themselves from this punitive model and that are achieving positive results. We have highlighted the practices that lead to more pacifist models, with a more comprehensive and restorative vision, such as humane and feminist security and restorative justice. Therefore, the priority has been to encourage the generation of knowledge and evidence that break the logic that more force, more weapons, more control and more coercion always equals more security and justice.

### Monograph of the *Peace in Progress* magazine

Within the framework of this work area, ICIP has dedicated issue number 41 of the *Peace in Progress* magazine to the analysis of alternatives to punitiveness. Entitled “The culture of punishment: A critical approach,” this issue of the magazine reflects on the interrelationship between the concepts of peace, security and justice through eight in-depth articles by Sandra Martínez, Albert Sales, Paz Francés, Clara Serra, Noe Ayguasenos, Teiahsha Bankhead and Rachel V. Brown, Claudia Cesaroni and Paola Zavala Saeb. The monograph also includes an interview with criminologist Howard Zehr, a pioneer of the modern concept of restorative justice.



Presentation of the monograph of the *Peace in Progress* magazine entitled “The culture of punishment: A critical approach” at the Jaume Bofill Foundation in Barcelona, June 2023



The magazine, through various articles, reflects on more humane and just alternatives to address violences and build a peaceful society.

The *Peace in Progress* magazine is published simultaneously in Catalan, Spanish and English, in a digital format and, for this issue, a printed edition has been published in Catalan and Spanish. The monograph was presented at a public event held at the offices of the Jaume Bofill Foundation in Barcelona. The presentation consisted of a debate moderated by *Crític* newspaper journalist Laia Soldevila and featuring three of the authors of the magazine: philosopher Clara Serra (University of Barcelona), criminologist Paz Francés (Public University of Navarra) and political scientist and criminologist Albert Sales (Institut Metròpoli). ICIP later organized a second presentation of the monograph, addressed to a Latin American public. In this case, it was a webinar that featured the participation of two authors: Claudia Cesaroni, from Argentina (Centro de Estudios en Política Criminal y Derechos Humanos) and Paola Zavala, from Mexico (Autonomous University of Mexico). The session was moderated by Sandra Martínez, coordinator of the monograph and author of the magazine's framework article.

### Local policies of human and communal security

This book, published in the “Tools of peace, security and justice” series and within the framework of ICIP's public security group, aims to be a tool to reflect on the need to understand public safety as preventative and transformative management of all forms of violence, from a community perspective.



Presentation of the book *Local policies of human and community security* at the auditorium of La Model in Barcelona, March 2023

The author, Nora Miralles Crespo, presents municipal practices of the Barcelona area that are based on social cohesion, conflict management tools that are not only police-based, and the responsibility of the citizenry in the design of policies. The aim is to highlight the efforts of city councils that, for decades, work with a more extensive security framework, respectful of civil liberties, that moves away from a restrictive and punitive approach.

Along with the book's publication, ICIP organized a public conference with the aim of promoting a space for collective reflection on the potential to transform the (in)security of people at the local level. The event took place in the auditorium of La Model, in Barcelona, in March.

The session featured the participation of the author of the book and people responsible for municipal practices that contribute to the development of public security policies that are based on the culture of peace and the defense of human rights and that shun the merely punitive culture.

Participants included Àngela Rubí, technician for citizen participation at the Castelldefels City Council; Joan Jordán, sub-inspector of the Sabadell Police Department and an exemplary example of mediation; Anabel Rodríguez Basanta, director of the Citizenship and Diversity Rights Service of the Barcelona City Council; and Arnau Funes, head of the Sant Cosme comprehensive action team of the El Prat de Llobregat City Council.

## Research on how security is dealt with in university studies in Catalonia

In 2023, research promoted by ICIP with the aim of analyzing how the university system in Catalonia educates future professionals in charge of managing security at the local, national and international levels was completed. The research centered on higher education in the fields of social and political sciences, and focused on teaching plans for the 2022-2023 academic year.

The research aims to provide a snapshot of the current state of theoretical and practical education regarding security studies in order to find out what notion of security predominates and the difficulties involved in its deployment.

The research consists of a descriptive analysis and delves into the viewpoints of teachers and students. Additionally, it outlines recommendations aimed at decision-makers in the design of syllabuses, which can be useful to improve the detected limitations.

The study will be published in January 2024 in the ICIP Reports series.

## Feminist peace and security

One of the central themes of the "Alternatives of security" work area is to recognize contributions of feminism in the transformation of conflicts and in the definition of a security focused on people and the management of situations of vulnerability.

As part of this debate, in 2023, ICIP promoted a meeting with Laura Sjöberg, professor of Politics and International Relations at the Royal Holloway (University of London) and an expert in feminist security.

The session, held in October at the offices of Lafede.cat, consisted of an exchange of experiences and a workshop to analyze specific proposals for action in the field of feminist security. Issues that were discussed included the advances that have occurred in the introduction of the feminist perspective in the field of peace and security and the challenges that remain and how to address them.

Furthermore, ICIP has provided support, through an R-ICIP grant, to the project “Incorporation of the feminist and crosscutting perspective to local security and prevention policies” of the UVic-UCC Gender Interdisciplinary Studies Center. ICIP has also been part of a working group with participants who work in the field of public safety for the public administration (police forces, mediation services, and participation and equality services) and for civil society organizations.

The purpose of the initiative was to generate a shared framework and share experiences, as well as analyze the difficulties and potentialities of incorporating the feminist and crosscutting perspective in the field of security. The format of a training course aimed at municipal actors, as well as the content of a document of recommendations was also discussed. This document will be published in 2024 and included in the “Tools of peace, security and justice” book series.

### Latin American Network of Women, Peace and Security

The Latin American Network of Women, Peace and Security (RLMPS in its Spanish initials) of which ICIP has been a member since 2022, launched a website in 2023 (<https://www.red-lmps.org/>).

This network is made up of organizations from Colombia, Mexico, Honduras, the Latin American diasporas and international organizations that work for the building of peace and the defense of human rights. Promoters include ICIP, Serapaz, Jass, Ciase, Cinep and Mujer Diáspora.

Since its creation, the network’s goal has been to develop and contribute together to the transformation of perspectives and actions on security, peace and dialogue from a feminist perspective. In the last three years, the Latin American Network has organized workshops and activities in Mexico, Colombia and Catalonia, as well as two annual meetings in Villa de Leyva, Colombia, and in Mexico City.

The new website features Network articles, videos and podcasts in addition to a section of current affairs with the latest activities and relevant news that affect the agenda of Women, Peace and Security.

This year, the alliance has launched a process of documentation and internal debate to consolidate a 2024-2029 strategic plan. The resulting document aims to define the objectives and specific actions for the coming years, as well as operating and decision-making agreements.



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New website of the Latin American Network of Women, Peace and Security, launched in November 2023

### European security architecture

In the context of a nuclear arms race and increased geopolitical tension, ICIP has produced a compilation of reflections and analysis of experts on the defense policy of the European Union and on the feasibility of a reform of Europe’s security and cooperation architecture. The objective was to internally assess possible scenarios and latent needs, and explore strategic actions that could soon be promoted by ICIP.

# Situational analysis sessions

ICIP periodically convenes talks to analyze some of the emerging or recurring conflicts with sessions open to the public and also occasionally behind closed doors.

The year 2023 continued to be marked by the war in Ukraine, which began in 2022, and by the outbreak, in October, of an unprecedented spiral of violence in the Middle East. ICIP has focused a lot of attention on these two international scenarios, but we have also focused on other areas of the world such as the Basque Country, Iran and Mexico.

## Conflict in the Middle East

Since the escalation of violence between Israel and Hamas began, on 7 October 2023, ICIP has opened a special section on its website ([www.icip.cat/en](http://www.icip.cat/en)) containing opinion articles, analyses and statements written from a perspective of peace, with the aim of offering reflections about the conflict to a wide audience.

Additionally, ICIP has released a statement rejecting the violence and has participated in various public events and in the media in order to contribute analysis and insights about the situation.

In November, in collaboration with the CCCB, the IEMed, the Tàpies Foundation and PEN Català, ICIP organized the roundtable “Voices of Palestine,” featuring the participation of Palestinian artists, journalists and writers. ICIP director Kristian Herbolzheimer also participated in the event “Illusory peace and trampled human rights in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict,” at the Ateneu Barcelonès.

