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1. Introduction



XAVIER MASLLORENS

Building peace in a turbulent world

Probably the most significant fact about ICIP's activity in 2025 is that the Institute is on the verge of managing 100% of its budget with rigor, with actions that are increasingly significant and impactful. Despite having a limited team, we are meeting the objectives set out in the 2024–2028 Strategic Plan, and a few figures speak louder than many speeches:

I will never tire of repeating it and, in my final year as president, I will say it again: Catalonia has a treasure in ICIP and must know how to make the most of it. We want to be a country of peace, and we have an Institute prepared to mediate in violent conflicts, capable of making innovative and useful proposals to achieve human security that is

Budget execution: 98.25%

Collaborations with other actors: 148

Participation in local and international networks: 10

International activities: 9 (3 in Catalonia and the rest in Colombia, the United States, the Philippines, Guatemala, Mexico, and Switzerland)

Presence in Catalonia: 27 municipalities

Collaboration agreements signed: 14

“Catalonia wants to be a country of peace. We have a treasure in ICIP and we must make the most of it.”

not based on coercion and force. We are eager to participate on the international stage and to foster a culture of peace at home. But to make all of this possible, we need to build a stronger structure and grow our team to meet the challenges posed by our mission. There is great potential—our current capacity, however, is just enough.

In a year as eventful as this one, singling out highlights is no easy task. Given its international relevance, ICIP’s active participation in the first World Congress on Enforced Disappearances (Geneva, January 2025) is worth mentioning. The document “Contributions of women searchers to peacebuilding”, prepared by ICIP staff members Silvia Plana and Sabina Puig, was presented at this event. This enabled our participation in the subsequent meeting of the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances in September.

Also worth highlighting is ICIP’s support for the participatory process of the Catalan Forum for Peace, with 36 sessions in which more than 900 proposals were submitted by collectives, organizations, and institutions. Equally significant is the organization of the annual “Build Peace” conference in Santa Coloma de Gramenet, which brought together 300 participants from around the world to discuss technology, digitalization, and peace, and where numerous initiatives in these fields were presented.

ICIP’s participation in initiatives to promote dialogue and international mediation is also noteworthy—some on our own initiative and others in response to external requests. In this regard, 2025 marked a qualitative leap in terms of the type of facilitation and mediation requests we received and the future possibilities this opens up. This is a necessarily

discreet field of activity, but a very useful one, and one in which Catalonia can play an important role in the coming years. It is also an extremely necessary niche of activity in a world that is changing, unstable, and in the midst of profound transformation.

ICIP’s participation in the third meeting of the Latin American Network of Women, Peace and Security in Bogotá (Colombia), and in the Meeting on Memory, Peace and Conflict Resolution in Antigua (Guatemala)—organized by the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)—stand as two clear examples of our commitment to contributing content and proposals to the problems faced by diverse societies.

Among the nine new publications released this year, two deserve special mention. The first is the report “The entrenchment of regressive and militarist ideas in Catalonia” by journalist and data analyst Roger Tugas, which breaks down some of the conclusions from the ICIP 2022 and 2023 surveys on coexistence, cohesion, and security in Catalonia and explores their implications in greater depth. The second is Angela Davis’s book *Abolition: Politics, Practices, Promises*, a groundbreaking and incisive critique of punitive approaches to public security.

All of this is documented in detail on the pages that follow.

Xavier Masllorens

PRESIDENT OF ICIP



KRISTIAN HERBOLZHEIMER

“The world is in crisis. Catalonia is under strain. We need new perspectives, new concepts, new practices.”

Here we build alternatives

In Europe, we have gone from uncertainty about how to face multiple crises – environmental, economic, and political – to outright shock, as we realize that we are unprepared for changes that are happening faster than we expected. Just when the European Union was committing to rearmament—to stand up to Russia and also to appease the United States—it turns out that our main ally has become a potential threat.

The unpredictable regimes that might one day press the nuclear button are no longer just Russia, North Korea or, potentially, Iran. Today, it is not so far-fetched to think that the United States and Israel, among others, could also do so.

As so many experts have been warning for years, nuclear weapons are not a deterrent – they are a danger to humanity. Nor is the massive purchase and production of conventional weapons any kind of deterrent either. Global military spending has been breaking new records year after year without making us feel safer or better protected. On the contrary: we are seeing the highest number of armed conflicts and the largest number of refugees since the Second World War.

It is striking that issues so crucial to security and to Europeans’ finances do not attract more public debate, so that we might collectively define what we mean by threats, security, and defense, and decide how to prioritize our budgets.

At ICIP, we are promoting this debate—without prejudice and without exclusions. We must listen and engage in dialogue, from different and even opposing perspectives, to build security alternatives that do not merely respond to short-term reactions or corporate interests.

But we are also building other alternatives. We strengthen dialogue – a tool that everyone champions but few actually practice – to manage disagreements that are inevitable, and indeed necessary, in a constructive way. We give voice, visibility, and recognition to people who have been marginalized. We forge relationships and build bridges between individuals, organizations, and institutions that do not communicate enough with one another. And in doing so, we shape narratives of hope that show we are not condemned to confrontation and violence.

Europe is in shock. The world is in crisis. Catalonia is under strain. We need new perspectives, new concepts, new practices. To reinforce what works. And to propose alternatives to what does not.

Kristian Herbolzheimer

DIRECTOR OF ICIP

2. ICIP at a glance

The institution

Creation:

Parliament of Catalonia, December 2007, under Law 14/2007.

Institutional objective:

To promote a culture of peace in Catalan society and at the international level, and to ensure that Catalonia plays an active role as an agent of peace in the world.

Public service:

ICIP is an independent institution that serves and provides services to public administrations, the academic world, and civil society, and is accountable to the Parliament, the Government, and the public at large.

Offices and library:

Carrer Aragó 244-248, 08007, Barcelona.

Governing Board:

ICIP's Governing Board is made up of 10 members: 7 elected by Parliament, at the proposal of the Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace (Marco Aparicio, Elena Jiménez-Botías, Xavier Masllorens, Oscar Mateos, Nour Salameh, Remei Sipi, and Lurdes Vidal), and 3 appointed by the Government (Andrea Costafreda, Blanca Garcés, and Agustí Fernández de Losada).

President:

Xavier Masllorens, since 2016

Director:

Kristian Herbolzheimer, since 2018

Staff:

16 people

2025 budget:

1,914,064 euros

Activities



38

Seminars, conferences, roundtables, and training activities



2,900

People who followed ICIP activities in person or online



148

Collaborations with other actors



10

Participation in action networks



14

Collaboration agreements signed

Publications



9

ICIP's own publications



11

Posts on the ICIP Blog



70

New books catalogued in the Library



7

Articles in external publications



10,050

Total Library holdings

Awards, contests and grants



14th

ICIP Peace in Progress Award



10th

ICIP Hip-Hop for Peace Contest



8th

ICIP Alfons Banda Award



€79,043

Grants for 8 research projects for the 2023–2024 period (R-ICIP)



€80,000

Grants for 7 peace promotion projects by non-profit organizations

Internal organization



3

Job positions advertised

ICIP in Catalonia: Promoting a culture of peace throughout the land

ICIP is committed to increasing its active presence throughout Catalonia and promotes initiatives that foster a culture of peace at the local level. Below is an overview of its presence across the country:

Number of municipalities with ICIP presence: 27

Grants to organizations and research centers: Calls for proposals offer additional scoring for submissions from outside the metropolitan area. In 2025, organizations and centers from Girona, Sant Martí de Tous, and Tarragona received funding.

ICIP Hip-Hop for Peace Contest: Educational centers and youth organizations from across the country take part. In 2025, students from Banyoles, Llançà, Sarrià de Ter, Tortosa, Vilanova del Camí, and Vic received awards.

ICIP Alfons Banda Award: Students from schools throughout Catalonia participate. In 2025, a student from Pere Alsius High School in Banyoles and a student from Pau Claris High School in Barcelona received awards.

Reading clubs: These are spaces for reflection and debate organized in collaboration with libraries in different municipalities, led by a facilitator hired by ICIP. In 2025, sessions were held in El Vendrell, Girona, Sant Joan de les Abadesses, and Santa Coloma de Gramenet.

