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“Contributing to making Catalonia a global hub for the promotion of peace is a great responsibility.”

XAVIER MASLLORENS

### The responsibility of being a pivotal organization

Right now, ICIP could be compared to a well-functioning train: with a strong engine, solid leadership, a cohesive team and a train that is moving in the right direction. However, it needs a new boost to meet the challenges posed by our mission in a turbulent world and to respond to some of the many demands that we receive and that lie within our fields of action. Continuing with the metaphor, we have the capacity and the will to add more carriages to the train, set new destinations, strengthen the engines, and leave a greater mark on the places we can reach.

This was the aim of the strategic reflection carried out by the Governing Board and the operational team, crystallized in 2024 in the document *ICIP: A pivotal institution*. We want to have greater impact in our actions, create and publish opinion, promote more dialogue in conflict situations we know well, provide more support to the range of social, institutional, academic and cultural actors working to promote peace, and to work more extensively with more organizations from Catalonia and beyond. In short, we want to grow, not to become more important, but to become more useful. And this implies consolidating our spheres of action, strengthening our structure, recognizing the responsibilities of each job position and recovering – or exceeding – the budgetary level ICIP had in 2010. Contributing to making Catalonia a global hub for the promotion of peace is a great responsibility.

We are a very unique Institute. On the one hand, we are a public institution, primarily funded by the budget of the Government of Catalonia. But at the same time, we operate with full independence from public administrations. It is worth recalling that the creation of ICIP in 2007 was the result of a long-standing citizen demand, so we could say that our organization has one foot in public administration and the other in civil society. And this dual positioning offers us many opportunities and opens many doors that are often closed to more institutional actors.

This allows us to act as a bridge – a pivot – between stakeholders who do not usually interact on a regular basis. Being both public and independent enables us to transcend the rigidity typical of public administrations, creating a more horizontal and decentralized work culture. And it also allows us to support emerging organizations and amplify the impact of citizen-led initiatives that seek social justice.

With this commitment to public service, to providing guidance and as a catalyst for initiatives that strengthen public policy and civil society, we have made significant progress in our ongoing activities and in new initiatives we have launched during the first year of our Strategic Plan 2024-2028. Among them, I would like to highlight some particularly significant milestones. First of all, our support for the creation of the new Taula Catalana Platform for Human Rights and Peace in Central America, with which we will now be collaborating, in the same way we collaborate with other networks such as the Platform for Peacebuilding in Mexico; the Latin American Network of Women, Peace and Security; and the Taula Catalana Platform for Peace and Human Rights in Colombia. In addition, we belong to EPLO, the network of European peacebuilding organizations.

The Catalan Forum for Peace – a process of reflection, participation and debate that aims to establish a public peace policy and expand the capacity for peace advocacy and mobilization – was publicly launched at the Catalan Parliament's Second Conference for Peace (January 2024). This process has entailed a great deal of work throughout the year, and will continue to do so in 2025. ICIP has played a key role in driving this process.

Also worth mentioning is ICIP's participation in initiatives to promote dialogue and international mediation, some of which were initiated by the Institute itself and others in response to external requests. The continuation of the "Àgora" project is one such example: a space for democratic debate between people in Catalonia of different ideologies, with the participation of the Centre d'Estudis de Temes Contemporanis and the Fundació Lluís Coromina. At the international level, we have carried out several important actions of a discreet nature.

Among our new publications – seven in total – I would like to highlight two reports: *The treatment of security at Catalan universities and Conversations with women searchers: The fight against enforced disappearances and the building of peace*, as well as two co-published books, *Vulnerability in Resistance* (with Bellaterra Edicions), by Judith Butler, Zeynep Gambetti and Leticia Sabsay, and *Lost Children Archive* (with Angle Editorial), by Valeria Luiselli.

ICIP actively supported the organization of the World Congress on Enforced Disappearances, an initiative of the United Nations that took place in Geneva in January 2025. Our participation marked a true qualitative leap forward in thought leadership and in ICIP's role at the international level.

Other notable achievements this year include the gathering of women from Syria, Palestine and Lebanon for a week-long residency in Olot; the eleven reading club sessions focused on our own publications; the ICIP Peace in Progress Award granted to researcher, activist and analyst Vicenç Fisas; and the 17 percent increase in visits to our website.

### Xavier Masllorens

PRESIDENT OF ICIP



“We need new concepts, tools and policies that respond to the needs of citizens. To strengthen coexistence and reverse violence, both in Catalonia and around the world.”

**KRISTIAN HERBOLZHEIMER**

### Against the tide – we are the majority!

Peace is in crisis. The international framework designed to prevent and transform conflicts peacefully is being undermined. The United Nations is paralyzed because member states cannot agree on its reform and some even question or challenge its mandate. The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe has effectively collapsed in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The European Union is caught in the contradiction between its confrontation with Russia and its leniency towards Israel's annexationist policies regarding Palestine. Other regional bodies responsible for defending human rights and peace in Latin America, Africa and Asia are also proving unable to fulfill their mandates.

The world is experiencing an unprecedented number of armed conflicts since World War II, along with an unprecedented number of displaced people – all at a time when military spending is also reaching unprecedented levels, with every indication that it will continue to rise.

In this context we must ask: does this trend respond to the interests and needs of the general public?

The answer is clearly no. Across the world, indicators suggest that, despite the volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity of the present moment, people do not want more confrontation, more authoritarianism, more weapons and more wars. What they do want – and demand – are more effective responses to the challenges posed by the global environmental, economic and political crises.

ICIP is committed to exploring new concepts, tools and policies that respond to the needs of citizens in order to strengthen coexistence and reverse violence, both in Catalonia and around the world.

At a time when speaking about peace in Europe may seem naïve, we celebrate the fact that in Catalonia there is still a broad social and institutional consensus that encourages us to define public peace policies at the municipal and national levels. We hope that the Catalan Forum for Peace, which was launched in 2024 and will be fully fledged in 2025, becomes a tool to unite efforts and help us swim, row and sail against the prevailing tide of authoritarianism and militarism.

**Kristian Herbolzheimer**

ICIP DIRECTOR

## 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.

**Headquarters 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:**

15 people

**Budget 2024:**

1,588,910 euros

# ICIP at a glance

## Activities



**39**

Seminars,  
conferences,  
roundtables and  
training activities



**146**

Number of  
collaborations with  
other actors



**2,675**

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

## Calls for proposals and grants



ICIP Peace in  
Progress Award



ICIP Alfons Banda  
Award



ICIP Hip Hop for  
Peace Contest

## Publications



**7**

Books published



**122**

Books catalogued  
in the Library



**9,980**

Total Library holdings



**77,495 €**

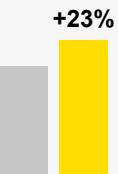
Grants for research work (R-ICIP)



**80,000 €**

Grants for peace promotion projects by  
non-profit organizations

**icip.cat website**



## Internal organization



**2**

Number of positions  
announced



**12**

Number of agreements  
signed

\* 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.

## ICIP in Catalonia: Promoting the culture of peace throughout the territory

ICIP is committed to increasing its active presence throughout Catalonia and promotes initiatives that foster the culture of peace at the local level. Its main tools include:

**Grants to organizations and research centers.** Calls for proposals offer additional points to projects originating outside the metropolitan area. In 2024, grants were awarded to organizations based in Igualada, Lleida, Molins de Rei and Olot, as well as to the universities of Lleida, Rovira i Virgili (Tarragona) and Vic.

**ICIP Hip Hop for Peace Contest.** Schools and youth organizations from across Catalonia participate in this initiative. In 2024, students from Vilanova del Camí, Santa Susanna, Salt, Terrassa and Vic received awards.

**ICIP Alfons Banda Award.** Open to students from schools throughout Catalonia. In 2024, the award was granted to a student from Pere Vives i Vich High School in Igualada.

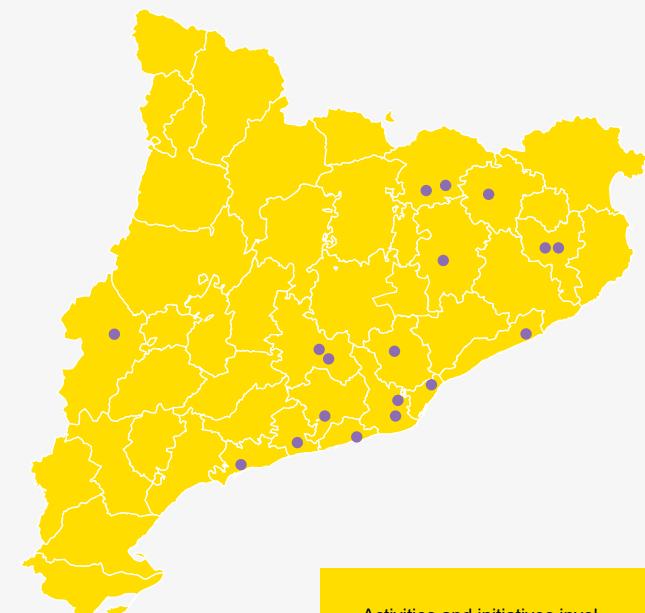
**Reading clubs.** These are tools for reflection and debate, organized in collaboration with libraries in various municipalities and led by a facilitator hired by ICIP. This year, sessions have been held in Girona, Vic, Ripoll and Sant Joan de les Abadesses.

**Collaborations with local councils.** In 2024, ICIP collaborated with the municipal governments of Sant Boi de Llobregat and Santa Coloma de Gramenet.

**Collaborations with organizations.** In 2024, ICIP collaborated with the NGO Coordination Group of the area of Girona and Alt Maresme, the Coordination Group of NGOs and Other Solidarity Movements of Lleida, and the Federation of the Development Cooperation Network of Southern Catalonia.

**Organization and participation in public events.** In 2024, ICIP organized, together with the Ramon Llull Institute, a residency for women from Syria, Lebanon and Palesti-

ne at Faberllull in Olot (Garrotxa). We were also present in El Masnou (Maresme), where we organized the workshop series "Cooking and peace," aimed at victims of the Colombian conflict living in Catalonia, in collaboration with the Consulate of Colombia. In addition, we co-organized the annual conference of the AIPAZ network at the Pau Casals Museum in El Vendrell (Baix Penedès). As part of our public service mission, ICIP also collaborates in events across Catalonia dedicated to the culture of peace, through talks and participation in conferences and panel discussions. Notable activities in 2024 include participation in the conference "Women and armed conflicts: Beyond victims" organized by the City Council of Sant Boi de Llobregat; the Peace Route organized by the Rotary Club of Igualada; and events commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NGO Coordination Group of the area of Girona and Alt Maresme.



Activities and initiatives involving ICIP held outside the city of Barcelona.