## 20 years since “No to war”

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the massive demonstrations against the war in Iraq, which took place in the main cities of Catalonia, was commemorated on 15 February 2023. Coinciding with the anniversary, ICIP organized two roundtables, one in Barcelona and one in Lleida, to commemorate the demonstrations, take stock of the lessons



learned from those mobilizations, and gauge the current strength of the peace movement in Catalonia. The events were organized with the support of Lafede.cat and the Coordinating Committee of NGOs and other Solidarity Movements of Lleida.

## Challenges for peace in the Basque Country

Coinciding with the announcement of the dissolution of the Permanent Social Forum – a platform of organizations which was created in 2016 in order to promote the peace process in the Basque Country – ICIP organized a discussion with the Forum’s spokesperson, Agus Hernán, on the pending challenges for the consolidation of peace in the Basque Country, especially with regards to reconciliation and memory.

## A criminal response to environmental plunder

In March, ICIP brought together experts who, from different disciplines and scopes of action, shared insights, analysis and proposals on how the environment – especially tropical rainforests – can legally be preserved from plunder, and how to strengthen the protection of human rights of people who live in overexploited territories. The team responsible for the R-ICIP 2022 research project “The responsibility of the state and private entities for international crimes in the Brazilian Amazonia: The price of greed” collaborated in the work seminar. The conclusions of the session have been published in a report.



Working seminar held at the ICIP offices, March 2023

## International trends in peacebuilding

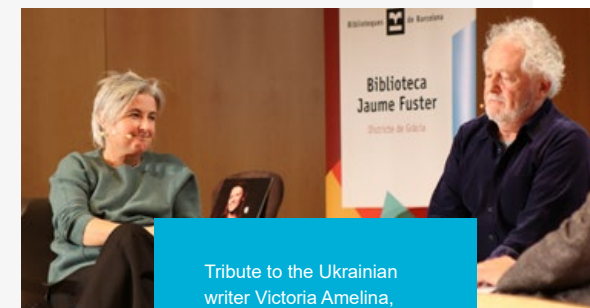
Session by Teresa Whitfield, independent consultant and expert in conflict resolution and peacebuilding in Central America, East Timor and Kosovo. ICIP organized

this session aimed at people who work in areas related to peacebuilding in Catalonia. The event coincided with Whitfield’s visit to Barcelona in June to present her book *Endgame for ETA: Elusive peace in the Basque Country*, published in Spanish by ICIP and Bellaterra Edicions in 2023.

## Tribute to Ukrainian writer Victoria Amelina

In the context of the war in Ukraine, in November 2023, ICIP and PEN Català organized a tribute to the Ukrainian writer and journalist, Victoria Amelina, killed by Russian forces in a missile attack on civilian buildings in the city of Kramatorsk. The tribute aimed to be a remembrance for all those Ukrainian writers and journalists who have lost their lives during the Russian invasion.

Participants included Colombian writer Héctor Abad Faciolince, who was with Amelina when the fatal attack occurred; the president of PEN Ukraine, Volodymyr Yermolenko; and the writer and member of PEN Català, Carles Torner. The event featured the musical performance of Ukrainians Sergey Maiboroda and Anna Slizivova, members of the Unlock Art organization.



Tribute to the Ukrainian writer Victoria Amelina, held at the Jaume Fuster Library in Barcelona, November 2023

## Analysis of nonviolence

In November 2023, Iranian professor and dissident, Ramin Jahanbegloo, an international icon in the study of nonviolence, was in Barcelona. Coinciding with his visit, ICIP organized several spaces for dialogue with the aim of sharing the challenges and opportunities for nonviolence in today’s world and, more specifically, the political and social situation in Iran, with various actors: Catalan peace organizations, people and organizations of the Iranian diaspora in Catalonia, and staff from the Department of Foreign Action and the European Union, and from the Catalan Agency for Cooperation Development.

# Awards, calls for proposals and grants

ICIP disseminates the culture of peace through the awarding of grants to entities and research groups, and through awards and competitions that seek to recognize outstanding initiatives for the promotion of peace.

The ICIP Peace in Progress Award, with its twelve years of history, is the institution's key award.

With regard to initiatives aimed at young people, the Hip Hop for Peace Contest and the ICIP Alfons Banda Award, which is part of the Youth Research Awards, are worth mentioning.

## 1 ICIP Peace in Progress Award

The ICIP Peace in Progress Award is conferred annually with the aim of honoring and publicly recognizing individuals, groups or entities that, in an outstanding and extensive manner, have worked for and contributed to promoting peace.



ICIP 2023 Award Ceremony at the Parliament of Catalonia on 21 September, the International Day of Peace.

The award is granted by the ICIP Governing Board and consists of public recognition, a sculpture created by the Nobel Peace Prize winner, artist and activist, Adolfo Pérez Esquivel, called Porta del Sol, and a financial award of 6,000 euros.

In 2023, the ICIP Award was granted to “Women victims of war” and “Forgotten children of war,” two associations of Bosnia and Herzegovina. They received the award for their work denouncing rape as a weapon of war, fighting against impunity, and empowering and drawing attention to victims of sexual violence.

## 2 ICIP Hip Hop for Peace Contest

The ICIP Hip Hop for Peace Contest aims to promote the values of the culture of peace and nonviolence among young people through hip hop. Launched in 2016, this contest has the support of the Department of Education of the Government of Catalonia, the Catalan Agency for Youth and the Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation.



The award ceremony for the Seventh Hip Hop for Peace Contest took place in April at Lleialtat Santseca in Barcelona, with the participation of the award-winning groups.

### Category 1: Open to students in Catalonia in compulsory high school (ESO), vocational training and post-compulsory high school

- **First prize:** “A terra les fronteres,” a video created by students from Josep Brugulat High School in Banyoles (Pla de l’Estany); winners of the recording and musical production of a rap piece in a professional recording studio with artistic support. The song calls for humility and a critical spirit: “Don’t let your opinions be bigotry; we need to stamp out these vices,” the students rap.
- **Second prize:** “Retumba,” a video created by students from Vall de Llémna High School in Sant Gregori (Gironès); winners of a rap workshop led by a professional hip hop artist. The jury recognized the empowering and transforming spirit that the song conveys and the call for personal involvement to take action.
- **Special mentions:** The jury highlighted the artistic quality of “Mi manifiesto,” a video created by students from the EMAV-School of Audiovisual Communication in Barcelona (Barcelonès), and the production of “Malson,” by students from Pla de les Moreres High School in Vilanova del Camí (Anoia).

### Category 2: Open to young people between the ages of 12 and 25 who participate in youth, cultural, civic or socio-educational centers in Catalonia

- **First prize:** “Un toc de Salt,” a video created by young people from Salt (Gironès) who participate in the project that bears the same name as the song. The project is an initiative of Palau Vincles, a social project of the Orfeó Català-Palau de la Música Catalana Foundation; winners of the recording and musical production of a rap piece in a professional recording studio with artistic support. The song puts us in the shoes of young people from immigrant families who feel that they are neither from here nor there and who defend both art and friendship as liberating elements.
- **Second prize:** “Futur just,” a video created by young people from Santa Maria de Palautordera and Sant Celoni who collaborate with the Coordinating Group for Fair Trade and Ethical Finances of Barcelona (Barcelonès); winners of a rap workshop led by a hip hop professional. The song is a critique of capitalism and a call to be

responsible consumers.

- **Special mention:** “L’empatia s’ha d’entendre,” created by young people from the Sant Rafael School of Special Education in Tarragona (Tarragonès). The jury highlighted the representation of the elements and values of hip hop culture and the inclusive message conveyed by the piece.

The call for the eighth edition of the contest was announced in 2023 and the winners will be determined in 2024.

### 3 ICIP Alfons Banda Award

The ICIP Alfons Banda Award recognizes the work of students in the third and fourth years of high school (ESO) and in post-compulsory education (high school after age 16 and intermediate and higher level vocational training courses) which promotes the analysis and achievement of results in the theoretical field of building a culture of peace or the practical application of nonviolent conflict management.

This award is part of the Young Research Awards conferred by the Agency for the Management of University and Research Grants (AGAUR) with the aim of promoting the scientific spirit of young people.