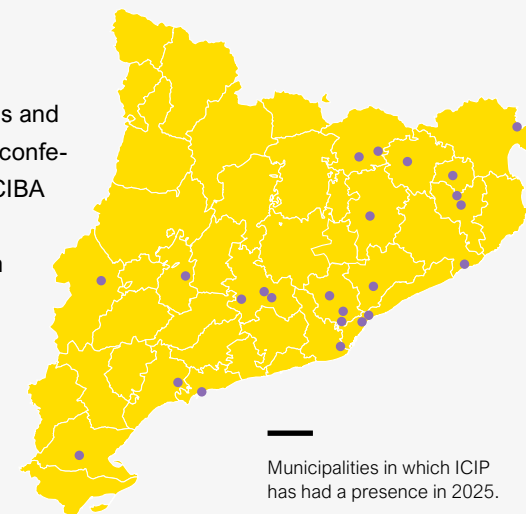
Collaborations with organizations: In 2025, ICIP collaborated with the Coordinating Committee of Solidarity NGOs in the Girona and Alt Maresme region, and the Federation of the Development Cooperation Network of Southern Catalonia.

Organization of public events: As part of its public service mission, throughout the year ICIP collaborates in events across Catalonia dedicated to the culture of peace,

through talks or participation in debates and roundtables. In 2025, the international conference “Build Peace 2025,” held at La CIBA in Santa Coloma de Gramenet, stands out, bringing together 300 people from around the world.

Additionally, throughout the year ICIP participated in organizing public events across Catalonia within the framework of the Catalan Forum for Peace, a participatory process of analysis and reflection that enabled discussion on various issues related to the culture of peace, with the aim of drafting the Country of Peace Master Plan. Between April and June, participatory sessions were held in several municipalities, including Bellaterra, Girona, Granollers, Lleida, Olot, Tarragona, and Tortosa. Finally, in December, ICIP co-organized a meeting of Sahrawi women in Sant Cugat del Vallès together with the international organization SweFOR.

Fieldwork for research studies: Cornellà, Ripoll, Girona, Tàrrega, Reus, Lloret de Mar, Terrassa, Igualada and Badalona.



Geographical areas at the international level

Analysis sessions: Colombia, the Philippines, Gambia, Israel–Palestine, Mexico, Japan, and Syria

Conferences: Central America

Research grants: Arctic region, Honduras, Israel–Palestine, Global South, European Union

Grants to organizations: Algeria and Lebanon

Dialogue with diasporas: Ukraine, Iran, Nicaragua, Western Sahara, Syria

Achievements in 2025

- Budget execution rate of 98.25%.
- Organization of nine international activities, three of which took place in Catalonia. The Build Peace 2025 conference, held in Santa Coloma de Gramenet, brought together 300 participants.
- Promotion and support of the participatory process to develop the first Country of Peace Master Plan within the framework of the Catalan Forum for Peace.
- Support for and participation in the 1st World Congress on Enforced Disappearances, organized by the United Nations in Geneva.
- Celebration of the 3rd Peace Conference of the Parliament of Catalonia.
- The Syrian women's struggle for peace, awarded the 2025 ICIP Peace in Progress Award.
- Conceptualization of the exhibition "PolsXtrems: Your gym to buff up your critical thinking"
- Publication of the ICIP Survey 2025 "Coexistence and security in Catalonia."
- Applied research on security and coexistence in Catalonia and on the impact of sexual violence in public spaces and in security policies.
- Analysis of diasporas as actors in peacebuilding, with emphasis on the contexts of Syria, Colombia, and Nicaragua.
- Promotion of initiatives to foster dialogue in Catalonia and international mediation.
- Collaboration with actors in the cultural and artistic fields to contribute to the dissemination of a culture of peace.
- Consolidation of ICIP's book series, with four new titles published.
- Publication of the monographic issue "Peace in the digital era" of the *Peace in Progress* journal.
- Promotion of the BCN4Peace project.

3. The Governing Board

ICIP's Governing Board is made up of ten members: seven elected by the Parliament of Catalonia, at the proposal of the Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace, and three appointed by the Government of Catalonia.

In February 2025, the plenary of the Parliament elected three new members of the Governing Board from among the five candidates put forward by the Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace. As a result, Lurdes Vidal, former director of the Arab and Islamic World Area at IEMED and lecturer in Arab Politics at IBEI, and Elena Jiménez-Botías, PhD in Political Science, joined ICIP's governing body. Additionally, Marco Aparicio, professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Girona, renewed his mandate.

The Governing Board is currently composed of the following members:

Members elected by Parliament

Marco Aparicio i Wilhelmi, professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Girona.

Elena Jiménez-Botías, jurist and PhD in Political Science, lecturer in International Studies at the University of Barcelona.

Xavier Masllorens Escubós, psychologist and educator. President of ICIP.

Oscar Mateos i Martin, professor at Ramon Llull University and coordinator of the GLOBALCODES research group.

Nour Salameh, PhD in History.

Remei Sipi i Mayo, activist and writer.

Lurdes Vidal i Bertran, professor of International Relations and Arab Politics.

Members appointed by the Government

Andrea Costafreda i Quesada, Director General for Development Cooperation.

Blanca Garcés i Mascareñas, senior researcher in the Migration area at CIDOB.

Agustí Fernández de Losada i Passols, Secretary for European Affairs, Multilateral Affairs and Development Cooperation.

Governing Board resolutions

During 2025, ICIP's Governing Board met ten times and these were the main agreements reached:

- Approval of ICIP's Growth Strategy 2024–2028.
- Approval of the closing of the 2024 financial year and the draft budget for 2025.
- Approval of the calls for the 2025 R-ICIP and 2025 Entities grants.
- Approval of the 2025 Annual Operational Plan and the priorities for action for 2026.
- Approval of the financial audit for the 2024 financial year.
- Approval of an internal directive on the processing and management of ICIP's protocol and representation expenses.
- Decision on the 2025 ICIP Peace in Progress Award.
- Approval of the call for the Hip-Hop for Peace Contest, academic year 2025–26.
- Approval of the agreement with the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) for external (non-curricular) academic internships.
- Ratification of multi-year expenditure for the public tender to contract services for the design, production, transport, assembly, maintenance, and dismantling of an exhibition titled "PolsXtrem: Your gym to buff up your critical thinking" organized by ICIP.
- Approval of ICIP's 2025 Public Employment Offer.
- Approval of ICIP's 2025 Training Plan.
- Approval of the call for the 2026 ICIP Peace in Progress Award.
- Approval of agreements with organizations, institutions, and universities to carry out joint activities and initiatives (University of Barcelona; Lluís Coromina Foundation; Center for Contemporary Studies – Department of European Union and External Action; SERAPAZ; Taula per Mèxic; Build Up; Seattle International Foundation (SIF); South East Asia Women Peace Mediators (SEAWPM); Fundación Sin Límites (FSL); Barcelona City Council; Swedish Fellowship of Reconciliation (SweFOR)).

4. A network-based structure

ICIP is an institution dedicated to research, outreach, and action. With the aim of engaging with the widest possible geographical and thematic diversity, ICIP is structured into four areas of work and the following cross-cutting fields of activity: strategic alliances; awards, contests and grants; and publications.

The four areas of work aim to provide added value and contribute to both theoretical and practical innovation in issues related to peacebuilding. All of them include components of analysis and research, awareness-raising and engagement, and alliances with social, academic, and institutional actors—both in Catalonia and worldwide.

VIOLENCE IN NON-WAR SETTINGS: We provide tools for analysis and action in situations of violence and human rights violations that are not formally defined as armed conflicts.

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL DIALOGUE: We promote dialogue in Catalonia, with a focus on depolarization, coexistence, and social cohesion. At the international level, we facilitate spaces for dialogue between actors with differing perspectives.

SECURITY ALTERNATIVES: We rethink the traditional concept of security based on the principles of a culture of peace and feminism.

MEMORY, COEXISTENCE AND RECONCILIATION: We promote the participation of victims and diasporas in transition processes toward democracy and peace.

Through the area of **Strategic alliances**, we focus efforts on facilitating interaction and collaboration with actors from the academic, institutional, cultural, and social spheres, seeking conceptual, narrative, and methodological innovations that help strengthen the peace ecosystem.

This network-based structure is complemented by other outreach tools, such as annual calls for **awards, contests, and grants**—for organizations and research groups—as well as our **book series and specialized publications**.