## Main achievements in 2024

- Approval of the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan
- Expansion of institutional relations within Spain, across Europe, and with the United Nations
- Celebration of the Second Peace Conference of the Parliament of Catalonia, during which the Catalan Forum for Peace was officially launched
- Recognition of the career of researcher and activist Vicenç Fisas with the conferral of the 2024 ICIP Peace in Progress Award
- Organization of the conference “Peace and human rights in Central America: Challenges and opportunities”
- Analysis of diasporas as peacebuilding actors and collaboration with diasporas from Syria, Lebanon and Palestine
- Development of the conceptual link between the fight against enforced disappearances and peacebuilding, with particular emphasis on a gender perspective
- Collaboration with Fira Literal and the Barcelona City Council in organizing two debates on punitivism from a feminist perspective
- Organization of the fourth and fifth editions of Àgora, a space for democratic debate
- Boost to applied research on security and coexistence in Catalonia
- Consolidation of ICIP's book series, with five new titles published
- Calls for grants for projects led by civil society organizations and universities
- Participation in international projects and networks, such as the Platform for Peacebuilding in Mexico, the Latin American Network of Women, Peace and Security, and Build Peace 2024
- Award ceremony for the eighth edition of the Hip Hop for Peace Contest, and call for entries for the ninth edition
- Organization of reading clubs throughout Catalonia
- Participation in initiatives promoting dialogue and international mediation

# Institutional activity

## 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 Martín**

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 Llucià**

President of CIEMEN and Director of the Catalan Fund for Development Cooperation.

In October 2024, the terms of three members elected by the Parliament came to an end: Gemma Casal i Fité, Carme Colomina i Saló, and Marco Aparicio i Wilhelmi. In February 2025, the plenary session of the Parliament appointed three new members from the list proposed by the Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace: Lurdes Vidal i Bertran, Elena Jiménez-Botías, and Marco Aparicio, who was reappointed for a new term. In addition, following a change in the Government of Catalonia, in March 2025 the executive appointed three new members to ICIP's Governing Board: Andrea Costafreda i Quesada, Director General for Development Cooperation; Agustí Fernández de Losada i Passols, Secretary for European, Multilateral, and Development Cooperation Affairs; and Blanca Garcés i Mascareñas, Senior Researcher on Migration at CIDOB.

## Resolutions of the Governing Board

In 2024, ICIP's Governing Board met ten times. Key decisions from these meetings include:

- Approval of specific regulatory guidelines and calls for proposals for the 2024 grant programs for nonprofit organizations working in the promotion of peace, and for research projects in the field of peace.
- Approval of the conferral of the 2024 ICIP Peace in Progress Award on activist and researcher Vicenç Fisas i Armengol, and approval of the call for nominations for the 2025 edition of the award.
- Approval of the call for entries for the 9th ICIP Hip Hop for Peace Contest.
- Approval of the Governing Board's contributions to the 2024-2028 ICIP Strategic Plan and ratification of the final version of the plan.
- Approval of agreements with organizations, institutions and universities for the implementation of joint activities (UAB and Memorial Democràtic; Fundació Lluís Coromines and CETC; Justicia i Pau; Barcelona City Council; Association for Peace and Human Rights; Berghof Foundation; CIASE; and the Consulate of Colombia in Barcelona).

- Approval or ratification of agreements with local councils for the display of the exhibition "Facing violence: Stories of resilience in Central America."
- Approval of the initiation of the public procurement process for the definitive ICIP headquarters, finalization of tender documents and certification of available funds.
- Approval for the ICIP director to continue discussions with the Barcelona City Council regarding ICIP collaboration in defining a municipal peace policy and related actions.
- Approval of the document "Criteria for ICIP public statements and positions."
- Approval of the financial closing for fiscal year 2023 and the institution's budget for 2024.
- Approval of the launch of a competitive selection process for the stabilization of three ICIP staff positions.
- Approval of a modification in the ICIP staffing structure to include a position for coordination of the "Alternatives of security" area.
- Approval of ICIP's new Personal Data Protection Policy.

## Strategic reflection process

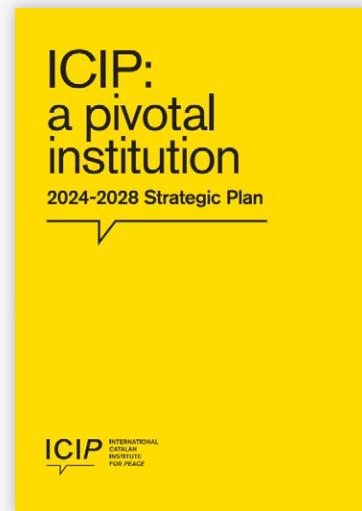
ICIP has completed a participatory strategic reflection process involving both its Governing Board and staff, which led to the approval of the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan, entitled "ICIP: A pivotal institution."

The document outlines the institution's future objectives and challenges across its various lines of action, its vision of peace, and the working methodology that sets ICIP apart. It is based on the premise that ICIP is a unique institution that bridges institutional and social spheres, and local and global realms – an organization that supports a wide range of social, institutional, academic, and cultural actors committed

to building more just and less violent societies, both in Catalonia and around the world.

The Strategic Plan defines the institution's key goals for the next four years, including the ambition to position Catalonia as a global hub for the promotion of peace by fostering greater synergy among diverse actors working to promote a culture of peace.

The document is available on the ICIP website in Catalan, Spanish and English.



## Appearance at the Parliament of Catalonia

As stipulated by ICIP's founding law, the president and director of the institution appeared before the Commission on the European Union and Foreign Action of the Parliament of Catalonia to present the Annual Activity Report and account for the work carried out. The appearance took place on 21 November, during which the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan was also presented.

ICIP President Xavier Masllorens reported on the activities undertaken in 2023 and emphasized the institution's commitment to helping Catalonia become a global hub for the promotion of peace, launching an Observatory of Peace Culture, and consolidating efforts in dialogue and mediation among political actors, both locally and internationally.

In their remarks, representatives of the various parliamentary groups expressed strong appreciation for ICIP's work and unanimously emphasized the importance of continuing efforts to promote the culture of peace.

# Thematic work areas

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

The four areas include components of analysis and research, awareness-raising and engagement, as well as alliances with social, academic, and institutional actors—both in Catalonia and around the world.

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

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

## **Social and political dialogue**

We promote dialogue in Catalonia, with a strong commitment to depolarization, coexistence, and social cohesion. Internationally, we facilitate spaces for engagement among actors with differing perspectives.

## **Alternatives of security**

We rethink traditional security frameworks through the lens of the culture of peace and feminism.

## **Memory, coexistence and reconciliation**

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



**“Peacebuilding actors are far more diverse and numerous than is often acknowledged. Knowing and recognizing them provides us with more tools to shield ourselves against violence and to move toward a more just and secure world.”**

**SABINA PUIG CARTES**

## 1 Violence in non-war settings

In recent years, despite the outbreak of new wars, the number of deaths occurring in “non-war” settings has exceeded the number of deaths in actual armed conflicts. These situations, however, tend to receive relatively little international attention. Homicides are the most visible expression of a broad range of direct violence, which also includes disappearances and forced displacements, extortion, threats, and attacks on human rights and environmental defenders, among others.

These are chronic forms of violence—with a considerable gender impact—that are deeply connected to structural and cultural violence.

The most common response to these situations tends to follow a logic of repression, often resulting in increased securitization and militarization of public spaces. At ICIP, we aim to address them from a peacebuilding perspective. This requires rethinking and adapting our methodological and conceptual tools, exploring alternative ways of promoting peace, and engaging with new actors.

In this regard, we aim to identify local initiatives that advocate for social and political transformation, promote the culture of peace and the defense of human rights, and

foster community building. We need to learn from their experiences and facilitate the exchange of knowledge among social, academic, and institutional actors. One of the groups ICIP considers especially relevant to peacebuilding is the families of disappeared persons, who seek truth, justice, reparation, and guarantees of non-repetition.

Although the work area maintains a global outlook, it is currently focused on two specific geographic regions: Mexico and Central America.

### Peacebuilding in Mexico

ICIP is part of the **Platform for Peacebuilding in Mexico**, a space for dialogue and synergy formally established in 2022. It brings together 32 organizations and various individuals working in the field of peace and human rights. The Platform was, in part, a result of the First International Forum for Peacebuilding in Mexico, organized in Barcelona in 2019 by Taula per Mèxic, Serapaz, and ICIP.

The Platform holds plenary meetings online every three months and typically meets once a year in person. It coordinates regularly with other peace initiatives and networks and occasionally hosts public events to foster knowledge sharing, provide space for analysis and reflection, and/or raise visibility for specific issues or regions.

In November 2024, the Platform held its third in-person meeting in Oaxaca. On this occasion, young Mexican activists from organizations working for peace were invited to participate. This fostered an intergenerational dialogue, from which a shared analysis of challenges and opportunities for peace at local, national, regional and global levels emerged. This analysis formed the basis for defining the Platform’s internal work plan for 2025. The gathering also helped strengthen the bonds between the participating peace organizations.

In April 2024, the Platform organized the webinar **“Outbreak of violence in Chiapas: What is happening in the border region?”**. The session coincided with the release of the report “Siege on daily life: Terror for territorial control and serious human rights violations,” produced by various local civil society organizations. The

webinar featured interventions by Carlos Ogaz and Chloé Stevenson, from the Border Region Working Group; Guillermo Trejo, from the Violence and Transitional Justice Lab at the University of Notre Dame; and Daniel Villafuerte, from CESME-CA (Centro de Estudios Superiores de México y Centroamérica). The session was moderated by Teresa Baratta, from SweFor.

Annual meeting of the Platform for Peacebuilding in Mexico, held in Oaxaca in November.



In October 2024, Taula per Mèxic and ICIP organized the commemorative event “**Ayotzinapa: A decade without the 43**,” marking the tenth anniversary of the disappearance of 43 students in Iguala, Guerrero. The event took place at the Association of Journalists of Catalonia and featured speeches by Carlos Martín Beristain, member of the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts (GIEI), and Cristina Bautista, mother of one of the disappeared students. The session was moderated by the Mexican journalist Verónica Martínez Jacobo.

## Peacebuilding in Central America

In June 2024, ICIP organized the conference “Human rights and peace in Central America: Challenges and opportunities” in Barcelona, in collaboration with the Taula Catalana Platform for Human Rights and Peace in Central America.

These sessions created space for reflection and discussion on the challenges to peace and human rights in Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras—countries marked by the rise of authoritarianism, securitization and militarization, political repression and persecution, natural resource exploitation and extractivism, and violence against women, LGBTI+ communities, and Indigenous peoples.

The discussions featured fifteen speakers from Central America, most of them women—experts and activists working to transform violence in their daily lives, some of them doing so from exile.

The event also featured the public launch of the new Taula Catalana Platform for Human Rights and Peace in Central America, a platform made up of twenty Catalan organizations engaged in cooperation with the region. This initiative aims to strengthen dialogue and Catalonia’s response to the violence and human rights crises affecting the region. The platform was created with the support and guidance of ICIP.



Roundtable at the conference “Human rights and peace in Central America: Challenges and opportunities,” held in Barcelona in June.

In February, ICIP organized the colloquium “**Challenges and opportunities for peace in Central America**,” in collaboration with Huacal, as part of its project *Violence, militarism and human rights in the Northern Triangle of Central America*. The event featured the participation of Carles Feixa, Verónica Reyna, Isabel Aguilar, Ismael Moreno, Jeannette Aguilar, and Suchit Chávez.

In September, ICIP organized the colloquium **“Sepur Zarco: An emblematic process of transformative reparation,”** in collaboration with UN Women and the Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation. The event featured the testimony of Carmen Xol and Clemencia Yat, two survivors of sexual violence during the Guatemalan armed conflict and leading figures in a long-standing struggle for truth, justice, and reparation, carried out with a clear gender perspective.