#### Winners of the Sixth ICIP Alfons Banda Award

- “Muts i a la gàbia! Sobre la llibertat d’expressió i els seus límits,” by Berlín Piñero Masanés, a student at Cendrassos High School in Figueres.
- “360 minuts dins d’un centre penitenciari,” by Sara de Haro Vitova and Gisela Pérez Sánchez, students from El Cairat High School in Esparraguera.

Winning entries receive a financial award of 850 euros each.

The call for the seventh edition of the ICIP Alfons Banda Award was announced in 2023 and the winners will be determined in 2024.

### 4 Grants

Once again this year, ICIP announced the annual calls for grant applications for research work in the field of peace (R-ICIP) and for projects of entities, foundations and non-profit cooperatives aimed at promoting peace.

#### Projects receiving grants in the 2023 call for research work in the field of peace, for a total amount of 78,188 euros:

- Women and peace in Casamance (Senegal): From culture and memory to mediation (UDL)
- Social media and sport as spaces for belonging and for the reproduction of dominant discourses about gender and ethnicity among adolescents: A comparison between Catalonia and Zuid-Holland (UVIC)
- Co-creation of visits to spaces of historical memory by groups who have experienced exile (CETT)
- Dynamics of political polarization and depolarization in Catalonia (UB)
- Access to justice in the context of corporate abuses: Litigation as a strategy of resistance and victim empowerment (URV)
- Nuclear deterrence, education and transformational change (UOC)
- Violence in the Mediterranean: Migration, security, human rights and migration control digital technologies (UPF)
- Climate change and securitization in the Sahel: Emerging insecurity frameworks from an ecological security approach (URL)

**Projects receiving grants in the 2023 call for non-profit organizations, for a total amount of 79,316.35 euros:**

- Textile cartographies of the Afghan diaspora (La Quinta Pata Cultural Association)
- Tools for rural dialogue (Micel Rural Coop)
- Children of utopia (Azahara Cultural Association)
- Educate for peace from human rights (Pau Casals Foundation)
- Strengthening of migrant women peace and security builders (Mujer Diáspora Association)
- Facilitating the participation of the elderly in the eco-social dialogue regarding the climate conflict (L'Esberla)
- Theater as a vehicle for a positive and just peace and a common security (Fundipau)

In both cases, the project execution period is twelve months and will end on 29 September 2024.



# Exhibitions and production of audiovisual materials

Since its creation, ICIP has produced a variety of exhibitions and audiovisual materials related to the topics of our four work areas. These materials are available to organizations and administrations that are interested in their dissemination and in promoting the culture of peace.

## “Facing Violence: Stories of Resilience in Central America”

Exhibition created by Ruido Photo and produced by ICIP. Through photography and interviews, the exhibit is a journey through the many faces of the violence that affects everyday life in three Central American countries known as the Northern Triangle: El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. At the same time, it puts faces to the brave people who dedicate their time to dealing with these violences, with a surprising capacity for resilience.

In 2023, the exhibition was on display at the Museum of Immigration History, in Sant Adrià de Besòs, and in the streets and squares of Cornellà de Llobregat, Gavà, Sant Joan Despí and Santa Perpètua de Mogoda.

Image from the exhibition  
“Facing Violence: Stories of  
Resilience in Central America”



## “Para volverte a ver”

Short about the Colombian exile community in Europe and its contribution to the process of the Truth Commission of Colombia. The documentary, produced by Mandorla Films, premiered in July 2022. In 2023, it has been screened at various film festivals: in the official section of the 7th International Film Festival for Democratic Memory (FESCIMED), in Madrid; at the Cine a la Calle Film Festival in Barranquilla (Colombia); and at the 26th Ícaro International Film Festival of Central America, in Guatemala.



Image from the documentary  
*Para volverte a ver*, produced  
by ICIP and Mandorla Films



## “Risks of toxic polarization: How to deal with it”

Animated short film, produced by ICIP and Intuitivo Films, which outlines the symptoms and risks of toxic polarization – a growing and worrying phenomenon in many consolidated democracies – and offers tools to deal with it. The short is available in Catalan, Spanish and English on the ICIP YouTube channel.

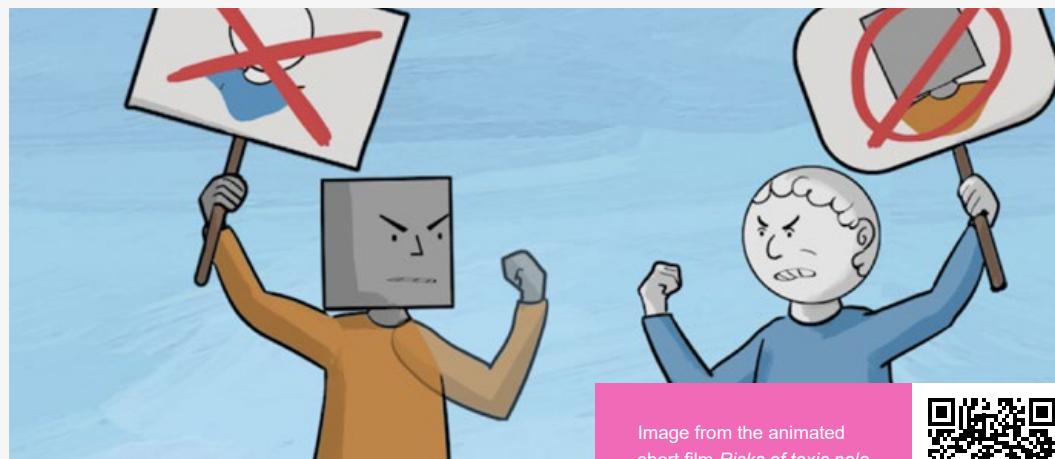


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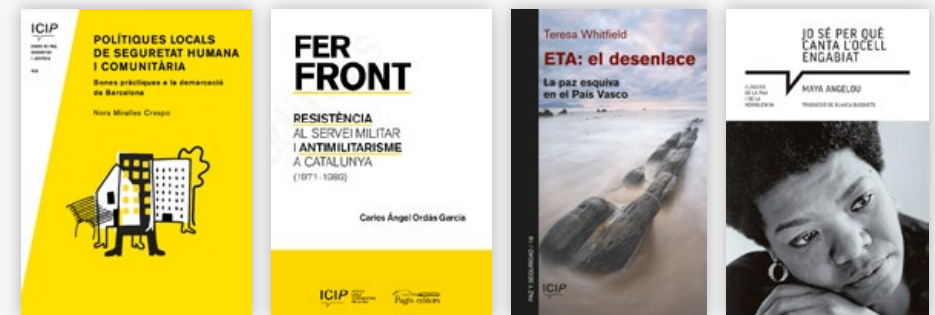


# Book series

ICIP publishes books in collaboration with different publishers, with the aim of disseminating the culture of peace to a wide audience. The books are categorized into four series which comprise a total of 81 books.

A book was published in each series in 2023 and ICIP organized public presentations for each one of the new publications as well as reading clubs.

## Books published in 2023



- *Polítiques locals de seguretat humana i comunitària: Bones pràctiques a la demarcació de Barcelona*, by Nora Miralles Crespo. “Tools for peace, security and justice” series.

This resource reflects on the need to understand public safety as the preventive and transformative management of all forms of violence from a community perspective.

Public presentation in March at the auditorium of La Model in Barcelona. The event featured the participation of the author and was part of a work session dedicated to local policies of human and community safety.



- **Fer Front. Resistència al servei militar i antimilitarisme a Catalunya (1971-1989)**, by Carlos Ángel Ordás. “Nonviolence and the struggle for peace” series, co-published with Pagès Editors.

History of the development of the antimilitarist movement in Catalonia, focused on opposition to compulsory military service. The book depicts the different types of resistance that have achieved one of the great milestones in nonviolent struggle.

Public presentation in February at the auditorium of La Model in Barcelona, with the participation of the author.

- **ETA: el desenlace. La paz esquiva en el País Vasco**, by Teresa Whitfield. “Peace and security” series.

Detailed account of the long road to ETA's declaration of a definitive end to armed activity. Originally published in English in 2014, this translation of *Endgame for ETA* into Spanish includes an updated review of the process up to the present day.