ELISABET NAVARRO ABAD
SABINA PUIG CARTES

“We aim to strengthen the link between the fight against enforced disappearances and peacebuilding, highlighting the contributions of victims’ family groups.”

4.1 "Violence in non-war settings"

In recent years, and despite the outbreak of new wars, the number of violent deaths occurring in “non-war” settings has surpassed the number of deaths in armed conflicts. However, these situations receive relatively little international attention. Homicides are undoubtedly the most visible expression of a **wide range of direct violence**, which also includes enforced disappearances and forced displacement, extortion, threats, and attacks against human rights and environmental defenders, among others. These are chronic forms of violence—with a strong gender impact—that are closely linked to **structural and cultural violence**.

At ICIP, we recognize the need to address these issues **from a peacebuilding perspective**, far removed from the logic of repression and the militarization of public security. This approach requires **rethinking and adapting methodological and conceptual tools**. At the same time, we seek to identify local initiatives that advocate for social and political transformation, promote a culture of peace and the defense of

human rights, and build community. Our aim is to learn from their experiences and to facilitate the exchange of knowledge among social, academic, and institutional actors.

While maintaining a global perspective, this area of work focuses on two specific geographical contexts: **Mexico** and **Central America**. At the same time, work is being done to deepen the role of collectives as agents of peacebuilding, including families of disappeared persons seeking truth, justice, reparation, and guarantees of non-recurrence.

Peacebuilding in Mexico

ICIP is part of the Platform for Peacebuilding in Mexico, a space for dialogue, collaboration, and shared commitment, formally established in 2022, bringing together 32



organizations and various individuals working in the field of peace and human rights. The Platform is partly the result of the 1st 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 usually meets in person once a year. It coordinates regularly with other peace initiatives and networks. Occasionally, it organizes public activities that facilitate knowledge sharing, provide spaces for analysis and reflection, or raise awareness about specific issues or geographic areas.

Annual meeting in Chiapas

From 26-29 October 2025, the Platform held its fourth annual meeting in San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas. The gathering provided an opportunity to share analyses, territorial experiences, and proposals for action at a particularly difficult moment for the region, marked by increasing violence, the presence of criminal groups, and entrenched impunity.

The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment to strengthen collective coordination, give visibility to community demands, and contribute—across different fields—to building a form of peace that is not imposed, but woven from memory, organization, and life.

Annual meeting of the Platform for Peacebuilding in Mexico, held in San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, in October.



Analysis session with Nicaraguan sociologist Elvira Cuadra, held in Barcelona in March.

Peacebuilding in Central America

Central America is a region that, following the peace agreements and democratization processes of the 1990s, has not experienced a formally recognized armed conflict. However, cities and territories in **El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala** have for many years topped global rankings for homicides and violence. In addition to security crises, the region is now facing setbacks in democratic governance—with clear authoritarian tendencies in **Nicaragua** and El Salvador—social polarization, increasing repression and a drift towards punitive approaches, a rise in human rights violations, the expansion of organized crime, and persistent corruption that has never fully disappeared.

In this context, ICIP focuses on raising awareness of the region’s challenges and supporting peacebuilding initiatives.

In March 2025, for example, ICIP, in collaboration with the Catalan Platform for Human Rights and Peace in Central America, organized a session focused on the impacts of new U.S. anti-immigration measures on Central American diasporas. The discussion featured the participation of Elvira Cuadra, a Nicaraguan sociologist and director of the Center for Transdisciplinary Studies of Central America (CETCAM).

In October, ICIP also participated in the second edition of the Catalan Platform for Human Rights and Peace in Central America conference, titled “**Memory and resistance: Paths to dignity in Central America.**” That same month, ICIP took part for the first time in the Central American Donors Forum, a meeting promoted by U.S. foundations committed to democracy and human rights. This year’s edition was held in Guatemala City.

Mesoamerican Peace School

ICIP collaborates with the Mesoamerican Peace School, a training space led by the Mexican organization Serapaz and aimed at strengthening capacities for the positive transformation of conflicts in communities affected by structural violence, organized crime, and large-scale development projects in Mexico and Central America.

Based on methodologies for positive conflict transformation, with intergenerational, gender, intercultural, and peace culture approaches, the School promotes the exchange of experiences and collective learning among community actors, with a strong regional and cross-border dimension. In this framework, collaboration with ICIP helps facilitate the participation of individuals from Central America, strengthen coordination among peace actors in the region, and position the Institute as a strategic partner in peacebuilding in Mesoamerica.

It also makes it possible to identify relevant local experiences and deepen learning on conflict management in contexts of non-war-related violence.

Disappearances and Peace

ICIP aims to deepen the conceptualization of the link between the fight against enforced disappearances and peacebuilding, highlighting the contributions of family groups in building peace and collecting and sharing knowledge and tools that can strengthen their struggles.

With this objective, in 2025 ICIP published the document **“Contributions of women searchers to peacebuilding”** by Silvia Plana Subirana and Sabina Puig Cartes.

This publication analyzes the key role of women searchers in contexts of enforced disappearances and how their struggle—rooted in care and the defense of life—becomes a form of collective human rights action. It shows how they build networks, promote truth, justice, reparation, and guarantees of non-repetition, and contribute to memory, dialogue, and the construction of sustainable peace, despite revictimization and the lack of state recognition.

The document was presented at the **1st World Congress on Enforced Disappearances**, organized by the Convention against Enforced Disappearances Initiative

(CEDI) in Geneva, Switzerland, in January 2025. The event received the support and participation of ICIP, which organized a roundtable focused on the impact of enforced disappearances from a gender perspective in which four women relatives of disappeared persons took part.

In September, ICIP also participated in the 29th session of the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances, held in Geneva. As part of the annual meeting with member states and civil society actors, representatives from 21 states and 44 civil society organizations from around the world took part in the event.

Additionally, within this line of work, ICIP, Taula per Mèxic, and Furia Mexicana, together with several organizations from the North American country and the municipal program Barcelona Protects Journalists from Mexico (PAT-P), organized an event on 1 April to **raise awareness of the disappearance crisis in Mexico**. During the event, journalists and women searchers explained how, in the absence of the state, families have become investigators and human rights defenders, taking on search and exhumation tasks while demanding justice, international support, and peacebuilding.



The 1st World Congress on Enforced Disappearances, which took place in Geneva, Switzerland, in January, with ICIP's participation.



PABLO AGUIAR MOLINA

4.2 "Social and political dialogue"

Dialogue is one of the most effective tools for preventing violence and transforming conflicts constructively. Still, there is a great need to better understand the different approaches to dialogue and put them into practice. At ICIP, we provide analysis (through surveys), promote innovative dialogue initiatives in Catalonia, emphasize awareness-raising (particularly among youth), and engage in international facilitation and mediation.

The promotion of dialogue, active listening, and respect for people who think differently becomes crucial in the current context of **growing polarization in many societies**, in Catalonia and around the world. Polarization in itself is not problematic when it allows conflicts to surface and be addressed constructively. However, when it delegitimizes those with differing views, polarization becomes toxic and can lead to violence.

"The promotion of dialogue and active listening becomes crucial in the current context of growing polarization in many societies, in Catalonia and around the world."

"PolsXtrems: Your gym to buff up your critical thinking"

With the aim of bringing to the general public the challenges posed by increasing political and social polarization for peaceful coexistence, in 2025 ICIP initiated the conceptualization and production of an interactive exhibition at the Palau Robert in Barcelona.

The exhibition, inaugurated in February 2026, is titled "**PolsXtrems: Your gym to buff up your critical thinking**" and invites visitors to reflect on the risks of misinformation and the spread of hate speech, the role of social media and the press in fostering polarization, and the unconscious biases that distance us from critical thinking.

Through interactive activities, the exhibition simulates a gym where visitors can exercise their critical thinking skills, highlighting dialogue, active listening, and respect for differing opinions as key tools to counter toxic polarization.



Press conference presenting the results of the ICIP 2025 Survey, led by Professor Toni Rodón (left) and ICIP Director Kristian Herbolzheimer (right).

ICIP 2025 Survey on coexistence and security

On 4 November, ICIP presented the results of the ICIP 2025 Survey “Coexistence and security in Catalonia”, which analyzes citizens’ perceptions of coexistence, trust, polarization, security, and their level of commitment to a culture of peace.