## Exhibition “Facing Violence”

Through photography and interviews, the street exhibition “Facing violence: Stories of resilience in Central America” explores the multiple forms of violence that affect daily life in three countries of the region known as the Northern Triangle: El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

At the same time, the exhibition gives voice to individuals who, in their everyday lives, strive to confront these forms of violence. In 2024, the exhibition was displayed in Santa Coloma de Gramenet and at Nau Bostik in Barcelona. Its tour comes to an end after having been displayed in fifteen municipalities over the past four years (for more information, see the section “Exhibitions and audiovisual productions”).



## Disappearances and peace

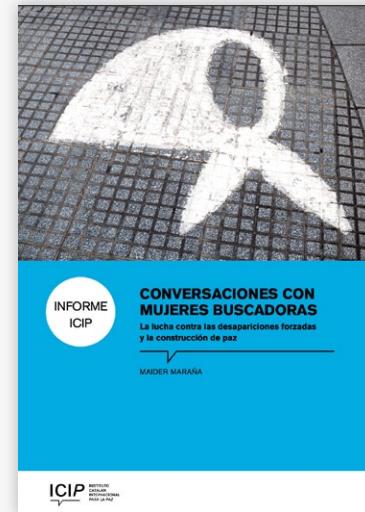
Throughout 2024, ICIP has continued working on the conceptualization of the link between the fight against enforced disappearances and peacebuilding, with the aim of highlighting the contributions of groups of family members to peacebuilding and of gathering and transferring knowledge and tools that can strengthen their struggles.

This conceptualization was presented at the Justice Visions Conference held in Ghent (Belgium) in March.

As part of this focus of work, ICIP has actively participated in preparations for the **World Congress on Enforced Disappearances**, which will take place in January 2025 in Geneva (Switzerland). This work has been carried out in collaboration with CEDI (Initiative for the Convention against Enforced Disappearances), which has led the organization of the Congress together with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances, and the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances.

Furthermore, in 2024, ICIP published ICIP Report 22/2024 *Conversaciones con mujeres buscadoras. La lucha contra las desapariciones forzadas y la construcción de paz*, by researcher Maider Maraña (Baketik Foundation).

The author conducts a theoretical and practical exploration of the relationship between the search for disappeared persons and peacebuilding, based on interviews carried out during the international meeting with families of disappeared persons organized by ICIP in Barcelona in November 2023.



## Participation in other initiatives

### “Youthicide” conference

In November, ICIP took part in one of the roundtables at the conference “Youthicide: Conceptualizing, measuring, preventing and combating systematic violence against young people.” This event, convened by Jovis.com and held at Pompeu Fabra University, brought together an informal network of social scientists from Latin America and Europe interested in developing the concept of “youthicide” and raising awareness of this phenomenon, defined as the systemic killing of young people because they are young.

### “Women and armed conflicts: Beyond the role of victims” conference

Also in November, ICIP participated in the conference “Women and armed conflicts: Beyond the role of victims,” organized by the City Council of Sant Boi de Llobregat and aimed at professionals working in areas related to the local network for addressing gender-based violence, as well as institutions and civil society organizations focused on social and public services. ICIP presented the talk “Understanding violence in non-war settings from a gender perspective.”



“Dialogue between people who differ is key to building social cohesion and peaceful coexistence.”

PABLO AGUIAR MOLINA

## 2 Social and political dialogue

Catalan society, like the societies in our immediate surroundings, is immersed in a context of major uncertainties and collective challenges. The climate crisis, the rise of political discourses that go against democratic values and human rights, and the growing toxic polarization are some of the phenomena that test social cohesion and our capacity for coexistence. In the face of these challenges, it is essential to strengthen our collective abilities to manage conflicts constructively, to avoid social fracture, and to reinforce community bonds and mutual respect.

At ICIP, we understand promoting peace as a continuous practice that must be cultivated every day. In this process, dialogue becomes one of the most effective tools to prevent violence and to transform conflicts constructively. For this reason, this work area focuses on promoting dialogue as an essential path for addressing social tensions, and it offers various tools for conflict analysis, management and transformation.

## Àgora, a space for democratic debate

From this work area, ICIP organizes initiatives that promote dialogue in order to encourage conversation and listening between people with differing—and even opposing—viewpoints. One of the most established and long-standing projects is the **Àgora democratic debate space**, a meeting point for people from different professions and backgrounds, and with diverse ideological perspectives, with the aim of fostering a culture of dialogue, strengthening democracy, and helping to bring the country together.

Through the shared reading of classical texts, prominent individuals from Catalonia's economic, political, and social spheres gather in various sessions to reflect on the political and social challenges shaping current affairs in Catalonia and around the world. In doing so, the project aims to build trust among people with widely differing ideological and political stances, enhance civic skills, promote a culture of dialogue, and ultimately strengthen democracy and social cohesion.

Àgora is a joint initiative of ICIP, the Center for the Study of Contemporary Issues, and the Lluís Coromina Foundation, in collaboration with Casa dels Clàssics. In 2024, the fourth and fifth editions of the project took place, with sessions in the spring and fall, each involving a group of twenty participants. The project was also presented in a workshop at the international Build Peace 2024 conference held in November in the Philippines (see the section "Strategic alliances").

As part of the Àgora project, this year the **Espai Àgora** was inaugurated—a special discussion session focused on the British philosopher and economist John Stuart Mill. Participants included those from previous Àgora editions, creating a space both for reunion and the exchange of ideas. The session took place in April and featured a speech by writer Gonzalo Torné.

## Dialogue experiences in the Basque Country

As part of its work in promoting dialogue, in 2024, ICIP published the book *Bidelagun: Accompanying dialogue processes in Euskal Herria*, by Aitziber Blanco, as part of the "Tools for peace, security and justice" book series.

This book gathers some of the lessons learned from the facilitation spaces of complex dialogue processes in a context marked by politically motivated violence. These dialogues take on the difficult and necessary task of confronting a painful past and present from the grassroots level, through micro-level engagement, with political representatives, citizens, and victims of violence as key participants. They involve both personal and collective processes aimed at building ethical foundations for coexistence—grounded in practice and shared experience.



## Diagnosis of coexistence and conflict in Barcelona

In collaboration with Taula per la Pau i la Convivència del Guinardó, ICIP has launched a project to diagnose coexistence and conflict in the Guinardó neighborhood of Barcelona. The goal is to identify social tensions in the area, detect existing mechanisms for conflict management, and promote social cohesion and community empowerment. This is a pioneering initiative in Catalonia, which will continue into 2025 and is expected to serve as a useful model for implementation in other regions.

## "The dialogical principle" conference

As part of its study on dialogue processes, ICIP took part in the academic conference "The dialogical principle: Challenges and expectations in light of the 100th anniversary of Martin Buber's *I and Thou*," held at the Complutense University of Madrid. The head of ICIP's "Social and political dialogue" area, Pablo Aguiar, delivered a speech entitled "Experiences and reflections regarding dialogue in Catalonia," in

which he presented the dialogue promotion initiatives led by ICIP, including the Àgora democratic debate project.

## Analysis of polarization

The analysis of toxic polarization, and the risks this phenomenon poses for coexistence and democracy, is part of the scope of this work area. In 2024, ICIP began conceptualizing an interactive exhibition aimed at **raising public awareness of the need to prioritize dialogue** and healthy confrontation of ideas, and to counter polarizing attitudes at both individual and societal levels. The exhibition is expected to open in 2026.

In addition, in a global context where polarization, racism, and tensions between social groups are highly prevalent, ICIP organized an event with social justice and anti-racism expert john a. powell, director of the Othering & Belonging Institute at the University of California, Berkeley. The conversation took place in Barcelona, in November, and focused on addressing anti-racism through the concepts of othering and belonging. The event was co-organized with the Barcelona City Council, Novact and the School for a Culture of Peace, with support from the Barcelona Provincial Council.



Conference by john a. powell, expert in social justice and anti-racism, in Barcelona in November.

## Analysis of the ICIP 2022 and 2023 surveys

The rise of narratives that go against democratic values and human rights is a cause for concern. In response, ICIP has initiated a research project aimed at identifying the profile of individuals who are more inclined to support the use of violence and reactionary ideas. The study, commissioned to journalist Roger Tugas, a data analysis specialist, is based on the results of seven surveys carried out in Catalonia, including the ICIP 2022 and 2023 surveys, which measure the degree of social cohesion in Catalan society.

This is the first specific empirical research into the roots of socially regressive, authoritarian, and militaristic ideas in Catalonia. The study makes it possible to evaluate which factors contribute to the spread of positions that oppose human rights and democratic and peace-oriented values among certain population profiles.

## Mediation initiatives

ICIP's mandate from the Parliament of Catalonia includes both dialogue and mediation. Due to its political sensitivity, this work is carried out discreetly. ICIP supports **dialogue initiatives in the international arena** and also hosts international actors in Catalonia who require a safe space to seek peaceful solutions to high-conflict situations.

This work involves establishing and strengthening ties with international organizations specialized in mediation, with governmental institutions, and with multilateral actors such as the European Union and the United Nations.

In October, ICIP took part for the first time in the "EU Community of Practice on Peace Mediation" meeting, an event organized in Brussels by the European External Action Service.



“Advocating for strategies beyond punitivism is not defending impunity. It is promoting actions that truly generate security for everyone.”

SANDRA MARTÍNEZ DOMINGO

### 3 Alternatives of security

The prevailing security model has proven limited in its ability to ensure a peaceful society and to provide a comprehensive response to violence, as its implementation is fundamentally state-driven and militaristic, and does not focus on addressing people's needs.

As a result, in recent decades, knowledge and alternative projects have emerged that offer new perspectives on how to understand security and what means are necessary to provide it. These are proposals that highlight the urgency of transforming all forms of violence beyond their most immediate and visible expressions, and emphasize the importance of doing so through the equal guarantee of rights and freedoms and the management of all forms of discrimination.

At ICIP, we start from the hypothesis that any security model that addresses conflict without being rooted in peacebuilding is bound to fail. For this reason, the main goal of this work area has become the analysis of the successes, opportunities, and shortcomings of current security actions and policies. To this end, we highlight the contributions of pacifism and feminism, we support the coordination between theory and practice, and we promote spaces for co-construction and dialogue among diverse actors.

#### Analysis of public security policies

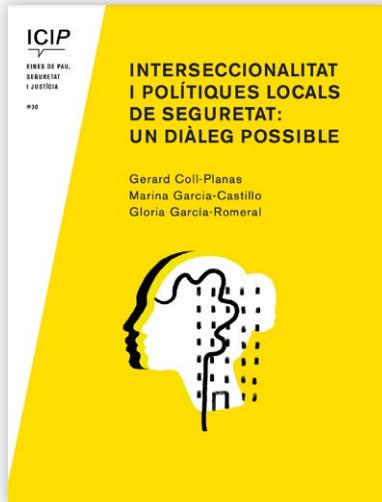
As part of this work area, in 2024 ICIP promoted an analysis of how security is understood and addressed in undergraduate and master's university programs. The study was carried out by a group of researchers from different universities (Cristina Güerri, José María López, Juan José Medina, Albert Pedrosa and Cristina Sobrino) and was published in ICIP Reports under the title *The treatment of security in catalan universities*. The report was publicly presented at an event in Barcelona in March, with the participation of two of its authors.



Presentation of the report *The treatment of security in catalan universities*, in March.