Book presentation tour in Vitoria, San Sebastián, Madrid and Barcelona featuring the participation of the author and other people with knowledge of the Basque conflict: Felix Iriarte, Mainer Maraña, Paul Rios, Luis R. Aizpola and Mònica Terribas.



- **Jo sé per què canta l'ocell engabiat**, by Maya Angelou. “Classics of peace and nonviolence” series, co-published with Angle Editorial.

First volume of Maya Angelou's autobiography series, which depicts daily life under racial segregation and gives voice to a large part of the Black population of the United States during the first half of the twentieth century.

Public presentation in November at Ona bookstore in Barcelona, featuring the participation of the writer and member of the ICIP Governing Board, Remei Sipi; pan-African activist Jeffrey Abé Pans; and the editor and member of Pen Català, Diana Rahmouni.

## Other presentations

In 2023, there have also been several public presentations of the book *Papers de pau*, published by ICIP and Angle Editorial in 2022 as part of the “Classics of peace and nonviolence” series. *Papers de pau* is a compilation of texts by Arcadi Oliveres, a synthesis of his pacifist thinking. The book's editors, Jordi Algué and Mar Valldeoriola, participated in presentations at the University of Lleida, in Súria, Roquetes, Artés and at the Ateneu Rebel in Barcelona.

Additionally, ICIP organized an online presentation in English of the book *An alternative security framework*, published in 2022 in the “Tools for peace, security and justice” series. The session, presented by one of the book's authors, Teddy Baker, was jointly organized with the European network of peace organizations EPLO and was addressed to an English-speaking audience specialized in peacebuilding.

## Future publications

In 2023, we have been working on the preparation of three new books for the “Tools for peace, security and justice” series that will be edited and published in 2024: *Bi-delagun: Acompanyament a processos de diàleg a Euskal Herria*, written by Aitziber Blanco Goikoetxea; *Interseccionalitat i polítiques locals de seguretat: un diàleg possible*, result of the project “Incorporation of the feminist and cross-cutting perspective

in local security and prevention policies” of the Center for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies of UVic-UCC; and *Memoria Activa: metodología psicosocial para la construcción de paz con mujeres inmigrantes y refugiadas*, prepared by Mujer Diáspora.

## Reading clubs

Once again this year, ICIP has offered reading clubs featuring books published in our own book series with the aim of disseminating the culture of peace.

Specifically, in 2023, ICIP co-organized the Girona Peace and Human Rights Reading Club, in conjunction with the Girona Library Network and the Coordinating Committee of Solidarity NGOs of the Girona area. Three sessions have been held throughout the year at the Just M. Casero Library in Girona.

The first reading club session featured the book *Papers de pau*, a selection of texts by Arcadi Oliveres. The second session focused on the comic book *Transparentes: historias del exilio colombiano*, by Javier de Isusi and published by ICIP in the context of our work with the Truth Commission of Colombia. Finally, the third session featured the book *Johnny Got His Gun*, co-published in Catalan with Angle Editorial.

## Library

ICIP has an extensive bibliographic collection of more than 9,850 volumes, focused on the themes of nonviolence, peacebuilding, conflict transformation, political science, international relations, disarmament, terrorism, cooperation and development, and nonviolent social movements.

The collection is growing year by year – 130 titles were acquired in 2023. However, since 2022, the ICIP Library has not had an independent physical space that would allow it to be open to the general public, provide loan service and transfer knowledge as is typical of a documentation center.

Currently, at the institution’s offices – located at Aragó, 244 in Barcelona – there is only one work area available for users who wish to consult the collection. However,

the interlibrary loan service is working as always since the ICIP Library is a member of the Network of Specialized Libraries of the Government of Catalonia (XBEG in its Catalan initials) and, since 2016, associate member of the Consortium of University Services of Catalonia (CSUC). The library also belongs to the Collective Catalogue of Catalan Universities (CCUC), which has more than five million titles and provides access to more than ten million physical documents. It incorporates the holdings of CSUC member libraries and other associated libraries.

# Synergies with other actors and internationalization

One of ICIP's main commitments is to create synergies between social, academic and institutional actors, both in Catalonia and around the world. This commitment, which results in several levels of collaboration, was reinforced in 2023 with the creation of a specific job position for strategic alliances. From this position, ICIP has actively participated in the preparations for the Catalan Forum for Peace, which will take place in 2024 and 2025.

## 1 Catalan Forum for Peace

The Catalan Forum for Peace is a participatory process of reflection and debate with a double objective. On the one hand, the design of a public policy for peace in Catalonia that would lead to the implementation of the Law for the Promotion of Peace, which was passed by the Parliament of Catalonia in 2003. And on the other hand, the strengthening of the Catalan peace movement – the agendas and the social and political advocacy skills of social organizations – and a renewal of the discourse of peace organizations and social mobilization.

The Catalan Forum for Peace is an initiative resulting from social and institutional collaboration promoted by the Government of Catalonia, the Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace, ICIP and civil society groups. The Forum will take place over two years (2024-2025) and is an open process in which all organizations and institutions committed to the values of the culture of peace and global justice can participate.



In order to carry out the creation of the public peace policy, the Catalan Forum for Peace establishes a process of citizen participation with the establishment of three channels: two deliberative sessions around the country, self-managed sessions promoted by organizations and institutions, and online contributions to the participagenocat.cat website.

The Forum debates will revolve around five thematic areas:

- Culture of peace
- Security and justice
- Armed conflicts
- Global challenges
- Women, peace and security

In preparation for the Catalan Forum for Peace, ICIP has commissioned two reports. The first one, entitled *European peace policies: A comparative study*, is a diagnosis on the state of peace policies in Europe, and has been published in the ICIP Reports series. The second one, a diagnosis on actions to promote peace in Catalonia, will be published in 2024.



Furthermore, in December 2023, ICIP opened a call for the preparation of a third report, in this case focused on the current status and future challenges of the peace movement in Catalonia. This study will also be published in the first half of 2024.

On behalf of the Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace, ICIP has drafted the Conceptual Framework for the Catalan Forum for Peace, entitled “Less violence, more global justice.”

## 2 Participation in international organizations, networks and conferences

### ▪ Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace

The director of ICIP holds the position of second vice president of this Government and participatory consultative body. The Council is made up of representatives of the Government of Catalonia, local entities, parliamentary groups, non-governmental organizations for peace, and other relevant institutions and personalities recognized for their activities in favor of peace. One of the roles of the Council is to propose candidates to become members of the ICIP Governing Board elected by the Parliament of Catalonia.

### ▪ Taula Catalana Coordinating Group for Peace and Human Rights in Colombia

ICIP is an observer organization of the Taula Catalana Coordinating Group for Peace and Human Rights in Colombia, an alliance whose objective is to strengthen ties and increase collaboration among the entities that are members of the platform.

The formal participation of ICIP in Taula Catalana allows us to strengthen our work related to peacebuilding in Colombia, especially in assisting with the processes of truth, justice and recognition of the victims of the Colombian armed conflict. ICIP regularly participates in the activities of Taula Catalana, such as the annual conference that took place in November 2023 entitled “Human rights and drug trafficking in Colombia: Global responsibilities for peacebuilding and the defense of peoples.”

### ▪ Taula Catalana Coordinating Group for Human Rights and Peace in Central America

An initiative of various civil society organizations, the Taula Catalana Coordinating Group for Human Rights and Peace in Central America was established in December

2023 with the aim of working together on the serious crisis of democracy, security and human rights in countries such as Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador and

Guatemala. ICIP supports this new platform and guided the organizations in the process of its creation.

### ▪ **European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)**

The goal of this European platform of NGOs is to influence the European Union's public policies on peacebuilding and prevention of violent conflicts. In addition, it is a space for cooperation and collaboration among leading European organizations in the promotion of peace and also offers specialized training in this field. The network includes 50 member organizations from 17 different countries. ICIP has been a member of the network since 2019 and ICIP director Kristian Herbolzheimer is a member of the network's Steering Committee.

### ▪ **Spanish Association for Peace Research (AIPAZ)**

ICIP has been a member of the AIPAZ network since the creation of our institution in 2008. The network comprises 25 NGOs, research centers, foundations, chairs, institutes and people related to research and education for peace throughout Spain.