The results show a population that is generally satisfied with coexistence, especially in their immediate environment, but with growing distrust—towards others and towards institutions—and increasing concern about security and diversity. From an international perspective, in the context of global rearmament and the conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza, citizens favor international cooperation as the main way to guarantee peace in the world, over military interventions, and reject increasing military spending.

The survey was conducted based on 2,700 interviews. **The results can be explored interactively on the ICIP website**, with multiple data cross-tabulations by gender and age, educational level, degree of social trust, ideology, and size of municipality of residence.

This is the sixth survey published by ICIP with the aim of providing information on public opinion regarding different aspects of the culture of peace and guiding political and institutional actions to promote peace.

Analysis of the entrenchment of regressive and militarist ideas

With the same aim of providing insight into public perceptions regarding different aspects of the culture of peace, ICIP published in 2025 the report “**The entrenchment of regressive and militarist ideas in Catalonia**” (ICIP Report 24/2025). The study, conducted by journalist and data analyst Roger Tugas i Vilardell, examines which sectors of the Catalan population are more likely to hold views that run counter to democratic values, human rights, and peace—such as racism, sexism, LGBTI-phobia, or militarism.

The study confirms that sexist, homophobic, transphobic, racist, authoritarian, and militarist attitudes are more prevalent among men—especially young men—and among people with low levels of social trust, greater concern about security or incivility, and economic difficulties.



Images from the event "Hate doesn't score," held in June at the CE Europa stadium in Barcelona.

Agora project for democratic debate

The sixth edition of the Agora project was held in 2025. This project is a unique initiative in Catalonia aimed at fostering democratic coexistence and social cohesion through dialogue and shared reflection.

Agora is a **meeting space** for people from different professional backgrounds and life experiences, with diverse ideological positions, **in order to promote a culture of dialogue**, strengthen democracy, and help structure society. Through the shared reading of classical texts, prominent figures from the economic, political, and social spheres in Catalonia meet in several sessions to reflect on the political and social challenges shaping current affairs both locally and globally.

The sixth edition featured the participation of writer and translator Raül Garrigasait, philosopher and ethics specialist Begoña Román, political scientist and expert in democratic theory Ferran Requejo, researcher Gemma Pinyol, and economist Micha Narbehaus.

Football against hate speech

On 18 June, the International Day for Countering Hate Speech, ICIP co-organized the event "**Hate doesn't score: Football for coexistence**", a joint initiative by social organizations and institutions to promote social cohesion and coexistence in the face of racism and exclusion.

A team made up of members of Street Soccer Barcelona, ICIP, and Novact played a friendly match against individuals associated with CE Europa, with the aim of celebrating diversity and taking collective action to stand up to hate through community engagement and a commitment to social transformation.

Coexistence Plan in Guinardó (Barcelona)

ICIP has resumed the project to assess coexistence and conflicts in the Guinardó neighborhood of Barcelona, together with the Guinardó Platform for Peace and Coexistence. This is a pioneering initiative aimed at identifying social tensions, analyzing local conflict management mechanisms, and strengthening community cohesion. Throughout the year, interviews have been conducted with local stakeholders, as well as social, sports, and cultural organizations in the neighborhood, with the aim of gathering perceptions and experiences that will inform the final assessment. The project will continue to be developed in 2026, with the intention that its results will be useful for other territories.

International mediation initiatives

The Parliament of Catalonia assigns ICIP functions that include promoting dialogue and mediation as key tools for the peaceful transformation of conflicts. Given its scope and political sensitivity, this work is carried out with discretion, always prioritizing the building of trust between the parties involved. **ICIP supports and promotes dialogue initiatives in international contexts** that require technical support and the facilitation of meeting spaces. Additionally, it offers Catalonia as a safe environment for actors from around the world who need an appropriate setting to explore peaceful solutions in situations of high conflict.

This activity involves establishing, maintaining, and strengthening cooperative relationships with international organizations specialized in mediation and peacebuilding, as well as with governmental institutions and multilateral actors such as the European Union and the United Nations. Through these alliances, ICIP contributes to knowledge exchange, coordination of efforts, and the creation of synergies that foster negotiated and sustainable solutions over time.



SANDRA MARTÍNEZ DOMINGO

“Security is only real if it is shared. It is built through dialogue, cooperation, and disarmament—not through military build-up.”

4.3 "Security alternatives"

In a context of growing geopolitical instability, worsening armed conflicts, and deepening inequalities, there has been a tendency to reinforce and legitimize securitized and militarized responses as the main course of action. However, the prevailing security model—primarily centered on state-based and coercive logic—continues to show significant limitations worldwide and fails to provide a comprehensive and lasting response to the multiple forms of violence.

In light of this scenario, ICIP holds the conviction that any security policy that does not incorporate peacebuilding as its core pillar is doomed to reproduce the very violence it seeks to contain. In this regard, this area of work strives to **critically and thoughtfully analyze the impacts, limitations, and opportunities of current security discourses and practices**, both in Catalonia and internationally.

We do this by highlighting the **contributions of pacifism and feminism**, and by promoting processes of reflection and analysis that embrace the complexity of debates on security, incorporating the nuances, tensions, and contradictions inherent to these fields. Through these spaces, we aim to contribute to the development of shared perspectives and proposals that allow progress toward less militarized approaches to security, less shaped by power dynamics that prioritize political and economic interests over collective well-being.

Applied research projects in municipalities in Catalonia

In 2025, the Working Group on Public Security in Catalonia was consolidated, with the aim of promoting alternative discourses and practices to the classical notion of public security. The group has maintained its role as a stable space for dialogue, exchange,

and reflection among institutional and social actors linked to security, strengthening its strategic character and its intention to influence applied research and public policies.

The study carried out jointly with the Metròpoli Institute on **prevailing discourses and practices in the fields of coexistence and local security**, and focused on six municipalities in Catalonia, has entered its final phase. The project has made it possible to deepen the analysis of the cycle of local security policies, as well as the political, social, and media imaginaries that shape them. The full report is expected to be published in the first half of 2026.

At the same time, research has progressed on **the impact of sexual violence on the securitization of public space**, in collaboration with the Department of Feminisms and Equality and the Office for Prevention and Security of the Barcelona Provincial Council. This research has explored in depth the relationship between cases of sexual violence, perceptions of insecurity, and the media and political discourses triggered by such events. In 2025, the theoretical framework and much of the territorial diagnosis were completed, and the drafting of the final report began. The results will be published in 2026.

Analysis of the culture of punishment

On 25-26 May, ICIP hosted two events with geographer and activist Ruth Wilson Gilmore, one of the most prominent voices in contemporary abolitionist thought. Gilmore addressed the structural limitations of the penal system and advocated for abolition as a collective practice focused on repairing harm and aimed at building more just, supportive, and violence-free societies.

The first session took place at Fira Litoral, under the title **“Abolishing the punishment industry: Challenges and political practices for emancipation.”** Moderated by researcher Ainhoa Nadia Douhaibi, she presented some of the central ideas of her thinking, such as the notion of abolition understood as “emancipation in the making,” a continuous process of creating spaces of freedom and transformative relationships.



Roundtable with the participation of activist Ruth Gilmore, held in May at La Model cultural center in Barcelona.

The second event was held in the assembly hall of the former prison of La Model, a space with clear symbolic significance. Titled **“Security and justice: Alternative models to punitivism,”** the session was facilitated by Basha Changue (Afrofeminist activist) and included contributions from Àurea Martín (Tanquem els CIE), Iñaki Rivera (University of Barcelona), and Laia Serra (criminal attorney). It was opened by ICIP Director Kristian Herbolzheimer and the Ombudsperson, Esther Giménez-Salinas.

Feminist contributions to peace and security

Feminism offers numerous contributions to shaping a model of security based on the promotion of peace—that is, on ensuring a dignified life for all and eradicating all forms of inequality and violence, both locally and globally.

From this feminist perspective, ICIP prioritizes fostering an ethics of care within the security model, and understanding the security challenges that arise from everyday life.

Within this area of work, ICIP organized several activities in 2025. For example, the on-line seminar “**Feminist technologies: Questioning war and patriarchy,**” in collaboration with the Center for Peace Studies. The event encouraged participants to reflect on the role of technology in a world shaped by patriarchy, capitalism, and militarization, and to imagine alternatives that place care and justice at the center.