The study concludes that there is a need to promote interdisciplinary work and to provide resources for teaching staff that support updating the approach and dynamics of security studies. For this reason, following the publication of the report, ICIP has promoted the development of pedagogical material to serve as a common reference and consultation base for educators designing and delivering content on security in the classroom. This material will be published in 2025.

Within this work area, ICIP has also published the book *Intersectionality and local security policies*, by Gerard Coll-Planas, Marina García-Castillo, and Gloria García-Romeral, as part of the “Tools for peace, security and justice” book series.



This manual compiles proposals and practical cases aimed at incorporating an intersectional feminist perspective into local security and prevention policies. The publication is part of the project “Incorporating the feminist and intersectional perspective into local security and prevention policies,” developed by the Center for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies (CEIG) at the University of Vic – Central University of Catalonia (UVic-UCC).

of sexual and gender-based violence, the population’s perception of insecurity, and the media and political responses that follow such incidents.

## Analysis of punitive culture

As part of the study on how punitivism—a dominant trend shaping public policy models—manifests itself, ICIP invited feminist anthropologist Rita Segato to Barcelona. Segato is renowned for her research focused on gender-based violence and the intersections of gender, racism, and colonialism.

She participated in Fira Literal, specifically in the roundtable **“Feminism against punitivism,”** and delivered a speech entitled **“Feminist contributions to global challenges for peace”** at Hub Social Barcelona. The event featured experts in sexual violence, feminist philosophy, and LGBTIQ+ activism.

## Applied research projects in municipalities of Catalonia

With the aim of promoting alternative discourses and practices to the classical notion of public security, since 2021 ICIP has coordinated the Working Group on Public Security in Catalonia. The group seeks to strengthen applied research in this field and to foster spaces for dialogue and reflection among various strategic security actors in Catalonia, both institutional and social.

Among the group’s most recent actions is the launch of two research projects:

The first one, in collaboration with the Institut Metròpoli, is a **study that is being conducted on the predominant discourses and practices in the fields of coexistence and local security.** The study focuses on six municipalities in Catalonia and aims to generate knowledge about media, political, and social discourses in relation to the development cycle of local policies.

The second one, in collaboration with the Department of Feminisms and Equality and the Office for Prevention and Security of the Barcelona Provincial Council, is an **analysis that has been initiated on how sexual violence impacts the securitization of public spaces.** The research aims to analyze the relationship between cases



Participation of feminist anthropologist Rita Segato at Fira Literal in Barcelona, in May.

## Latin American Network of Women, Peace and Security

Since 2022, ICIP has been part of the Latin American Network of Women, Peace and Security (Red LAMPS). This initiative brings together peace and human rights organizations from Colombia, Mexico, Honduras, Chile, Latin American diasporas, and international actors.

From its beginnings, the network's goal has been to jointly develop and contribute to the transformation of perspectives and actions regarding security, peace, and dialogue from a feminist standpoint. It does so by promoting training sessions and community workshops with local women's organizations, and by leading advocacy initiatives at national, regional and international levels to advance a territorial agenda.

In 2024, the project **“Dialogue from a feminist perspective: A key component in the peace and security agenda of Latin American women”** was launched, with the support of ICIP and funding from the German Federal Foreign Office (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen – IFA zivik).

The project aims to help transform situations of gender-based violence occurring across social, economic, political, and cultural spheres in different Latin American contexts. At the same time, it seeks to increase direct impact with local and national government entities, advocating for the inclusion of women, peace, and security issues in public policy documents and government commitments.

One of the main actions of the project has been the collective creation of a dialogue tool with a feminist perspective, designed to guide conversations among various territorial actors, jointly analyze the situation of women in the region, and propose initiatives. It also aims to strengthen the capacity of women's organizations to participate in the management of public policies related to peace and security.



“Diasporas, as both individual and collective actors, can contribute to the path toward peace in their countries of origin and in their host countries.”

MARIA EUGENIA BLANDÓN

## 4 Memory, coexistence and reconciliation

Wars and dictatorships have a social, political, and psychological impact on societies and on the individuals who have endured traumatic experiences. These impacts are not overcome simply by the signing of a peace agreement or the holding of democratic elections. It is essential to promote processes of social fabric reconstruction and reconciliation, both within society and its institutions. We must find ways to rebuild the memory of traumatic events in order to foster psychosocial healing and create conditions that prevent the repetition of cycles of violence.

The aim of this program is to give visibility and support to civil society initiatives involved in political transition processes. We promote the exchange of innovative experiences to foster coexistence, often through creative artistic expressions.

In 2024—a turbulent and adverse year for peace worldwide, marked by open wars in Palestine, Ukraine, and Sudan, unprecedented humanitarian crises, and a rising number of displaced persons—this work area has focused on studying diasporas as peacebuilding actors.

## Study of diasporas

### “Diasporas as peacebuilders” monograph

Throughout 2024, ICIP has focused this work area on studying diasporas and how these communities—composed of migrants, refugees, and exiles—contribute to peacebuilding, both in their countries of origin and in their host countries.

This theoretical analysis has been captured in the Peace in Progress magazine’s special issue, “**Diasporas as peacebuilders**,” which will be published in January 2025. Through five in-depth articles and an interview, the issue explores how identities are formed in the diaspora, what normative frameworks recognize diasporas—locally, regionally, and internationally—and how individuals from second and third generations act. Beyond theoretical frameworks, the publication also highlights specific experiences of participation in peacebuilding processes and the everyday lives of people forced to leave their countries – such as Lebanon, Syria or Palestine – due to violence.

### Mediterranean women weaving resilience: The value of peace

Women from Palestine, Syria, and Lebanon participated in a week-long residency at Faberllull in Olot, with the aim of reflecting on peace through their personal experiences.

The residency took place in September under the title “**Mediterranean women weaving resilience: The value of peace**.” A total of nine women, all peace activists of diverse ages, professions, and social and political backgrounds, shared the space. What they all have in common, however, are the impacts of war and conflict in their countries. For this reason, the residency was designed to offer them a healing experience. Work dynamics were developed to foster the creation of emotional bonds and to build safe spaces in which participants could express their grief and anxiety and listen to one another. The residency also aimed to nurture relationships between participants that could open new pathways for future connection. During their stay, participants took part in nature outings and training activities with organizations based in Olot.

Faberllull Olot is a residency center managed by the Institut Ramon Llull in collaboration with the Olot City Council. This particular residency was carried out with the support of ICIP, as it served as a means to establish connections with members of the Palestinian, Syrian and Lebanese diasporas living in Catalonia.



Group of women from Lebanon, Palestine and Syria participating in the Faberllull residency in Olot, in September.

## Peacebuilding in Colombia

### “Cooking and peace” workshop series

An initiative of the Colombian consulate in Barcelona, dozens of Colombian residents in Catalonia participated in the “**Cooking and peace**” workshop series, held in El Masnou and Barcelona from September to December 2024. The workshops were aimed at victims of the Colombian armed conflict and sought to strengthen ties within the Colombian diaspora in Catalonia, providing a space for encounter, reconciliation and forgiveness among migrants, exiles and refugees in our midst.

Through traditional Colombian cooking, group therapy, mindfulness, and examples of successful reconciliation efforts, participants engaged with key components of the

peace agreement between the Colombian government and the now-defunct FARC-EP guerrilla group: recognition, forgiveness and reconciliation.

## **“Ressona” series of listening and artistic creation workshops**

In collaboration with the Taula Catalana Platform for Peace and Human Rights in Colombia, Generación V+, and the National Pedagogical University of Colombia, Icip organized the “Ressona” series of listening and artistic creation workshops based on the final report of Colombia’s Truth Commission.

A total of six workshops, each lasting two and a half hours, were held—each one based on a different chapter of the Truth Commission’s final report. The series concluded with an artistic activity in the form of a sound-based proceeding.

## **Presentations of the book *Exilios y lejanías***

In 2024, two public presentations were held for the book *Exilios y lejanías. Relatos de mujeres colombianas* (*Exiles and distances: Stories of Colombian women*), written and illustrated by thirteen Colombian women living in exile in various European countries. The book was published by the Hegoa Institute (UPV/EHU) with the collaboration of Icip, the Gender Inter-Nodal Group in Support of the Legacy of Colombia’s Truth Commission, the Swedish Foundation for Human Rights, and the German-Colombian Peace Institute (CAPAZ).

The launch events took place at Ca La Dona and the García Márquez Library in Barcelona, featuring two of the book’s authors, Lizethe Söderlind and Claudia Alejandra Sepúlveda. The event at the García Márquez Library was part of the Libraries Without Borders program.

# Awards, calls for proposals and grants

ICIP promotes the culture of peace through the awarding of grants to organizations and university research groups, as well as through awards and contests that aim to recognize outstanding initiatives in the promotion of peace.

The ICIP Peace in Progress Award, with thirteen years of history, is the institution's flagship honor.

Among the initiatives aimed at a younger audience, special mention goes to the Hip Hop for Peace Contest and the ICIP Alfons Banda Award, which is part of the Young Research Awards.

## 1 ICIP Peace in Progress Award

The ICIP Peace in Progress Award is announced annually with the goal of recognizing and publicly honoring individuals, groups or organizations that have made an exceptional and long-standing contribution to promoting and fostering peace.



The award is granted by the Icip Governing Board and consists of public recognition, a sculpture entitled Porta del Sol created by Adolfo Pérez Esquivel, Nobel Peace Prize laureate, artist and activist, and a monetary prize of 6,000 euros.

In 2024, the Icip Award was granted to researcher, activist, and analyst Vicenç Fisas i Armengol, for his extensive and ongoing work in the fields of peace and human rights research, activism, mediation, and conflict analysis.

## 2 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, the contest has the support of the Department of Education of the Government of Catalonia, the Directorate General for Youth, and the Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation.

The award ceremony for the 8th Hip Hop for Peace Contest took place in April at the Lleialtat Santsenca in Barcelona, with participation from the winning groups.



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

- **First Prize:** "Coratge," a video created by students from Pla de les Moretes High School in Vilanova del Camí (Anoia); winners of the recording and professional music production of a rap track in a professional studio with artistic guidance. The song addresses the violence women face and highlights sorority as a strategy to prevent it.
- **Second Prize:** "Flow contra la violència," a video by students from Oriol Martorell Artistic High School in Barcelona (Barcelonès); winners of a professional rap workshop led by a professional hip hop artist. The jury praised the quality of the production, teamwork and performance.
- **Special Mention:** "Actual," a video by Montagut High School in Santa Susanna (Maresme). The jury highlighted the collective classroom effort, resulting in a powerful message of peace.

### Category 2: For young people aged 12 to 25 connected to youth centers, cultural or civic organizations, or socio-educational initiatives in Catalonia

- **First Prize:** "Acompanyat dels meus," a video created by young people from Salt (Gironès) participating in the project "Un toc de Salt." Participants included youth from the Vocational Training and Insertion Program of Pia School (Salt), as part of Palau Vincles, a project by Fundació Orfeó Català – Palau de la Música Catalana. They won the recording and music production of a rap song in a professional recording studio with artistic guidance. The piece reflects on everyday struggles young people face and the importance of strength and resilience.
- **Second Prize:** "Qui fabrica, qui consumeix?," a video created by a group of young people from Terrassa (Vallès Occidental) involved in a community eco-social transformation project led by the Coordination Group for Fair Trade and Ethical Finances of Barcelona. They won a rap workshop led by a hip hop professional. The piece is a critique of capitalism and a call for responsible consumerism.