### ▪ **Platform for Peacebuilding in Mexico**

ICIP is one of the driving forces behind this Platform, which was formally set up in 2022 with the aim of becoming a space for shared analysis, an exchange of knowledge, solidarity and collective action in the context of the multiple types of violence registered in Mexico. In 2023, the Platform celebrated its second meeting in the southern part of Mexico City, specifically at Casa Xitla (see "Thematic work areas" section for more information).

The Platform is made up of the following organizations: Aluna Acompañamiento Psicosocial, Artículo 19, Brigada Humanitaria de Paz Marabunta, Centro de Colaboración Cívica, Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Bartolomé de las Casas, Código DH, Consorcio Oaxaca, Coreco (Comisión de Apoyo a la Unidad y Reconciliación Comunitaria), Educa, Eutopía y Estrategia, GPPAC, ICIP, Whitaker Peace

and Development Initiative, Lekil Kuxlejal, Mira Feminismos y Democracia, Notre Dame Violence and Transitional Justice Lab, Partners Global, Periodistas de a Pie, Poder, Serapaz (Servicios y Asesoría para la Paz), SERPAJ, Civil Peace Service-Bread for the World, Sipaz, SweFOR and Taula per Mèxic.

### ▪ **Latin American Network of Women, Peace and Security**

ICIP has been a member of this alliance since 2020. Its aim is to contribute to peacebuilding in Latin America and the Caribbean, including its diasporas, from a feminist perspective and through the generation of knowledge, advocacy and collective action. In addition to ICIP, the group's driving forces include Serapaz, Jass, Ciase, Cinep and Mujer Diáspora. In 2023, the network launched its own website (<https://www.red-imps.org/>), which contains articles, videos, podcasts and information about upcoming Women, Peace and Security events. Videos that can be consulted on the website include those of the so-called "Feminist School," a space for training and exchange promoted by the network where participants can share experiences on key issues related to security, peace and dialogue from a feminist approach.

### ▪ **Build Peace Conference 2023**

In December, an ICIP delegation participated in the annual conference of the organization Build Up, which on this occasion took place in Nairobi, Kenya. Build Up is an organization that promotes research and reflection on the intersection between technology and peacebuilding, and the aim of the Build Peace Conference 2023 was to discuss the challenges for peace and conflict transformation in the digital era. This tenth edition of the international forum focused on the role that art and technology play in the creation of identities, and how these are relevant to the transformation and dynamics of conflicts, at a global level, but specifically in the East African region.

### 3 Support for initiatives promoting peace

#### ▪ Cities Defending Human Rights

Since 2013, ICIP has been one of the public institutions and organizations that support the Cities Defending Human Rights project, in which various Catalan municipalities participate. The goal of the initiative is to raise awareness of the work of human rights activists from around the world through their own testimonies and to raise awareness among citizens of the need to integrate the defense of human rights in our daily work.

The thirteenth edition of the project took place in 2023 and consisted of two tours. The first one took place in the spring, from 19-28 April, and the second, from 2-11 October. The main themes were the defense of the Earth and the environment; the defense of women and the LGBTIQ+ community; the right to peace, civil and political rights; and the rights of migrants and refugees. The latest edition of the project featured the participation of a total of thirteen activists from Afghanistan, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Palestine and Senegal.

#### ▪ “Peacebuilding” series

In collaboration with the Library Network of Barcelona, ICIP organized the series “Building peace: Beyond the absence of violence.” The event took place in five city libraries during the month of May. ICIP offered four conferences: “Coexistence in diversity”, “How wars end”, “Violence beyond wars”, “Facing the past to build the future” and “Rethinking security from a feminist perspective.”

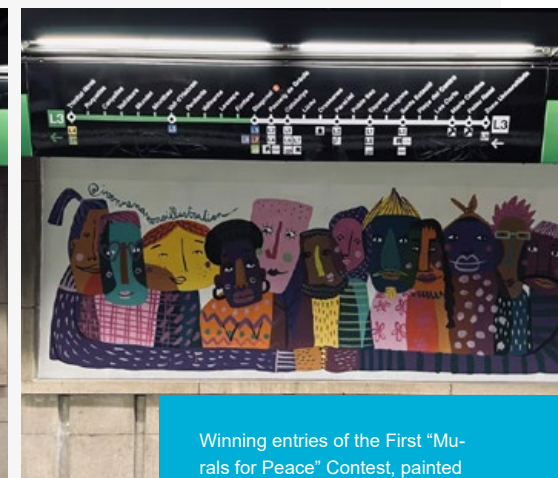
The series has been conceived to offer a current vision of the diversity of violence that we face in our daily lives – direct, cultural, structural – and a perspective on how they can be managed from different spheres of action to advance towards a comprehensive peace. In conjunction with the series, ICIP prepared a recommended reading list on the topics of the sessions.

#### ▪ “Argumenta BCN” series

ICIP participated in four sessions of the “Argumenta BCN” talk series, organized by the Network of Barcelona Community Centers between 20 April and 8 June. In 2023, the series focused on reflecting on the concepts of peace, violence and conflict, and ICIP participated in the sessions based on the theme “And after war, what? A review of peace processes in conflicts in Spain and Latin America.” These sessions explored the processes and mechanisms of negotiation, reparation and justice that are necessary to achieve contexts of stable coexistence. The conferences took place in various community centers and libraries in Barcelona.

#### ▪ Second Arcadi Oliveres Week for Peace

The Week for Peace is an initiative of the organization Justícia i Pau that aims to be a meeting space, open to the participation of all citizens, with the objective of keeping Arcadi Oliveres’s pacifist message and legacy alive. As part of the event, in 2023, the first “Murals for Peace” contest was launched, organized with the collaboration of ICIP, the TMB Foundation, and the Art, Culture and Creation Workshop (TACC).



Winning entries of the First “Murals for Peace” Contest, painted on various platforms of Barcelona metro Line 3



The contest was launched with the aim of converting transient spaces, such as the metro platforms, into spaces of advocacy and consciousness-raising. That is why the three winning entries were painted in three spaces located on the platform of the Diagonal metro station (Line 3) in Barcelona. A fourth honorary mural was painted by the artist Bernat Oliveres, Arcadi Oliveres's son. As a collaborating institution, ICIP participated in the jury of the contest.

### ▪ World Peace Forum Barcelona

ICIP was one of the collaborating institutions of the fifteenth edition of this international forum, which was held in Barcelona in 2023 and is organized by Fundació Fomento Europeo. Over the course of three days, from 23-25 November, a number of debates, conferences and other events related to the promotion of peace took place at various venues in the city. Among these events, ICIP promoted the conference given by Iranian philosopher Ramin Jahanbegloo at the Reial Cercle Artístic entitled "The relevance of nonviolence in today's world", presented by ICIP director Kristian Herbolzheimer.

Iranian philosopher and dissident Ramin Jahanbegloo during his participation in the World Peace Forum



### ▪ Third Ruta Mediterrània Podcast Competition

ICIP collaborates with this youth contest organized by Jivar Creació i Societat with the aim of increasing knowledge about the Mediterranean, the history of Al-Andalus, interculturalism and the culture of peace. The call for the third edition of the contest was announced in 2023 and is open until March 2024. The contest is aimed at young people in Catalonia between the ages of 12 and 20.

### ▪ Perifèria Beat Festival

For the second consecutive year, ICIP was one of the institutions participating in Perifèria Beat, the urban art festival that was held at various spaces around the city of Barcelona in October. ICIP invited the rapper Rebeca Lane from Guatemala and organized the roundtable discussion "Peace beats: Urban culture and community ties" which took place on 14 October.

### ▪ Pedralbes Dialogues

The "Pedralbes Dialogues" series provides a meeting point through conversation among specialists from various disciplines. Based on plurality and the respect for different cultural, religious and ideological traditions, the dialogues offer a reflection on the role of spirituality and interiority in various spheres of society. In 2023, the series focused on the theme "Thinking peace, thinking war." One of the featured speakers was ICIP director Kristian Herbolzheimer, who gave the talk "What is peace?" on 14 February at the Pedralbes Monastery in Barcelona.

## 4 Collaborations

This section includes collaborations established throughout the year with institutions, universities and research and academic centers, as well as with social and cultural organizations, for the joint organization of activities, projects, publications and shared initiatives, and collaborations based on projects funded by ICIP.