Additionally, on the occasion of **the 25th anniversary of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda** (Resolution 1325), ICIP and the School for a Culture of Peace organized the event “**Where are peace and security? Feminist proposals.**” The aim of this session was to analyze the progress made under this international framework and, above all, to reflect on its challenges in a global context marked by war, rearmament, and the rise of authoritarianism. The event featured a keynote lecture by Sarah Taylor, an expert in gender, peace, and security policies.

Latin American Women, Peace and Security Network

ICIP has been part of the Latin American Women, Peace and Security Network (Red LAMPS) since 2022. This initiative brings together peace and human rights organizations from Colombia, Mexico, Honduras and Chile, as well as from Latin American diaspora communities and the broader international arena.

In 2025, the Network held its **third in-person meeting in Bogotá**, Colombia, from 25-27 February. The event brought together 45 women from eight countries: Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Spain, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, and Venezuela, as well as members of Latin American diaspora communities.

In November, the LAMPS Network also presented the report “**Caminos hay. Puentes, pocos,**” a subcontinental assessment examining the state of the Women, Peace and

Security Agenda 25 years after the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 1325.

The security architecture in Europe

Throughout 2025, ICIP participated in internal reflection and outreach spaces on the evolution of the security architecture in Europe, in a context marked by high geopolitical instability and deep transformations in security and defense policies.

These spaces made it possible to critically analyze prevailing trends and their impacts on peace and the international order, as well as to explore possible alternatives from a peacebuilding, human rights, and democratic perspective. This ongoing work helps strengthen ICIP’s strategic positioning and prepares future lines of analysis and action.



Meeting of the Latin American Women, Peace and Security Network held in February in Bogotá, Colombia.



MARIA EUGENIA BLANDÓN

“We position diasporas as key actors of peace: a commitment to memory as a tool for the future and to human mobility that, through political agency, builds freer and more reconciled societies.”

4.4 "Memory, coexistence and reconciliation"

From this area of work, in 2025 we have focused on positioning and promoting the strategic role of diaspora communities in peacebuilding, both in countries of origin and in host countries. We have paid particular attention to **the role of women and victims coming from contexts of intense conflict**, and to the ways in which the participation of these women as agents of political and social change is key to peaceful coexistence.

In a global context marked by threats and uncertainties for peacebuilding, we also reaffirm our commitment to memory, justice, and truth. Memory is understood as a bridge between the past and the future, a dynamic process connected to the present, and a space for reconciliation, aimed at addressing collective trauma from a restorative perspective.

Presentation of the book *Active Memory*

The book ***Active Memory: A psychosocial methodology for peacebuilding with immigrant and refugee women***, published in the “Tools for peace, security and justice” book series, offers innovative strategies in the fields of peacebuilding and collective memory, in a context of increasing forced migration and movements of refugees and exiled people around the world.

The publication was presented in April in Barcelona, at an event that included the participation of members of the Colombian and Syrian diaspora, including the singer-songwriter Marta Gómez, the documentary filmmaker Iván Guarnizo, the photographer Ingrid Guyón, and the historian Nour Salameh.

Syria, 14 years on

Work with the Syrian diaspora has made it possible to gain deeper insight into the situation in Syria following the fall of the Al-Assad regime in December 2024 and the massacres that took place in March 2025. In this context, ICIP organized the session **“Syria, 14 years later: Resistance, hope and prospects for peace,”** with the participation of Syrian activist and historian Nour Salameh, journalist Oriol Andrés Gallart, and moderated by professor and Arab world expert Lurdes Vidal.

To further explore Syria’s political and social context, and coinciding with the presentation of the ICIP Peace in Progress Award 2025 to the Syrian organization Women Now for Development, ICIP organized the dialogue **“Peace through Syrian women in the diaspora.”** This event brought together representatives of the award-winning organization along with participants from local institutions, civil society, and academia.



A discussion on current political developments in Syria with Oriol Andrés, Lurdes Vidal and Nour Salameh (from left to right).

Challenges and prospects for peace in Colombia

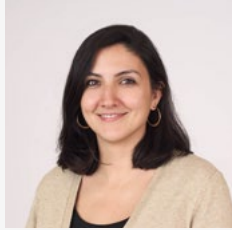
Another focus of analysis in this area of work is Colombia, particularly the challenges and outlook for implementing the country’s Peace Agreement. A session on this topic was held with Gloria Cuartas, current director of the Unit for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement, former mayor of Apartadó, and a leading human rights and peacebuilding advocate. The event was organized by ICIP in collaboration with the Catalan Fund for Development Cooperation and the Catalan Platform for Peace and Human Rights in Colombia, of which ICIP is an active member.

2nd Meeting on Memory, Peace and Conflict Resolution in Guatemala

From 30 September to 2 October, ICIP participated in the **2nd Meeting on Memory, Peace and Conflict Resolution**, held at the Spanish Cooperation Training Center in Antigua, Guatemala. Organized by the Democracy Program of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), the event brought together more than fifty representatives from institutions, academia, and civil society from eleven countries in Europe and Latin America.

With the participation of its director, Kristian Herbolzheimer, ICIP shared its experience in promoting dialogue, memory, and a culture of peace, as well as in supporting truth and justice processes in various contexts.

This area of work has also focused on connecting diasporas engaged in peacebuilding in Catalonia with the participatory process of the Catalan Forum for Peace. In 2025, two participatory sessions were held: one with members of the African diaspora and another with women in the diaspora from different countries to reflect on migration and peace. Additionally, efforts have also been made to strengthen the Latin American Network of Women, Peace and Security (Red LAMPS).



SÍLVIA PLANA SUBIRANA

“Working in networks allows us to go further: when social, cultural, academic and institutional actors come together, we can promote peace initiatives with a global impact.”

4.5 Strategic alliances

“Through the Strategic Alliances area, we promote initiatives that help position Catalonia as a key hub for peacebuilding worldwide. We focus our efforts on fostering interaction and **collaboration with actors from the academic, institutional, cultural, and social spheres**, seeking conceptual, narrative, and methodological innovations that strengthen the peace ecosystem both in Catalonia and internationally.

As a result of these efforts, in 2025 we co-organized the twelfth edition of the international Build Peace conference in Santa Coloma de Gramenet, bringing together 300 participants, including peace activists, researchers, technology professionals, and organizations working to promote peace from around the world.

We have also promoted and supported the Catalan Forum for Peace, alongside the Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace, the Government of Catalonia, and civil society organizations. This unprecedented initiative aims to collaboratively develop Catalonia’s first public peace policy and to strengthen the peace movement.

3rd Parliamentary Peace Conference

At the initiative of the Bureau of the Parliament of Catalonia, ICIP, in collaboration with Lafede and the Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace, organized the third edition of the Parliamentary Peace Conference. Held on 31 January, the event aimed to raise public awareness about the importance of building a more just and peaceful future, and to discuss concrete initiatives that promote coexistence and the peaceful resolution of conflicts.

The conference focused on “**African perspectives on peace: Policies and practices**,” giving a voice to the African diaspora in Catalonia, as well as to organizations and academics committed to peace in Africa and Catalonia.

Catalan Forum for Peace

Throughout 2025, ICIP supported the participatory process of the Catalan Forum for Peace, which gathered **913 proposals from citizens for the drafting of the new Country of Peace Master Plan**. Between April and June, around 500 people took part in 36 sessions held across Catalonia, along with additional online contributions through the Participa platform.