- **Special Mention:** “Som d'on volem,” a video that is part of Projecte 9aVic, coordinated by the Newcomer Reception Office of the Vic City Council (Osona) and Vicjove. The jury praised the collaborative group work reflected in the piece, highlighting the importance of hip hop as a tool for social inclusion.

The call for the ninth edition of the contest  
was announced in 2024

### 3 ICIP Alfons Banda Award

The ICIP Alfons Banda Award recognizes research projects by students in the third and fourth years of high school (ESO) and in post-compulsory education (high school after age 16 and intermediate and advanced vocational training) that promote theoretical analysis and results in the field of peace culture or practical application of nonviolent conflict management.

This award is part of the Youth Research Awards granted by the Department of Research and Universities and the Agency for the Management of University and Research Grants (AGAUR), with the aim of encouraging scientific curiosity among young people.

#### Winning projects of the Seventh ICIP Alfons Banda Award

- “Cultural resistance: Francoism, song, censorship and Catalan. A study of the influence of the Franco regime (1936–1975) on popular song in Spain,” by Aina Sofia Alburquerque Prieto from Pere Vives i Vich High School in Igualada.
- “The far right 2.0: What is it, what influence does it have on European society, and how can it be countered?,” by Luis Martín Miguel, from the Súñion Catalan Cultural High School in Barcelona.

Winning entries each receive a financial award of 850 euros.

The call for the eighth edition of the ICIP Alfons Banda Award was announced in 2024 and the winners will be determined in 2025

### 4 Grants

Once again this year, ICIP has announced its annual calls for grant applications for research projects in the field of peace (R-ICIP), as well as for projects led by non-profit organizations, foundations, and cooperatives dedicated to the promotion of peace.

#### Grants for projects by organizations aimed at fostering peace, with a total allocation of 80,000 euros:

- Meeting of diaspora communities and Palestinian organizations (Suds)
- “Cabuda,” a documentary about the connections between Catalonia and El Salvador (Associació d’Agermanament Igualada-Nueva Esperanza)
- Voices for peace: Women journalists in conflict zones (Associació Revista Yemayá)
- Women peacebuilders (Grup Feminista de Ponent)
- The festival of democratic evolution and peace culture in rural areas (Associació Núria Social)
- Dialogues for peace: Initiatives of the Gambian diaspora for civic coexistence in the transitional process in Gambia (Fundació Pia Autònoma Institut Pere Tarrés)
- “Naharina” documentary (Dies d’Agost SCCL)
- But Na But (Asociación Cultural La Quinta Pata)
- Urban lab: Urban culture for peace (Associació La Casa Urbana)

## **Grants for research projects in the field of peace R-ICIP, with a total allocation of 78,348 euros:**

- Weaving solidarities: Feminist strategies against gender-based violence in university settings in Mexico and Catalonia (Autonomous University of Barcelona)
- Protection of rights: Institutional best practices regarding sex work in Barcelona (Autonomous University of Barcelona)
- Challenges of the European energy transition: Human rights, responsible business conduct, and socio-environmental conflicts in the Global South (Rovira i Virgili University)
- Co-creating futures: A community participation experience in preventing youth violence (University of Barcelona)
- Galilea Forest: The socio-territorial cost of carbon credits in the environmental heart of Tolima, Colombia (University of Vic)
- Constitutions for peace: The role of constitutional changes in promoting coexistence and social reconstruction in transitional societies (University of Barcelona)
- Building peace from exile: A restorative approach to the participation of victims living abroad in the JEP (Special Jurisdiction for Peace) processes in Colombia (Open University of Catalonia)
- The movement against war and fascism in 1930s Catalonia: A transnational perspective (University of Lleida)

In both cases, the project implementation period is twelve months and will conclude on 5 September 2025

# Book series

With the aim of contributing to the dissemination of the culture of peace, ICIP has book series specializing in topics related to peace and nonviolence. Some of these series are our own, while others are published in collaboration with other publishers.

ICIP's catalogue includes a total of 84 published titles. In 2024, five new books were published. In addition, to promote these works among a broad audience, ICIP organized eleven reading club sessions in collaboration with public libraries and bookstores.

## Books published in 2024



- *Bidelagun. Acompanyament a processos de diàleg a Euskal Herria. Alguns aprenentatges i un camí per recórrer*, by Aitziber Blanco Goikoetxea. "Tools for peace, security and justice" series.

This book gathers insights gained from facilitating complex dialogue processes in a context marked by politically motivated violence. These dialogues face the difficult yet essential task of confronting a painful past and present at the micro level—with political representatives, citizens, and victims of violence as the central figures. They involve both personal and collective journeys to build ethical foundations for coexistence, through shared, practice-based experiences.

ICIP has published the book in Catalan, Spanish, and Basque.

The book launch took place in February at the offices of the Arrupe Etxea Foundation in Donostia/San Sebastián, with the participation of the author and of ICIP director Kristian Herbolzheimer.

- ***Interseccionalitat i polítiques locals de seguretat***, by Gerard Coll-Planas, Marina García-Castillo, and Gloria García-Romeral. “Tools for peace, security and justice” series.

This manual – the 30th title in the series – presents proposals and practical case studies on how to incorporate an intersectional feminist perspective into local security and prevention policies. Intersectionality is a feminist approach that addresses inequalities holistically, taking into account variables such as race, gender, ethnicity and social class. The publication is part of the project “Incorporating the feminist and intersectional perspective into local security and prevention policies”, led by the Center for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies (CEIG) at the University of Vic – Central University of Catalonia (UVic-UCC).

- ***Arxiu dels infants perduts***, by Valeria Luiselli. Translated by Elisabet Ràfols Sagués. “Classics of peace and nonviolence” series, co-published with Angle Editorial.

Straddling the genres of travel literature and migration narratives, Valeria Luiselli’s *Lost Children Archive* is a major novel for our times: an emotional, moving, and multilayered work—where everything echoes another voice—about the fragility of family bonds, the ways we document and process our experiences, and what it means to be human in an unjust and unequal world.

- ***Vulnerabilidad en resistencia***, edited by Judith Butler, Zeynep Gambetti, and Leticia Sabsay. “Peace and security” series, co-published with Bellaterra Edicions.

*Vulnerability in Resistance* provides a feminist account of political agency through practices such as occupying public space, building barricades, hunger strikes, mourning, protests, and diverse forms of solidarity, as well as through aesthetic and artistic interventions that expose power and construct memory. The book

points to possible strategies for a feminist politics of transversal alliances and bodily resistance that do not reject vulnerability and do not abandon the pursuit of radical social transformation.

## Other presentations

The book *Exilios y lejanías. Relatos de mujeres colombianas* (*Exiles and Distances: Stories of Colombian Women*) was presented on 4-5 March at Ca La Dona and at the Gabriel García Márquez Library (Barcelona). The book was published in October 2023 by the Hegoa Institute (UPV/EHU) in collaboration with ICIP, the Gender Internodal Group in Support of the Legacy of the Colombian Truth Commission, the Swedish Foundation for Human Rights, and the German-Colombian Peace Institute (CAPAZ).

## Reading clubs

Once again, ICIP offered reading clubs focused on books from our own collections, with the goal of promoting the culture of peace. Specifically, in 2024, ICIP co-organized two editions of the Peace and Human Rights Reading Club in Girona, in collaboration with the Girona Library Network and the Coordination Group of Solidarity NGOs of the area of Girona. A special series was also held for families of students and teaching staff, organized with the Families for Peace Association, aFFaC (Federation of Student Family Associations of Catalonia), and the bookstore La Impossible. Another series, “Against violence,” was co-organized with the Barcelona Libraries Network. Additional sessions were also organized in Ripoll, Sant Joan de les Abadeses and Vic.

## Peace and human rights series in Girona (Just M. Casero Library)

This series featured two editions in 2024 and included sessions dedicated to the following books: *The Thinking Heart of the Barracks. Letters from Amsterdam and Westerbork Camp* by Etty Hillesum (ICIP and Angle Editorial); *Woman, Life, Freedom*, coordinated by Marjane Satrapi; and *El dia de les oques. Seguint els passos de Santi Brouard*, by Adur Larrea and Harkaitz Cano.

### **Sant Joan de les Abadesses reading club (Josep Picola Library)**

This session took place in May and focused on the book *Johnny Got His Gun*, by Dalton Trumbo (ICIP and Angle Editorial).

### **Ripoll reading club (La Lluerna Bookstore)**

This session took place in June and focused on the book *Papers de Pau*, a collection of writings by Arcadi Oliveres (ICIP and Angle Editorial).

### **Vic reading club (Pilarín Bayés Library)**

This session was held in July and focused on the book *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou (ICIP and Angle Editorial).

### **Series for students' families and teachers (La Impossible Bookstore, Barcelona)**

This reading club featured two sessions. The first session focused on the book *Papers de Pau*, a collection of texts by Arcadi Oliveres, edited by Jordi Algué and Mar Valldorriola (ICIP and Angle Editorial). And the second session focused on *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou (ICIP and Angle Editorial).

### **“Against violence” series (Vila de Gràcia Library, Barcelona)**

This series took place in the last quarter of the year and included three sessions on three books co-published by ICIP and Angle Editorial: *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou; *The Thinking Heart of the Barracks. Letters from Amsterdam and Westerbork Camp*, by Etty Hillesum; and *Johnny Got His Gun*, by Dalton Trumbo.

### **Library and documentation center**

ICIP has an extensive bibliographic collection of more than 9,980 volumes, focused on topics such as nonviolence, peacebuilding, conflict transformation, political science, international relations, disarmament, terrorism, cooperation and development, and nonviolent social movements.

The collection continues to grow year after year—in 2024, 122 new titles were acquired. However, since 2022, the ICIP Library no longer has an independent physical space that allows it to open to the general public or to provide lending services and knowledge-sharing functions typically associated with a documentation center.

Currently, the institution's headquarters—located at Carrer Aragó, 244 in Barcelona—has a single designated workstation available for users who wish to consult the collection. Interlibrary loan services, however, continue to operate normally, as 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, an associate member of the Consortium of University Services of Catalonia (CSUC). It is also integrated into the Collective Catalogue of Catalan Universities (CCUC), which holds over five million titles and provides access to more than ten million physical documents. This catalogue includes the holdings of CSUC member libraries as well as other associated libraries.

# Strategic alliances



“We need to work in partnership with all those actors who are committed to a less violent and more just world, both in Catalonia and beyond.”

**SÍLVIA PLANÀ SUBIRANA**

From the “Strategic alliances” area, ICIP is committed to creating synergies among social, cultural, academic, and institutional actors, and to promoting greater interaction between Catalan and international stakeholders, with the goal of spreading the culture of peace to a wide audience.

Aware that peacebuilding is a collective effort, we seek to form alliances with diverse actors, since the transformation we aim for is inclusive, plural and radical. That is why the broader the collaboration, the greater its potential for transformative impact.

With this in mind, in 2024 we strengthened the number of collaborations with organizations and institutions, as well as ICIP’s participation in national and international action networks. One example of this commitment to uniting a multiplicity of actors in the promotion of peace is the launch of the Catalan Forum for Peace—an initiative for reflection and participation that stems from the efforts of the Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace, ICIP, the Government of Catalonia and civil society organizations.