### 3.1 Institutions

- Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation
- Catalan Youth Agency
- Agency for the Management of University and Research Grants
- City Councils of Barcelona, Capellades, Cornellà, El Prat de Llobregat, Gavà, L'Hospitalet de Llobregat, Lleida, Mataró, Ripollet, Sabadell, Sant Joan Despí and Santa Perpètua de Mogoda
- Casa Amèrica Catalunya
- Centre d'Estudis d'Opinió
- Centre d'Estudis de Temes Contemporanis
- Advisory Council for Sustainable Development – Aliança Catalunya 2030
- Consorci de Serveis Universitaris de Catalunya
- Mossos d'Esquadra de Catalunya (Central Police Region)
- Department of External Action and the European Union of the Government of Catalonia
- Department of Education of the Government of Catalonia
- Department of Justice, Rights and Memory of the Government of Catalonia
- Department of the Interior of the Government of Catalonia
- Department of the Presidency of the Government of Catalonia (General Directorate of Analysis and Prospects)
- Provincial Council of Barcelona (Office of Development Cooperation, Area of Equality and Social Sustainability and Office of Prevention and Security)
- Catalan Fund for Development Cooperation
- Institut d'Estudis Catalans
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of the Government of Spain
- Parliament of Catalonia (External Action, Transparency and Cooperation Commission; Study Commission on the Police Model; and the Bureau of the Parliament)

### 3.2 Universities and other research and academic centers

- Barcelona School of Tourism, Hospitality and Gastronomy (CETT)
- CIDOB
- School of Social Educators of Catalonia
- Institut Metròpoli
- Institut Provençana
- Instituto Colombo-Alemán para la Paz (CAPAZ)
- Instituto de Estudios sobre Desarrollo y Cooperación Internacional - Hegoa (Basque Country)
- ISOR (Investigacions en Sociologia de la Religió, UAB)
- Memory Studies Association
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- University of Amsterdam
- Universitat de Barcelona
- Universitat de Girona
- Universitat de Lleida
- Universitat de Vic
- Universidad Iberoamericana (Mexico)
- Universitat Oberta de Catalunya
- Universitat Pompeu Fabra
- Universitat Ramon Llull
- Universitat Rovira i Virgili

### 3.3 Collaborations with social organizations

- Baketik (Basque Country)
- Berghof Foundation (Germany)
- Build Up
- Center for Civic Liberties (Ukraine)
- Centre Delàs d'Estudis per la Pau
- Consell de Joventut de Barcelona
- Coordinadora d'ONG Solidàries de les comarques gironines i l'Alt Maresme
- Coordinadora d'ONGD i AMS de Lleida
- Foro Social Permanente (Basque Country)



- Fundació Joan Maragall
- Fundació Paco Candel
- Swedish Foundation for Human Rights
- FundiPau
- Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya
- Institute for Integrated Transitions ( IFIT)
- Intermediate
- Justícia i Pau
- Lafede.cat, organitzacions per la justícia global
- Memorial (Russia)
- Novact
- Norwegian Centre for Conflict Resolution (NOREF) (Norway)
- Red de Solidaridad para la Transformación Social (REDS)
- Red Latinoamericana de Seguridad Incluyente y Sostenible (FES) (Colombia)
- Serapaz (Mexico)
- Sudergintza (Basque Country)
- Swisspeace (Switzerland)
- Taula de Diàleg per la Convivència del Guinardó
- Taula per Mèxic
- Universitat Internacional de la Pau
- Viasna Human Rights Centre (Belarus)

### 3.4 Collaborations with cultural agents and organizations

- Angle Editorial
- Ateneu Barcelonès
- Biblioteca Just M. Casero de Girona
- Born Centre de Cultura i Memòria
- Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona
- Cultura i conflicte
- Erol Urbà
- Festival de Cine Colombia Migrante
- Fundació Lluís Coromina
- Fundació Paco Candel
- Heal Hop

- Hip-hop Works Spain
- Impacte, Festival de Cinema i Drets Humans de Catalunya
- Kult Cooperativa
- La Casa dels Clàssics
- La Conga Music
- Museu d'Història de la Immigració de Catalunya
- Mandorla Films
- Pagès Editors
- PEN Català
- Perifèria Beat Festival
- Ruido Photo
- Unlock Art
- Versembrant
- Xarxa de Biblioteques de Barcelona
- Xarxa de Biblioteques de Girona
- Xarxa de Centres Cívics de Barcelona

### 3.5 Organizations receiving ICIP 2023 grants

- Associació Cultural La Quinta Pata
- Associació Cultural Azahara
- Fundació Pau Casals
- FundiPau
- L'Esberla
- Miceli Rural Coop
- Mujer Diáspora

### 3.6 Organizations honored with the ICIP 2023 Award

- Women Victims of War in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Forgotten Children of War

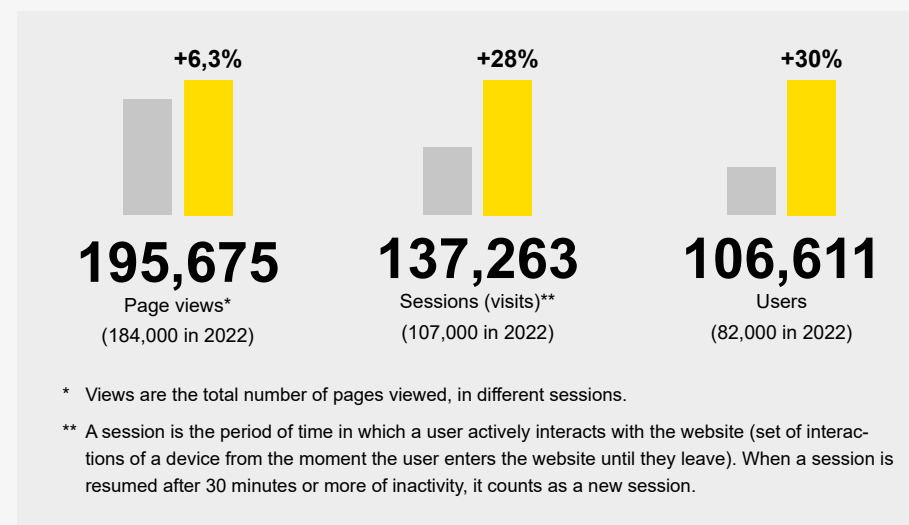
# External dissemination

ICIP regularly disseminates its activities, initiatives, publications and projects through its website ([www.icip.cat/en](http://www.icip.cat/en)), social media platforms and newsletters. All internal, external, online and offline dissemination materials adhere to our corporate identity and brand.

## 1 The ICIP website

The institution's main dissemination channel is the website [www.icip.cat/en](http://www.icip.cat/en), available in Catalan, Spanish and English and with links to the various social networks where ICIP has a presence. The website contains information regarding our four thematic work areas, our various channels and means for the transmission of knowledge and dissemination of the culture of peace, the activities and initiatives of the Institute, and a direct link to the Library as a leading center in its field in Catalonia.

The website is updated daily and in 2023 has maintained a steady growth in the number of visits and users.



## 2 The ICIP's newsletter

In order to improve the dissemination impact of the electronic newsletters and to increase the number of subscriptions, in 2023 ICIP adopted the Flodesk newsletter submission platform and created specialized lists according to content and language (Catalan, Spanish or English). The different lists have a total of more than 5,000 subscriptions.

## 3 Social media

Social media sites are a key channel for the dissemination of ICIP activities and news, and a forum for debate and an exchange of views with the public. In 2023, an upward trend in the number of both followers and interactions continued in the various platforms.

The most active sites continue to be Twitter and Facebook. However, our Instagram channel, followed by LinkedIn, experienced the most notable increase in 2023. The ICIPTube channel on YouTube, which allows for the streaming of events and serves as a repository where videos of the sessions can be found, has also grown, albeit more moderately.

Finally, ICIP has a Flickr channel, where you can find the most significant images of our activities. The channel currently features one thousand photographs.

### EVOLUTION OF SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS (number of followers)

	2021	2022	2023
<b>TWITTER</b>	8,700	9,500	10,150
<b>FACEBOOK</b>	6,500	6,600	6,500
<b>INSTAGRAM</b>	300	975	1,380
<b>YOUTUBE</b>	975	1,100	1,180
<b>LINKEDIN</b>	550	700	1,060

# Resources and organization

These two areas ensure the functioning of ICIP as an institution, both in terms of financial resources as well as its organization, internal labor structure and relationship with other organizations.