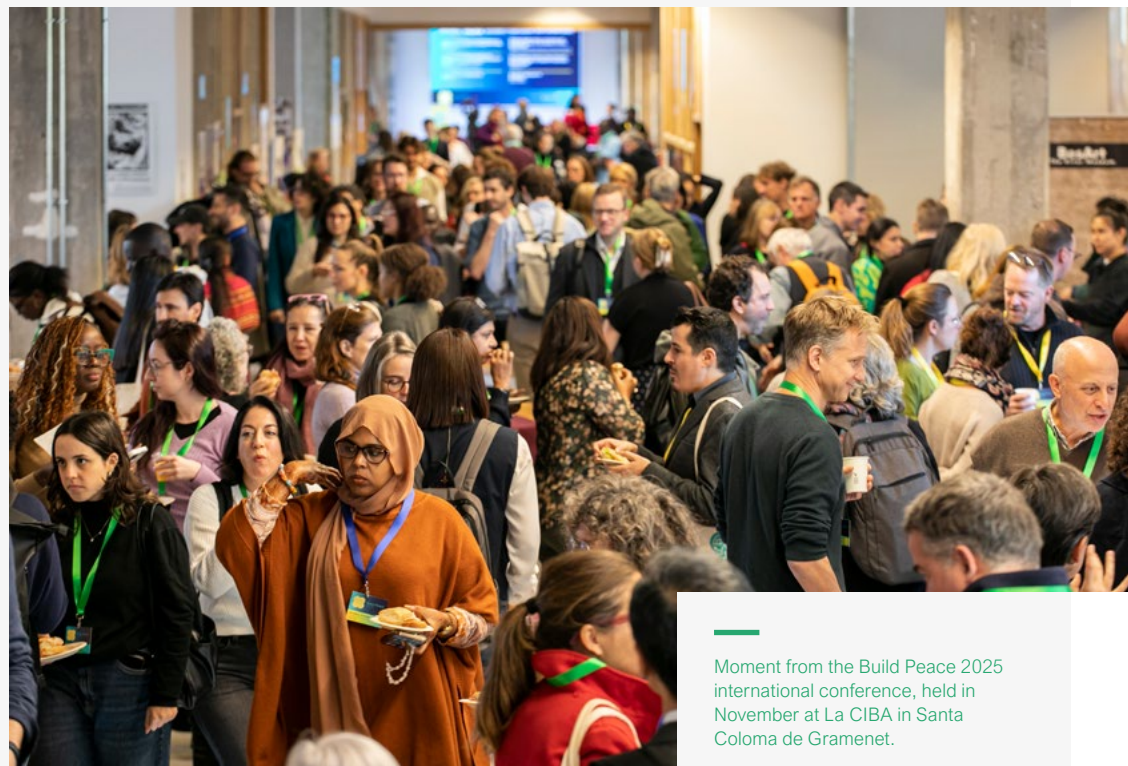
In total, 10 deliberative sessions and 26 self-organized sessions were held by various groups, organizations, and institutions. In all cases, discussions focused on five key themes: a culture of peace; security and justice; conflict, violence, and peace; global threats and challenges to peace; and women, peace, and security.

Based on these thematic areas, the aim of the participatory process was to identify concrete measures to serve as the foundation for the future Country of Peace Master Plan, which will be developed by the Government of Catalonia and ultimately approved by the Catalan Parliament.

Build Peace 2025

The Build Peace 2025 international conference, organized by ICIP and Build Up in Santa Coloma de Gramenet, brought together peace activists, researchers, technology professionals, and organizations from around the world from 21-23 November. They shared common goals: promoting safer, more democratic and participatory digital spaces; countering hate speech and polarization; rethinking how narratives around peace and security can be transformed; and placing memory at the center of peacebuilding.

Under the title **“Towards a pluriverse of peace,”** the conference brought together 300 participants from across the globe over three days, becoming one of the largest initiatives organized by ICIP.



Moment from the Build Peace 2025 international conference, held in November at La CIBA in Santa Coloma de Gramenet.

The 2025 edition once again showed that Build Peace is more than just a conference—it is a **community of people committed to building a more just and peaceful society**. Each year, participants from diverse fields and professions come together to explore new tools and innovative methodologies in the field of peace. In addition to panel discussions, project presentations, and workshops, Build Peace 2025 also featured a range of artistic activities, from photographic exhibitions of local and international projects to the creation of a collaborative mural on the banks of the Besòs River.

The conference was supported by the city councils of Santa Coloma and Barcelona, Catalunya Internacional, and the Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation.

“Peace in the digital age”

During the Build Peace 2025 conference, ICIP presented a new monographic issue of the Peace in Progress journal. This is issue number 43 of the publication, produced in collaboration with the organization Build Up and dedicated to exploring **how digital technologies are transforming conflicts and peacebuilding processes**.

Titled “**Peace in the digital age**,” the issue examines phenomena such as disinformation, manipulation and online hate speech, the risks of artificial intelligence, the impact of algorithms on polarization, mediation in digital environments, and cyberactivism in contexts of repression. The monograph also includes an article on the digitalization of cultural heritage in situations of war and post-conflict. The *Peace in Progress* journal is published simultaneously in Catalan, Spanish, and English in digital format, along with a limited print edition.



Recognition event for the Hibakusha (left) and dialogue between the Palestinian Bassam Aramin and the Israeli Rami Elhanan (right).



Other peace promotion initiatives

Recognition event for the Hibakusha

On 20-21 January, a Japanese delegation led by Shigemitsu Tanaka, a survivor of Nagasaki and co-chair of the organization Nihon Hidankyo, recipient of the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize, visited Barcelona to take part in two events. The first, organized by ICIP and Lafede, brought the Japanese delegation together with various Catalan peace organizations. The second was held at the Saló de Cent in Barcelona City Hall, as a tribute to the Hibakusha, survivors of the atomic bombings in Japan. The visit coincided with the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

Dialogue between Bassam Aramin and Rami Elhanan

In collaboration with the CCCB, ICIP organized a conversation on 28 April between Israeli Rami Elhanan and Palestinian Bassam Aramin. Though they live close to one another, they inhabit very different worlds. Their lives were shattered when their daughters, Smadar and Abir, were killed—one in a Hamas suicide bombing in central Jerusalem in 1997, and the other by an Israeli police officer while leaving school in 2007.

Faced with these tragedies, instead of giving in to hatred and violence, both men chose to join forces in support of dialogue. Together, they work for peace, human rights for all, and an end to the occupation through the association The Parents Circle – Families Forum, promoting reconciliation between the two communities.

Analysis session: “Impacts of the war in Palestine on children and young people”

In collaboration with Pompeu Fabra University, on 21 May ICIP organized the talk “**Impacts of the war in Palestine on children and young people.**” The research presented, carried out by three Palestinian researchers from Bethlehem University, shows that children and young people are living in a state of “chronic and ongoing trauma,” manifested in constant fear, sleep and eating disorders, insecurity, difficulties in accessing education, and a profound impact on their emotional well-being.

Conversation with Meir Margalit

Israeli historian and peace and human rights activist Meir Margalit visited Barcelona in March to take part in the Impacte! Human Rights Film Festival of Catalonia. During his stay, ICIP hosted the analysis session “The eclipse of Israeli society” on 28 March, a space for reflection on Israel’s political and social trajectory, organized jointly with FundiPau and Novact.

Cities Defending Human Rights project

Since 2013, ICIP has been part of the network of public institutions and organizations that support and drive the Cities Defending Human Rights project, which involves various municipalities across Catalonia. The aim of the initiative is to raise awareness of the work of human rights activists from around the world through their own testimonies, and to engage the public on the importance of defending human rights, supporting their struggles internationally, and integrating human rights advocacy into everyday life. In 2025, two editions of the project were held, in spring and autumn, both featuring activists from across the globe.

Coinciding with the autumn edition, ICIP collaborated in organizing the dialogue “**In the first person: A conversation with human rights defenders,**” held at Casa Àmerica Catalunya. The session brought together six international activists who shared, from their personal experience, the challenges and forms of resistance they face in defending human rights in different contexts around the world.



Dialogue with activists participating in the autumn tour of the “Cities Defending Human Rights” project, held in October in Barcelona.

European Peace Science

From 16-18 June 2025, the Faculty of Law at the University of Barcelona hosted the 24th edition of the Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, one of Europe's leading academic gatherings in the field of peace and security studies. The conference, organized by the Network of European Peace Scientists (NEPS), was supported by ICIP, reaffirming its commitment to rigorous, interdisciplinary research on peace, security, and conflict resolution.

“A fragile peace” dialogue series

ICIP's director, Kristian Herbolzheimer, took part on 6 November in the opening dialogue of the series “A fragile peace,” organized by the Ernest Lluch Foundation. This first session, titled “**How to fight war: Building a culture of peace today,**” featured Sanam Naraghi-Anderlini, founder and CEO of the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN), and former director of the Centre for Women, Peace and Security at the London School of Economics (2020–2022).