## 1 Presentation of the Catalan Forum for Peace at the Parliament's Second Peace Conference

At the request of the Board of the Parliament of Catalonia, the Catalan chamber holds an annual Peace Conference, co-organized by ICIP, Lafede.cat, and the Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace.

In 2024, the second edition of this event was dedicated to the public presentation of the Catalan Forum for Peace, a process of reflection, participation, and debate open to society as a whole, under the motto **“Less violence, more global justice.”** The initiative aims to create a public peace policy and expand the capacity for advocacy and mobilization for peace. The Forum is a joint initiative of the Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace, the Government of Catalonia, ICIP, and civil society organizations, and it will include a citizen participation process with sessions throughout Catalonia.

The initiative was publicly presented during the Parliament's Second Peace Conference, under the title “For a Public Peace Policy,” which brought together organizations



from the peace movement in Catalonia. The event introduced the conceptual framework guiding the Catalan Forum for Peace, the prior assessments carried out, the mechanisms for public participation, and the thematic areas that structure the Forum.

Due to Catalonia's snap parliamentary election and the subsequent change of Government, the launch of the Catalan Forum for Peace, initially scheduled for spring 2024, has been postponed to 2025. Nevertheless, the working group has remained active, and in 2024, the report *Assessment of peacebuilding initiatives in Catalonia*, authored by Maria Josep Parés, was published. The report summarizes the peacebuilding actions carried out by various departments of the Government of Catalonia and local authorities. It is available on the Forum's website: [www.forumcatalapau.cat](http://www.forumcatalapau.cat), which contains all the relevant information about the initiative.



## 2 Participation in international bodies, networks, and conferences

### ▪ Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace

The ICIP director serves as the second vice president of this consultative and participatory body. The Council includes representatives from the Government of Catalonia, local entities, parliamentary groups, NGOs working for peace, and other institutions and individuals recognized for their activities promoting peace. The Council proposes candidates to serve on ICIP's Governing Board who are elected by the Parliament of Catalonia. Together with the Council, ICIP promotes the Catalan Forum for Peace and co-organizes the annual Peace Conference at the Parliament with Lafede.cat.

## ▪ **Taula Catalana Platform for Peace and Human Rights in Colombia**

ICIP is an observer entity of this platform, which seeks to strengthen ties and cooperation among its 33 member organizations. ICIP's formal involvement reinforces its peacebuilding work in Colombia, particularly in support of truth, justice, and the recognition of victims of the armed conflict. ICIP regularly participates in the platform's meetings and activities and helps organize its annual conferences. In 2024, these were held in Barcelona and Lleida in November under the title "Peace in progress: Cross-cutting challenges for Colombia," with debates focusing on the evolution of Colombia's "Total peace" policy, and three key themes: justice and impunity, the role of exile, and environmental justice.

## ▪ **Taula Catalana Platform for Human Rights and Peace in Central America**

Since its launch in 2023, the ICIP has supported this initiative, led by civil society groups to address the serious crises of democracy, security, and human rights in Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. In 2024, ICIP and the Platform jointly organized the conference "Human rights and peace in Central America: Challenges and opportunities," which took place in Barcelona (for more information, see the section "Violence in non-war settings").

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

EPLO is a European platform of NGOs aimed at influencing EU public policies on peacebuilding and conflict prevention. It also provides training and promotes collaboration among leading European peace organizations. The network includes 50 member organizations from 17 countries, and ICIP is the only member from Spain. From 2021 to 2023, ICIP's director served on EPLO's Governing Board.

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

ICIP has been a member of AIPAZ since its creation in 2008. The network includes 25 NGOs, research centers, foundations, academic chairs, institutes and people involved in peace research and education across Spain. In 2024, ICIP played an active role in AIPAZ's annual conference, held in October at the Pau Casals Museum in El Vendrell, entitled "Cultural rights for peacebuilding." The event brought together member organizations and institutions for dialogue and reflection. ICIP's "Strategic alliances" head, Sílvia Plana, participated in a roundtable on cultural heritage and memory spaces.

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

ICIP is one of the founding members of this Platform, formally established in 2022 to create a space for analysis, knowledge exchange, solidarity, and collective action in response to widespread violence in Mexico. In November 2024, the Platform held its third in-person meeting in Oaxaca, Mexico (for more information, see the section "Violence in non-war settings").

Member organizations include: Aluna Acompañamiento Psicosocial, Artículo 19, Brigada Humanitaria de Paz Marabunta, Centro de Derechos Humanos de las Mujeres (CEDEHM), Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Bartolomé de las Casas, Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Francisco de Vitoria, Centro de Justicia para la Paz y el Desarrollo (CEPAD), Código DH, Consorcio Oaxaca, Comisión de Apoyo a la Unidad y Reconciliación Comunitaria (CORECO), EDUCA, Eutopía y Estrategia, Global Exchange, GPPAC, ICIP, Whitaker Initiative, Lekil Kuxlejal, Notre Dame Violence and Transitional Justice Lab, Periodistas de a Pie, Poder, Servicios y Asesoría para la Paz (Serapaz), SERPAJ, Bread for the World's Civil Peace Service, SIPAZ, SweFor, and Taula per Mèxic.

## ▪ **Ibero-American Network for Peace, Memory and Conflict Resolution**

ICIP has joined this recent initiative led by the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) to launch a peace, memory, and conflict reso-

lution network. It aims to strengthen democracy and respect for pluralism through memory recovery, the promotion of peaceful coexistence, and support for conflict resolution. The network operates across Latin America, the Caribbean and Spain.

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

ICIP is a co-founding institution of the Latin American Network of Women, Peace and Security (Red LAMPS), which was created in 2022. This initiative currently includes ten organizations working for peace and human rights in Colombia, Mexico, Honduras, Chile, Latin American diasporas, and the international community.

The network promotes a feminist perspective on security, peace and dialogue through community training and workshops with local women's organizations; research and knowledge production; and advocacy efforts at national, regional, and international levels (for more information, see the section "Alternatives of security").

#### ▪ **Build Peace 2024**

For the third consecutive year, ICIP actively participated in the Build Peace conference, organized by Build Up, which explores the intersections between technology and peace culture. In 2024, it was held near Manila, Philippines, focusing on dialogue and mediation efforts, climate-related conflicts, and both local and international responses.

ICIP contributed two sessions: a talk by ICIP director Kristian Herbolzheimer on mediation efforts in the conflict affecting the autonomous region of Mindanao, in the Philippines; and a working session on dialogue through the Ågora project, led by Pablo Aguiar, head of ICIP's "Social and political dialogue" work area.

The closing session of the conference announced that Build Peace 2025 will take place in Santa Coloma de Gramenet, just outside Barcelona, and will be co-organized locally by ICIP.

### 3 Support for peace promotion initiatives

#### ▪ Cities Defending Human Rights

Since 2013, ICIP has been part of the public institutions and organizations that bring the Cities Defending Human Rights project to life, with the participation of several Catalan municipalities. The aim of the initiative is to raise awareness of the work of human rights activists around the world through their personal testimonies and to sensitize the public on the need to integrate the defense of human rights into our daily lives.

In 2024, the 14th edition of the project was held, consisting of two tours, one in spring and one in autumn. A total of thirteen participants took part in this year's edition; activists from Afghanistan, Algeria, Colombia, Gambia, Honduras, Israel, Kenya, Morocco, Mexico, Nicaragua, Palestine, and Chile. These human rights defenders advocate for the rights of women, refugees, Indigenous peoples, and the environment.

#### ▪ Third Arcadi Oliveres Week for Peace

Once again, ICIP collaborated in the Arcadi Oliveres Week for Peace, an initiative organized by Justícia i Pau which serves as a space for the exchange of ideas and action proposals that promote a culture of peace, dialogue, and social and ecological justice.

In 2024, the Week for Peace was held in May at various venues across the city of Barcelona. Activities focused on reflecting on the use of language and how we communicate; how we experience art, music, singing, and theater as ways of expressing who we are and what we experience.

Among the scheduled events, ICIP co-organized the debate space "Youth for Peace" in collaboration with the Barcelona Youth Council; the roundtable "Voices of Peace" on media and language use; and contributed to "Dialogue Square," a space for workshops offered by different organizations.



Debate space "Youth for Peace" during the Arcadi Oliveres Week for Peace.

#### ▪ IMPACTE! Festival

April saw the fourth edition of IMPACTE!, the Human Rights Film Festival of Catalonia. This year's edition focused on the "Right to peace" and included the collaboration of ICIP, which participated in both the opening and closing events. The festival was held in Barcelona, Girona, Lleida and Reus, in both in-person and virtual formats.

#### ▪ Third "Mediterranean Route" podcast contest

ICIP collaborated on this youth competition organized by the entity Jiwar Creació i Societat, which aims to deepen knowledge about the Mediterranean, the history of Al-Andalus, interculturality, and the culture of peace. ICIP was part of the jury for the contest's third edition, which concluded in the spring.

#### ▪ Conference: "Local peace initiatives and decentralized cooperation"

ICIP collaborated in organizing this conference, an initiative of the Barcelona Provincial Council, with the goal of reflecting on how to harness the potential of

decentralized cooperation to strengthen peace policies at the local level. The event took place in March, in Barcelona, and featured the presentation of a new study by the Observatory for Decentralized Cooperation. This study, entitled “Guide for local agendas on peace and decentralized cooperation: Guidelines for strengthening local peace policies,” was developed by the Gernika Gogoratuz Research Center.

The publication was authored by Jokin Alberti and Tica Font, with support from Maria Oianguren and Liliana Zambrano-Quintero, and in collaboration with ICIP.

#### ▪ **Online course on peace journalism**

In collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Bolivia, ICIP created and published an online course on peace journalism. The course is free, open to everyone, and aimed at individuals who practice or wish to practice journalism and who are interested in peace communication.

It consists of a series of videos published on YouTube featuring explanations by Xavier Giró, former journalism professor at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB); Bolivian communicator and political scientist Vania Sandoval; editor-in-chief of Projeto Comprova, Sérgio Lüdtke; and an optional module by Arturo Torres, founder and director of the investigative website Código Vidrio.

The course addresses communication for peace in contexts of polarization and social conflict; journalism in contexts of harassment and digital violence; journalism during electoral processes and communication for democracy; and journalism in the fight against disinformation and the generation of hate speech.

#### ▪ **Dialogues with music**

“Dialogues with music” is an initiative of the Pau Casals Foundation that combines music and spoken word, aiming to disseminate and deepen the legacy of Pau Casals. In the 2024 edition, ICIP collaborated on the project by co-organizing the event “Dialogues with music: Art and peace,” held in October at the Centre de Cul-

tura Contemporània de Barcelona (CCCB). The session featured the participation of ICIP director Kristian Herbolzheimer.

#### ▪ **Panel discussion: “Culture and conflict”**

Together with the Goethe-Institut Barcelona, ICIP co-organized the panel discussion “Culture and conflict” to reflect on the role of culture in conflict-affected contexts. The session was held in November in Barcelona as part of the “Europa pensa” (Europe thinks) series and featured speeches by Ulla Schmidt, former Minister of Health and Vice President of the German Parliament; Alfons Martinell, Professor Emeritus at the University of Girona and expert in culture and development; and Ronald Grätz, former director of the Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen in Stuttgart and the Goethe-Institut Barcelona.