## 1 Resources

The final ICIP budget for 2023 was (according to the provisional closing data) 1,557,562 euros, distributed in accordance with the following chapters: Chapter I (739,947 euros), Chapter II (602,681 euros), Chapter IV (195,934 euros) and Chapter VI (19,000 euros).

## 2 Organization

In 2023, the ICIP Governing Board renewed the ICIP director's contract for a period of five years. In addition, a new position dedicated to "Strategic alliances" was created in 2023. The ICIP team was composed of the following people:

### Management

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Kristian Herbolzheimer Jeppson  
(Executive Director)

Maria Fuentes Díaz  
(Secretary of Management and Presidency)

### Thematic work areas

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Pablo Aguiar Molina  
(Program Technician)

Sílvia Plana Subirana  
(Program Technician), until July

Maria Eugenia Blandón  
(Program Technician), as of October

Sabina Puig Cartes  
(Program Technician)

Sandra Martínez Domingo  
(Program Technician)

## Strategic alliances

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Sílvia Plana Subirana  
(Technician), as of July

## Library

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Guifré Miquel Fageda  
(Documentary Filmmaker)

## Communication

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Eugènia Riera Casals  
(Press and Communications Technician)

Chema Sarri Romo  
(Press and Communications Technician)

## Legal consultancy

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Jordi Cugat Pujol  
(Lawyer)

## Management of grants

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Marta López Carabí  
(Manager of Grants and Equality)

Albert Cisa Estany  
(Manager of Grants and Equality), from May  
to November

## Economic-financial area

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Núria Nadal Clotas  
(Economic Management Director), as of May

Marisa Padilla Godoy  
(Administrative Assistant)

Chaimaa El Haddad El Haddad  
(Administrative Assistant)

Cristina Pons Gomar  
(Economic Management Technician)

The operational team also included two people with trainee contracts:

Elisenda Comadran Casas (Program Technician), until March

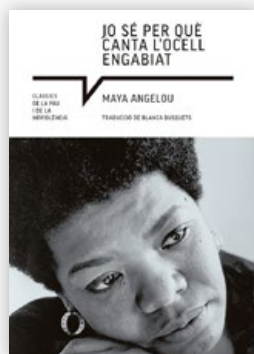
Oriol González Badia (Economic Administrative Assistant), until February

In 2023, ICIP announced the following five job openings: Economic Management Director, Strategic Alliances Technician, Thematic Work Area Technician, Administrative Assistant and Manager of Grants.

# Annex

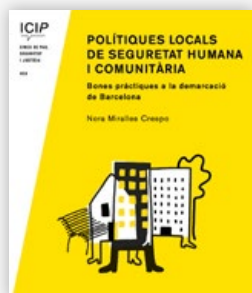
## Publications

### “Classics of peace and nonviolence”



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### “Tools for peace, security and justice”



Nora Miralles Crespo. *Polítiques locals de seguretat humana i comunitària: Bones pràctiques a la demarcació de Barcelona*. Barcelona: International Catalan Institute for Peace, 2023. Tools for peace, security and justice, 28.

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Carlos Àngel Ordás. *Fer Front. Resistència al servei militar i antimilitarisme a Catalunya (1971-1989)*. Barcelona: International Catalan Institute for Peace; Pagès Editors, 2023. Nonviolence and the struggle for peace, 13.

### “Peace and security”



Teresa Whitfield. *ETA: el desenlace. La paz esquiva en el País Vasco*. Barcelona: International Catalan Institute for Peace, 2023. Peace and security, 18.

### ICIP reports



Reports 21/2023. *Polítiques de pau europees: estudi comparatiu. Anàlisi de l'actuació dels estats, les regions i els actors de la societat civil en la prevenció de crisis, la resolució de conflictes i la construcció de pau*, by Albert Caramés Boada and Luca Gervasoni Vila.

### ICIP survey



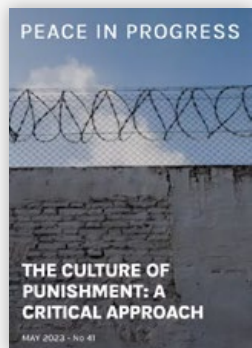
ICIP Survey 2022. Coexistence and social cohesion in Catalonia, March 2023.



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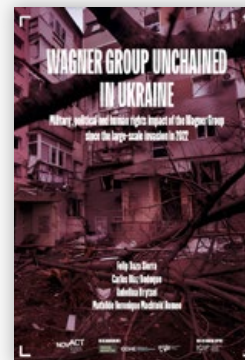


## Peace in Progress magazine



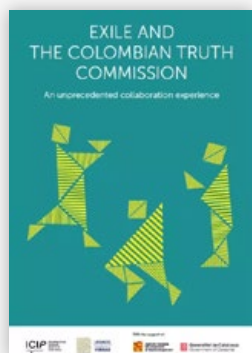
Number 41 – May 2023: *The culture of punishment: A critical approach*, coordinated by Sandra Martínez

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*Wagner Group unchained in Ukraine*. Report by Feliu Daza Sierra, Carlos Díaz Bodoque, Anhelina Hrytsei and Mathilde Veronique Machteld Romeo. Published by NOVACT with the collaboration of ICIP, Suds, ODHE and Shock Monitor.

## Other publications



*Exile and the Colombian Truth Commission: An unprecedented collaboration experience*. International Catalan Institute for Peace; Commission for the Clarification of Truth, Coexistence and Non-Repitition of Colombia, 2023

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*Una respuesta penal internacional al espolio medioambiental. ¿Ecocidio?* Proceedings of the working seminar held at ICIP in March 2023.

## Budget execution

### Revenues

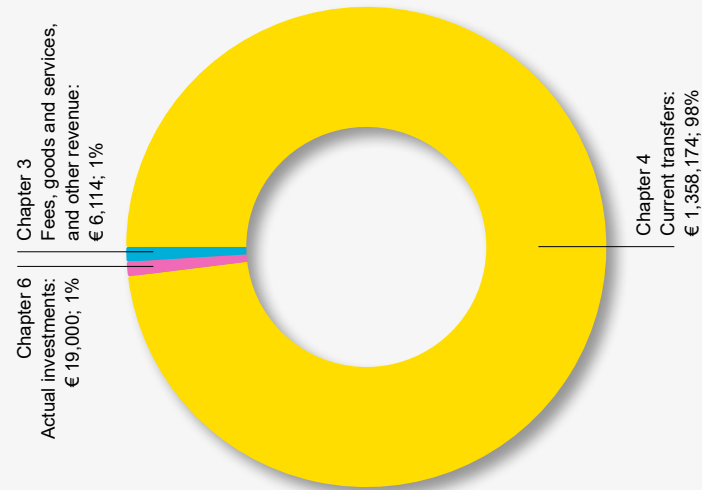
CHAPTER REVENUE DESCRIPTION	INITIAL BUDGET	MODIFICATIONS	FINAL BUDGET (FB)	RECOGNIZED RIGHTS (RR)	% EXECUTION (RR/FB)	DEVIATION (FB)-(RR)
Chapter 3 Fees, goods and services, and other revenue	3,000	2,883	5,883	6,114	104%	-231
Chapter 4 Current transfers	1,520,100	-161,926	1,358,174	1,358,174	100%	50
Chapter 5 Equity income	50		50			
Chapter 6 Actual investments	19,000		19,000	19,000	100%	174,456
Chapter 8 Change in financial assets		174,456	174,456			
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,542,150</b>	<b>15,412</b>	<b>1,557,562</b>	<b>1,383,288</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>174,275</b>