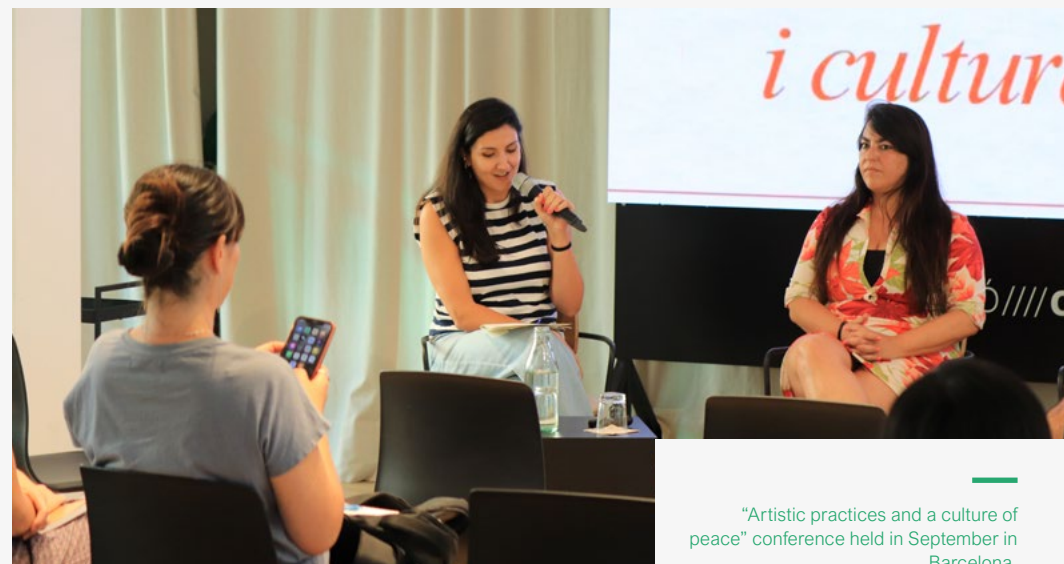
Art, culture and peace

Art, music, and culture more broadly have a powerful transformative and healing potential. Artistic expression can create safe spaces for dialogue and listening, help process emotions and trauma, and serve as a tool to preserve memory and past experiences.

Through the many languages of art, and in creative and innovative ways, conflicts can be transformed and peace can be built. Hip-hop culture, as a transformative movement, is a good example of this.

Aware of this potential, ICIP collaborates with a wide range of cultural actors committed to promoting peace. Partnerships with theatres, museums, festivals, and think tanks

allow the organization to spread a culture of peace through new perspectives and forms of expression.



“Artistic practices and a culture of peace” conference held in September in Barcelona.

“Barcelona Calling Palestina” series

ICIP has launched a new collaboration with the National Theatre of Catalonia through the “**Barcelona Calling Palestina**” series, an initiative aimed at giving visibility to Palestinian artistic creation and opening a window onto culture as a form of resistance.

The series took place in April and brought together artists and collectives who use art as a tool to denounce occupation and to advocate for the dignity and freedom of the Palestinian people. Through this collaboration, ICIP reaffirms its commitment to supporting artistic and social voices working for peace and human rights.

“Artistic practices and a culture of peace” conference

Promoted by ICIP, ConArte Internacional, Fundación Baketik, Fundació L’Arc, IT Acció Social i Comunitària of the Institut del Teatre, and Dansalut, the conference **“Artistic practices and a culture of peace”** took place on 10 September. The initiative brought together artists, education professionals, and activists at the Fundació Carulla, highlighting that promoting a culture of peace is a shared effort—one that involves not only the peace movement but also numerous organizations working through art and culture to transform society.

The conference formed part of the extended program of MONDIACULT 2025, UNESCO’s World Conference on Cultural Policies, held in Barcelona from 29 September to 1 October, which brought together thousands of participants from around the world.

“Mediterranean Route” podcast contest

ICIP collaborated in the 3rd Mediterranean Route Podcast Contest, organized by Jivar Creació i Societat. This initiative promotes audio creativity among teenagers and young people and this year 47 podcasts were submitted from schools far and wide.

The competition invites students to explore and reflect—through the audio format—on four major themes: the Mediterranean, the history of Al-Andalus, interculturality, and a culture of peace. With this approach, it aims to challenge stereotypes, encourage critical thinking, and give prominence to young people’s voices as a means of sharing knowledge and raising awareness among their peers.

4.6 Awards, contests and grants

ICIP Peace in Progress Award 2025

The ICIP Peace in Progress Award is presented annually to publicly recognize individuals, groups, or organizations that have made a significant and sustained contribution to promoting and fostering peace.

The award is granted by ICIP's Governing Board and includes public recognition, a sculpture created by Nobel Peace Prize laureate, artist, and activist Adolfo Pérez Esquivel, titled *Porta del Sol*, and a monetary prize of 6,000 euros.

In 2025, **the ICIP Award was granted to the Syrian organization Women Now for Development** for its work supporting, protecting, and empowering Syrian women, both inside and outside the country, as a symbol of resistance and feminist solidarity in the face of violence.

The award recognizes Women Now for Development's outstanding contribution to peace, justice, and dignity in Syria, a country deeply affected by repression, armed conflict, and forced displacement. The organization was selected from around twenty international nominations for its transformative and resilient work. This edition received 25 valid nominations—the highest number in the history of the ICIP Award.



Award ceremony for the ICIP Peace in Progress Award 2025, held at the Parliament of Catalonia in September.

ICIP Hip-Hop for Peace Contest

The ICIP Hip-Hop for Peace Contest aims to **promote the values of a culture of peace and nonviolence among young people through hip-hop**. Launched in 2016, the competition is supported by the Department of Education of the Government of Catalonia, the Directorate-General for Youth, and the Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation. In 2025, the ninth edition of the competition was concluded, with 45 entries submitted from 23 educational and social centers. The call for the tenth edition was announced in 2025 and the winners will be determined in 2026.

Category 1 – Educational centers:

First prize: Pla de les Moreres High School (Vilanova del Camí), for “El reflex del mirall” (“The Reflection in the Mirror”).

Second prize: Ticeris High School (Sarrià de Ter), for “Tant de bo estimar-te no fes tant de mal” (“If Only Loving You Didn’t Hurt So Much”).

Special mentions:

– Pere Alsius i Torrent High School (Banyoles), for “53”.

– Llançà High School, for “Les seves guerres, els nostres morts” (“Their Wars, Our Dead”).

Category 2 – Social and cultural organizations:

First prize: Associació Atzavara-Arrels (Tortosa), for “La terra som natros” (“We Are the Land”).

Second prize: Projecte 9aVic (Vic City Council), for “Jo ho tinc clar?” (“Am I Sure?”).

Special mention: Projecte Un toc de Salt (Fundació Orfeó Català – Palau de la Música Catalana), for “Mon amie”.

The prizes include hip-hop training sessions and the opportunity to record tracks in professional studios, in recognition of participants’ talent and their commitment to social justice and a culture of peace.

In November, ICIP opened the call for entries for the tenth edition of the Hip-Hop for Peace Contest, to be held during the 2025–2026 academic year. The deadline for the submission of applications was 30 January 2026, coinciding with the School Day of Nonviolence and Peace (DENIP).

Group photo of the winners of the ninth edition of the ICIP Hip-Hop for Peace Contest, taken after the award ceremony held in April in Barcelona.



ICIP Alfons Banda Award

The ICIP Alfons Banda Award recognizes projects by students in the final years of compulsory secondary education (ESO) and in post-compulsory education (upper secondary and vocational training) that promote analysis and research in the theoretical field of building a culture of peace, or the practical application of nonviolent conflict management.

This award forms part of the Young Research Awards, granted by the Department of Research and Universities and the Agency for Management of University and Research Grants (AGAUR), with the aim of **fostering a scientific spirit among young people**. In the 2025 edition, seven projects were submitted.

Projects awarded the 8th ICIP Alfons Banda Award

- “Between bombs and memories,” by Guerau Forasté Masgrau, from Pere Alsius High School (Banyoles).
- “From silence to action: Rape culture and the role of young women after the case of La Manada,” by Aila Bedoya Xarles, from Pau Claris High School in the Ciutat Vella district of Barcelona.

Grants

ICIP annually launches two grant schemes aimed at promoting a culture of peace and **supporting the generation and dissemination of knowledge**. In 2025, 21 proposals were submitted to the research grants program (R-ICIP), and a record 54 projects were submitted to the grants program for non-profit organizations dedicated to promoting peace.