#### ▪ **Seminar: “(Dis)United Nations”**

In December 2024, the International Peace Bureau and the Delàs Center for Peace Studies, with the collaboration of ICIP and Novact, organized the seminar “(Dis)United Nations: What is the future of global governance? Civil society proposals for a (real) architecture of peace and security.” The event aimed to provide a space for analysis on the future of global governance, taking the UN’s Summit of the Future, held in New York last September, as its starting point, while also aiming to contribute to the Catalan Forum for Peace. The seminar also received support from the Directorate for Global Justice of the Barcelona City Council.

## 4 Collaborations with other actors

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

### 4.1 Institutions

- Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation
- Catalan Youth Agency
- Agency for Management of University and Research Grants (AGAUR)
- Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)
- City Councils of Barcelona, Lleida, Sant Boi de Llobregat and Santa Coloma de Gramenet
- Center for Opinion Studies
- Center for Contemporary Studies
- Advisory Council for Sustainable Development – Catalonia 2030 Alliance
- Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace
- Consulate of Colombia in Barcelona
- Consortium of University Services of Catalonia
- Departments of the Government of Catalonia: Education, Justice and Democratic Quality, Interior, Institutional Relations and Participation, European Union and Foreign Action
- Delegations of the Government of Catalonia abroad: Balkans, Mexico and Central America, Switzerland, West Africa
- Barcelona Provincial Council: Department of Feminisms and Equality, Prevention and Security Office, Office for Development Cooperation
- Catalan Fund for Development Cooperation
- Spanish Government: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation
- Institut Ramon Llull
- United Nations: UN Women and UNDP Bolivia
- Parliament of Catalonia: Commission on the European Union and Foreign Action, Board of Parliament

- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights – Mexico
- European Union: External Action Service

### 4.2 Universities and other research and academic centers

- CIDOB
- Conflict Research Society
- CUIMP, Ernest Lluch Center
- IBEI, Barcelona Institute of International Studies
- Institut Metròpoli
- Institute of Studies on Development and International Cooperation – Hegoa (Basque Country)
- Justice Visions Research Group, University of Ghent (Belgium)
- Memory Studies Association
- Autonomous University of Barcelona
- Complutense University of Madrid
- University of Barcelona
- University of Girona
- University of Lleida
- University of Vic
- Open University of Catalonia
- Pompeu Fabra University
- Ramon Llull University
- Rovira i Virgili University

### 4.3 Collaborations with social organizations

- Spanish Association for Peace Research, AIPAZ
- Federated Associations of Families of Students of Catalonia, aFFaC
- United Nations Association of Spain, ANUE
- Baketik (Basque Country)
- Berghof Foundation (Germany)
- Build Up
- Delàs Center for Peace Studies

- Barcelona Youth Council
- Coordinating Committee of Solidarity NGOs from the Area of Girona and Alt Maresme
- Coordinating Committee of Development NGOs and Other Solidarity Movements of Lleida
- European Peacebuilding Liaison Office, EPLO
- Families for Peace
- Federation of the Development Cooperation Network of Southern Catalonia
- Initiative for the Convention against Enforced Disappearances, CEDI
- International Peace Bureau
- Jiwar Creació i Societat
- Justícia i Pau
- Lafede.cat, organizations for global justice
- Novact
- Norwegian Centre for Conflict Resolution, NOREF (Norway)
- Serapaz (Mexico)
- Swisspeace (Switzerland)
- Taula Catalana Platform for Human Rights and Peace in Central America
- Taula Catalana Platform for Peace and Human Rights in Colombia
- Taula de Diàleg per la Convivència del Guinardó
- Platform of Third Sector Social Organizations of Catalonia
- Taula per Mèxic
- International University of Peace
- Mayors for Peace Network

#### 4.4 Collaborations with cultural agents and organizations

- Angle Editorial
- Ateneu Barcelonès
- Bellaterra Edicions
- Pilarín Bayés Library of Vic
- Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona
- Lluís Coromina Foundation
- Pau Casals Foundation
- Goethe-Institut Barcelona
- Hip-hop Works Spain

- Impacte, Festival of Cinema and Human Rights of Catalonia
- Kult Cooperativa
- La Casa del Clàssics
- La Conga Music
- La Impossible Bookstore
- La Lluerna Bookstore
- Llobregat Block Party
- Pau Casals Museum
- Nau Bostik
- Ruido Photo
- Tigre de Paper
- Versembrant
- Barcelona Library Network
- Girona Library Network

#### 4.5 Organizations receiving an ICP grant in 2024

Associació d'Agermanament Igualada-Nueva Esperanza, La Casa Urbana Association, Núria Social Association, Revista Yemayá Association, La Quinta Pata Cultural Association, Dies d'Agost SCCL, Grup Feminista de Ponent, Pia Autònoma Foundation-Pere Tarrés Institute and Suds (see projects receiving grants in the section "Awards, calls for proposals and grants").

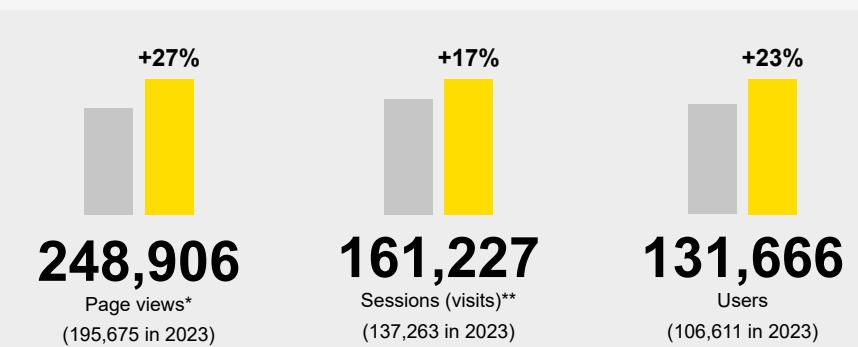
# External dissemination

ICIP continuously disseminates its activities, initiatives, publications, and projects through various channels, including the official website [www.icip.cat](http://www.icip.cat), social media and newsletters. This multimedia approach ensures effective communication with diverse audiences, broadening the reach of its message of peace and social justice.

All outreach materials, whether in digital or physical format, are aligned with a strong corporate identity and a distinctive brand, which reinforces the recognition and visibility of ICIP as a key player in the field of peace culture.

## 1 The ICIP website

The website is updated daily and, in 2024, it has continued to experience significant growth in both the number of visits and users, establishing itself as a leading platform in the field of peace culture. The site is trilingual—available in Catalan, Spanish and English—the three working languages of the institution.



\* 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.

## 2 The Icip's newsletter

With the goal of enhancing the impact of our electronic newsletters and increasing subscription numbers, in 2024 Icip strengthened its newsletter distribution through specialized mailing lists based on content and language (Catalan, Spanish or English). The different lists currently have a total of 6,000 subscriptions.

## 3 Social media

Social media is a priority channel for disseminating Icip's activities and updates, as well as a forum for public debate and exchange of ideas. However, the polarizing dynamics and the rise of hate speech on some platforms are also causes for concern.

In 2024, the social media platform where Icip experienced the most notable growth was Instagram, followed by LinkedIn, consolidating both platforms as strategic channels for disseminating content related to the culture of peace. In contrast, growth has stagnated on Facebook and X (formerly Twitter), with a loss of followers following the platform's acquisition by billionaire Elon Musk. Meanwhile, the ICIPTube channel on YouTube has seen moderate growth. It serves as a space for live-streaming events and functions as a repository for recorded activities, maintaining steady engagement from an audience interested in Icip-related topics.

Finally, Icip has a Flickr channel, where the most noteworthy images from our events can be found. The channel currently features one thousand photographs.

### Evolution of social media platforms (number of followers)

	2022	2023	2024
<b>X (FORMERLY TWITTER)</b>	9,500	10,150	10,300
<b>FACEBOOK</b>	6,600	6,500	6,500
<b>INSTAGRAM</b>	975	1,380	1,800
<b>YOUTUBE</b>	1,100	1,180	1,260
<b>LINKEDIN</b>	700	1,060	1,490

# Resources and organization

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

## 1 Resources

The final ICIP budget for 2024 was (according to the provisional closing data) 1,588,910 euros, distributed in accordance with the following chapters: Chapter I (768,387 euros), Chapter II (588,778 euros), Chapter IV (224,286 euros) and Chapter VI (7,460 euros).

## 2 Organization

In 2024, the ICIP team was composed of:

### Management

Kristian Herbolzheimer Jeppson  
(Executive Director)

Maria Fuentes Díaz  
(Executive and Operations Secretary)

Chaima El Haddad El Haddad  
(Executive and Operations Secretary – interim, until May)

Marc Montané Farràs  
(Executive and Operations Secretary – interim, as of June)

### Thematic work areas

Pablo Aguiar Molina  
(Project Area Officer)

Sandra Martínez Domingo  
(Project Area Officer)

Maria Eugenia Blandón  
(Project Area Officer)

Sabina Puig Cartes  
(Project Area Officer)

## Strategic alliances

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Sílvia Plana Subirana  
(Officer)

## Library and publications

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Guifré Miquel Fageda  
(Documentary Filmmaker)

## Communication

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Eugènia Riera Casals (Press and Communications Officer)	Chema Sarri Romo (Press and Communications Officer)
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## Legal advisory

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Jordi Cugat Pujol  
(Legal Advisor)

## Management of grants, awards, and activities

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Marta López Carabí (Officer, until March)	Maria Medina Roca (Officer, as of April)
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## Economic and financial area

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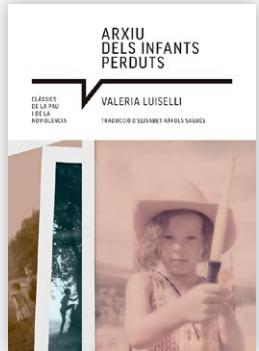
Núria Nadal Clotas (Head of Economic Management)	Cristina Pons Gomar (Economic Management Officer)
Marisa Padilla Godoy (Administrative Officer)	

In 2024, ICIP launched a total of two calls to fill vacant positions: Executive Secretary for the Presidency and Organizational Services, and Grants Manager.

# Annex

## Book series

### “Classics of peace and nonviolence”



Valeria Luiselli. *Arxiu dels infants perduts*. Barcelona: International Catalan Institute for Peace; Angle Editorial, 2024. Classics of peace and nonviolence, 23.

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



Aitziber Blanco Goikoetxea. *Bidelagun. Acompañamiento a procesos de diálogo en Euskal Herria. Algunos aprendizajes y un camino por recorrer*. Aitziber Blanco Goikoetxea.

Available in Catalan, Spanish and Basque.



Gerard Coll-Planas, Marina García-Castillo and Gloria García-Romeral. *Interseccionalitat i politiques locals de seguretat*. Barcelona: International Catalan Institute for Peace, 2024, Tools for peace, security and justice, 30.

Available in Catalan.

### “Peace and security”



Judith Butler, Zeynep Gambetti and Leticia Sabsay (editors). *Vulnerabilidad en resistencia*. Barcelona: International Catalan Institute for Peace, 2023. Peace and security, 19.