### Expenditures

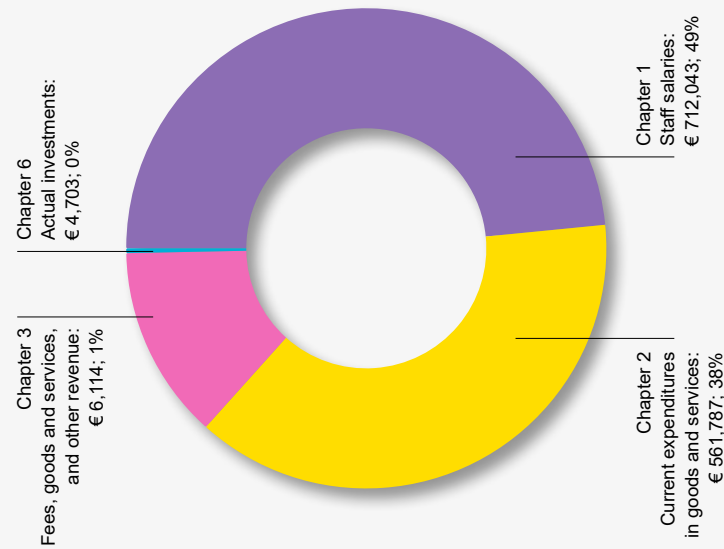
CHAPTER EXPENDITURE DESCRIPTION	INITIAL BUDGET	MODIFICATIONS	FINAL BUDGET (FB)	RECOGNIZED OBLIGATIONS (RO)	% EXECUTION (RO/FB)	DEVIATION (FB)-(RO)
Chapter 1 Staff salaries	800,523	-60,576	739,947	712,043	96%	27,904
Chapter 2 Current expenditures in goods and services	588,427	14,255	602,681	561,787	93%	40,895
Chapter 4 Current transfers	134,200	61,734	195,934	191,572	98%	4,362
Chapter 6 Actual investments	19,000		19,000	4,703	25%	14,297
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,542,150</b>	<b>15,412</b>	<b>1,557,562</b>	<b>1,470,104</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>87,458</b>

### Budget infographics

#### Executed revenue (RR)



#### Executed expenditures (RO)

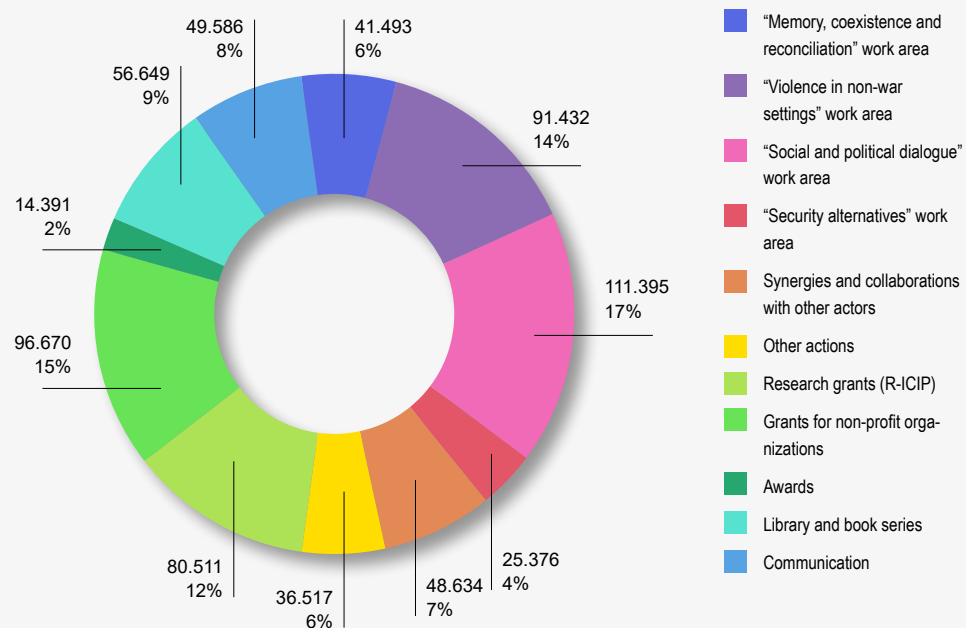


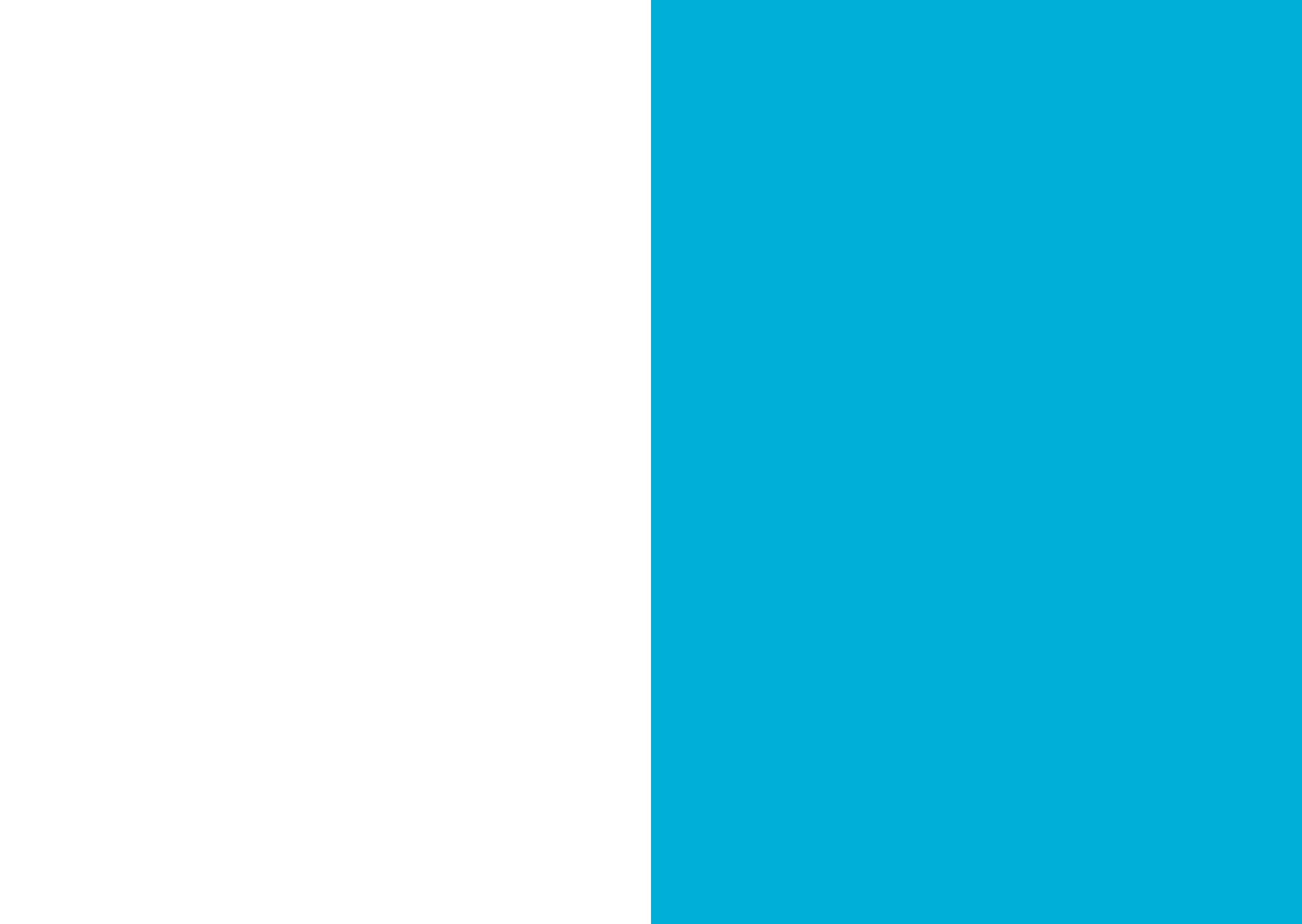
## Executed expenditure by actions (Chapter 2)

(excludes personnel and operating expenses)

ACTIONS	EXPENDITURE	% S/TOTAL
"Memory, coexistence and reconciliation" work area	€ 41,493	6%
"Violence in non-war settings" work area	€ 91,432	14%
"Social and political dialogue" work area	€ 111,395	17%
"Security alternatives" work area	€ 25,376	4%
Synergies and collaborations with other actors	€ 48,634	7%
Other actions	€ 36,517	6%
Research grants (R-ICIP)	€ 80,511	12%
Grants for non-profit organizations	€ 96,670	15%
Awards	€ 14,391	2%
Library and book series	€ 56,649	9%
Communication	€ 49,586	8%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>€ 652,655</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Infographic actions







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