### ICIP reports



Reports 22/2024. *El tractament de la seguretat a les universitats catalanes. Estudi exploratori sobre l'anàlisi teòrica i pràctica de la seguretat als estudis de grau universitari i màsters de Catalunya*, by Cristina Güerri, Juan José Medina, Albert Pedrosa and Cristina Sobrino.



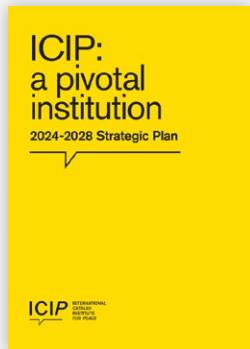
Reports 23/2024. *Conversaciones con mujeres buscadoras. La lucha contra las desapariciones forzadas y la construcción de paz*, by Maider Maraña.

## ICIP documents



Documents 22/2024. Relatoría de las jornadas *“Derechos humanos y paz en América Central: retos y oportunidades,”* ICIP and Taula Catalana Platform for Human Rights and Peace in Central America.

## Other documents



*Strategic plan 2024-2028: ICIP: A pivotal institution*, ICIP, 2024.

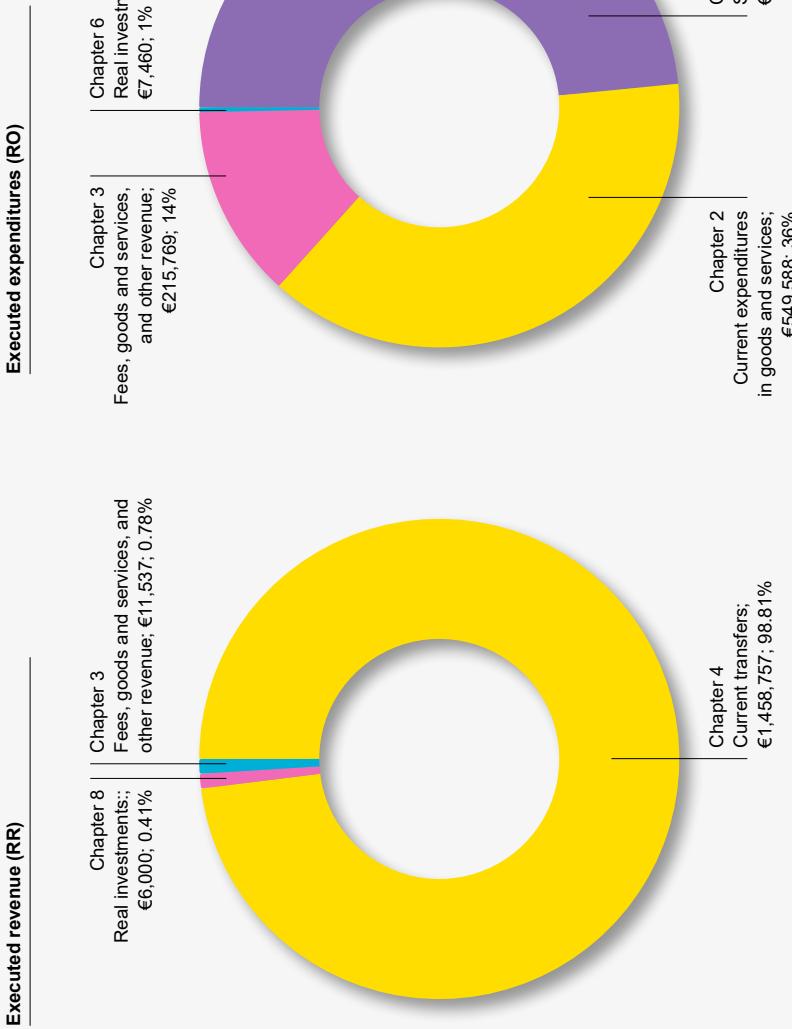
## Revenues

CHAPTER DESCRIPTION OF REVENUE	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	8,229	11,229	11,537	103%	-308
Chapter 4 Current transfers	1,520,100	-61,343	1,458,757	1,458,757	100%	
Chapter 5 Equity income	50	-50				
Chapter 8 Variation of financial assets	19,000	-13,000	6,000	6,000	100%	112,924
Chapter 8 Incorporation of surplus funds		112,924				
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,542,150</b>	<b>46,760</b>	<b>1,588,910</b>	<b>1,476,294</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>112,616</b>

## Expenditures

CHAPTER DESCRIPTION OF EXPENDITURE	INITIAL BUDGET	MODIFICATIONS	FINAL BUDGET (FB)	RECOGNIZED OBLIGATIONS (RO)	% EXECUTION (RO/FB)	DEVIATION (FB)-(RO)
Chapter 1 Staff remuneration	800,523	-32,136	768,387	748,822	97%	19,565
Chapter 2 Current expenditures on goods and services	588,427	351	588,778	549,588	93%	39,190
Chapter 4 Current transfers	134,200	90,086	224,286	215,769	96%	8,516
Chapter 6 Real investments	19,000	-11,540	7,460	7,460	100%	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,542,150</b>	<b>46,760</b>	<b>1,588,910</b>	<b>1,521,639</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>67,271</b>

## Budget infographics



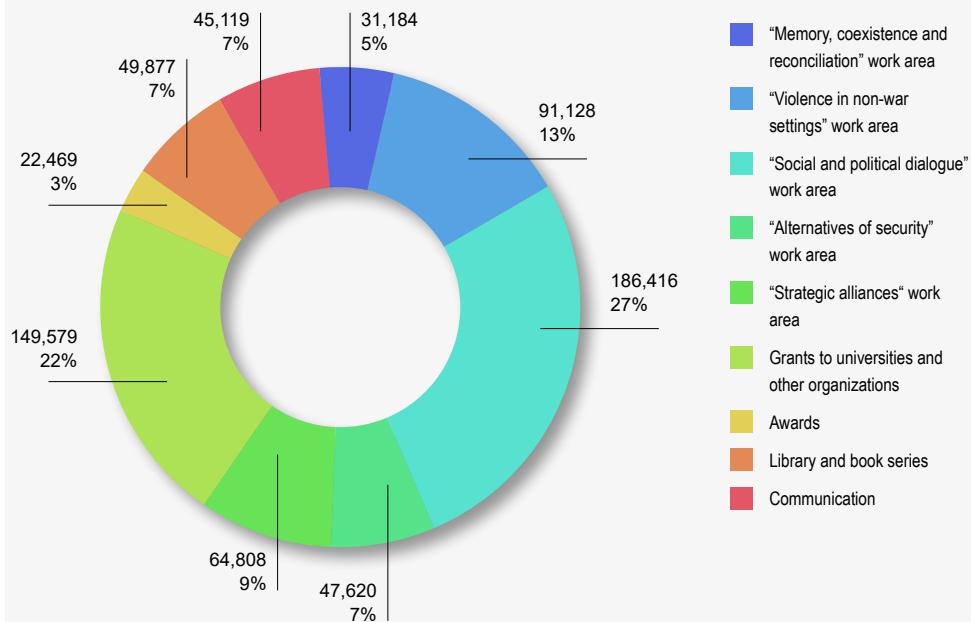
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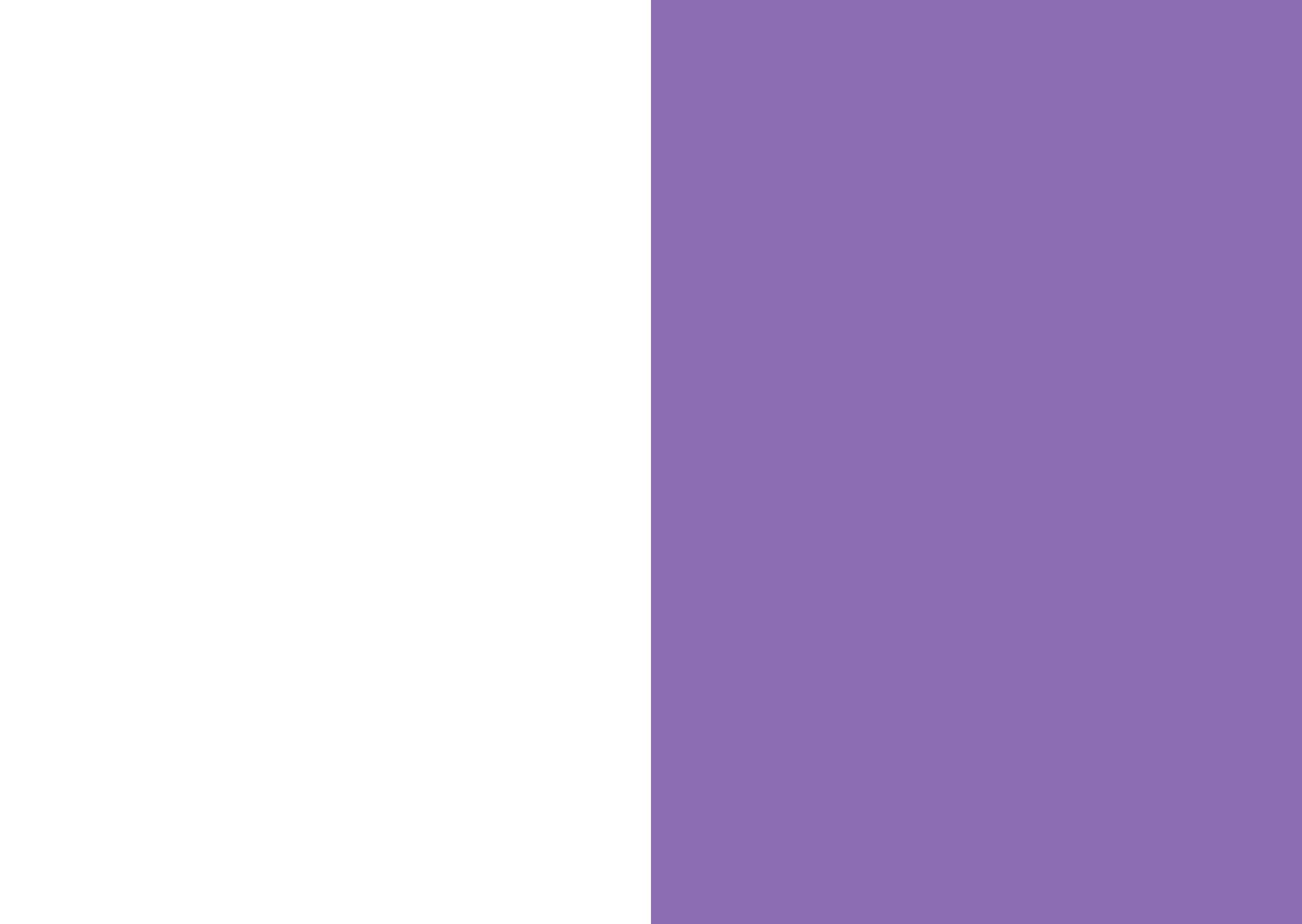
## Executed expenditure by actions (Chapter 2)

(excluding staff and operational expenses)

ACTIONS	EXPENDITURE	% OF TOTAL
"Memory, coexistence and reconciliation" work area	31,184	5%
"Violence in non-war settings" work area	91,128	13%
"Social and political dialogue" work area	186,416	27%
"Alternatives of security" work area	47,620	7%
"Security alliances" work area	64,808	9%
Grants to universities and other organizations	149,579	22%
Awards	22,469	3%
Library and book series	49,877	7%
Communication	45,119	7%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>688,200</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Infographic actions







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