Call for grants for projects by organizations promoting peace

Funded projects, with a total budget of 80,000 euros:

- Safe neighborhoods, vibrant neighborhoods: Coexistence and community safety (Confederation of Neighborhood Associations of Catalonia)
- Memorial for the disappeared in Algeria (Sodepau)
- So much war (Col·lectiu de Periodistes Contrast)
- Fahrenheit 441 (Associació Nàia, social laboratory on conflict and restorative justice)
- Ahimsa: a co-creative artistic project to weave peace (L'ARC, Taller de Música FP)
- Ecofeminist dialogues for peace and the defense of land (Lebanon–Catalonia) (CooperAcció)
- Shortcuts (Associació Aüc – Audiovisuals for Transformation)

Call for research projects in the field of peace (R-ICIP)

Funded projects, with a total budget of 79,043 euros:

- Genocide and (in)action: The role of national courts in implementing international obligations for the prevention of genocide (Ramon Llull University)
- CITY MEMORY: Mapping war and reconstruction from the contemporary diaspora (UPC)
- DEPOL. What are we doing wrong? Spaces for reflection with professionals working on the DEPOLarization of young masculinities (UPF)
- Eating together: Public iftars as practices of everyday peace (UAB)
- The Honduran community in Girona: Analysis of vulnerabilities, risks and assets, and proposals for action (UdG)
- Energy transition, extractivism and socio-environmental conflicts: Mapping conflicts and socio-environmental impacts linked to the expansion of extractive frontiers for metals and minerals in the energy transition (IBEI)
- The industry of genocide: From the laboratory of occupation to European legitimization—the transfer of Israeli repressive know-how to the Mediterranean (Novact)
- VERD: Surveillance and strategies of resistance against SLAPP lawsuits targeting environmental activism (URV)

4.7 Book series

ICIP has four book series aimed at promoting a culture of peace among a broad audience:

“Classics of peace and nonviolence”

“Tools for peace, security and justice”

“Peace and security”

“Nonviolence and the struggle for peace”

In addition, ICIP occasionally publishes titles outside these regular series, in collaboration with different publishing houses.

To date, a total of 87 books have been published. The following are the titles released in 2025, a year in which several reading clubs and book presentations were also organized across Catalonia.

Published titles



Davis, Angela Y. *Abolició. Polítiques, pràctiques, promeses*. International Catalan Institute for Peace and Tigre de Paper, 2025.

This work brings together the trajectory of one of the leading figures of the abolitionist movement, showing how Angela Davis's thinking has evolved and deepened over time, always guided by a long-term vision of collective liberation. It is an essential read for anyone who imagines a world without prisons.

Abolition further consolidates Angela Davis as a key figure in critical thought, feminism, and abolitionism. Translated by Lola Fígols Fornell and featuring illustrations by MiVietnams, the volume gathers some of the most significant texts by the activist and thinker, offering a profound and incisive reflection on the history and future of abolitionism.

Several book presentations were held in May and June: on 8 May at Ateneu La Baula (Lleida); on 16 May at Casal Popular La Bretxa (Alcover); on 12 June at Llibreria El Refugi (La Seu d'Urgell); and on 19 June at El Soterrani (Tarragona).



Woolf, Virginia. *Tres guineas*. International Catalan Institute for Peace and Angle Editorial, 2025. Classics of peace and nonviolence, 24. Translation and foreword by Marta Pessarrodona.

Three Guineas is Virginia Woolf's response to a letter from a man asking how war might be prevented. Written during the Spanish Civil War and at the height of European fascism, the work offers a profound analysis in which the British novelist links the patriarchal system to fascist militarism, contrasting them with elements of a culture of peace developed in spaces traditionally managed by women.

This volume is a reissue of the book first published by ICIP and Angle Editorial in 2011, now updated in line with the series' new graphic design and including a previously unpublished epilogue by Elena Grau Biosca.



Sacristán, Manuel; Mir, Jordi (ed.). *Pacifismo para una revolución ecosocial*. International Catalan Institute for Peace and Bellaterra Edicions, 2025.

Pacifism for an Ecosocial Revolution proposes revisiting and updating the thought of Manuel Sacristán, one of the most rigorous, coherent, and influential figures in 20th-century Spanish critical thought. Published to mark the centenary of his birth, the book comes at a time defined by military escalation, the climate emergency, and the weakening of democracy. As ICIP president Xavier Masllorens notes, reading Sacristán today feels “as strikingly relevant as it is troubling.” His analysis of

authoritarian drift, the commodification of life, growing inequality, militarism, and the ecological crisis sheds light on issues that persist—and are intensifying—in the 21st century.



Mujer Diáspora. *Memoria Activa. Metodología psicosocial para la construcción de paz con mujeres inmigrantes y refugiadas*. International Catalan Institute for Peace, 2025.

Memoria Activa (*Active Memory*, in English) presents a feminist psychosocial methodology aimed at healing and empowering immigrant and refugee women, especially those from countries affected by war, armed conflict, or chronic violence. The process seeks to make visible experiences of violence, displacement, and exclusion, transforming individual and collective memory into a tool for healing and empowerment. It gives voice to women who have historically been silenced and strengthens their role beyond that of victims. In addition to reconstructing personal narratives, the methodology reinforces community identity and promotes women's role as peacebuilders.

Written by the organization Mujer Diáspora, the book outlines five key pillars of the methodology—sensory experience, healing, diversity, spirituality, and symbolic return—as well as practical techniques for implementation, including the use of cooking. This is number 31 in the series “Tools for peace, security and justice” and is available in digital format on ICIP's website.



Jurado Rey, Sandra. *El Hip Hop com a eina de construcció de pau*. International Catalan Institute for Peace, 2025.

This book, by educator and dancer Sandra Jurado Rey, offers a rigorous and well-contextualized perspective on how hip-hop culture can contribute to social transformation, community cohesion, and peace education.

The book combines a theoretical framework with the analysis of concrete experiences in Catalonia and across Spain, including those of collectives such as Hip Hop Works, Versembrant, Asociación Garaje, Contorno Urbano, and Vintiquatreset. Through this exploration, the author reflects on the potential of hip-hop to create spaces for youth empowerment, the transmission of values, active participation, and collective resistance.

This volume is number 32 in the “Tools for peace, security and justice” series and has been published in both Catalan and Spanish. It is available in digital format on ICIP’s website.

The book was presented on 10 September at the conference “Artistic practices and a culture of peace,” promoted by various organizations and entities with the aim of fostering synergies and connections between actors in the peace movement and those in artistic and cultural education.



Reading clubs

Peace and Human Rights series in Girona

The Girona Public Libraries, ICIP, and the Peace Resource Center (CeDRe) of the Coordinating Committee of Solidarity NGOs organize a reading club on peace and human rights. Throughout 2025, three sessions were held focusing on books published by ICIP:

- On 21 January, the first volume of Maya Angelou’s autobiographical novels, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, was discussed, led by literary critic and professor Iris Llop. The book is a story of survival and a denunciation of racism, giving voice to a large part of the Black population in the United States.
- On 18 March, political scientist, journalist, and peace activist Jordi Armadans moderated a session on *Lay Down Your Arms!* by Bertha von Suttner, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1905. The book is considered a classic of pacifist thought. Through the character of Austrian aristocrat Martha Althaus, it traces her life shaped by the wars that took place in Europe between 1859 and 1889.
- On 11 November, the reading club organized a session at the Just M. Casero Library dedicated to *Abolition* by Angela Davis, with the participation of journalist and political scientist Jordi Armadans.

Peace and Human Rights series in Santa Coloma de Gramenet

In collaboration with the Central Library of Santa Coloma de Gramenet and the City Council’s Department of Cooperation, ICIP once again organized a Reading Club on Peace and Human Rights in Santa Coloma, based on three books from ICIP’s own book series.

The Reading Club consisted of three sessions, held on 7 April, 16 June, and 13 October at the Support Area of the Central Library.

- The first session, on 7 April, focused on the first volume of Maya Angelou's autobiographical novels, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. The session was led by literary critic and professor Iris Llop.
- The second session, on 16 June, was devoted to *Johnny Got His Gun* by Dalton Trumbo. This timeless masterpiece challenges the glorification of war promoted by armies and governments, and is perhaps one of the most powerful anti-war statements in contemporary literature. The session was moderated by ICIP's Head of Publications, Guifré Miquel.
- The third session, on 13 October, centered on *The Thinking Heart of the Barracks: Letters from Amsterdam and the Westerbork Camp* by Etty Hillesum, and was led by writer and editor Irene Pujadas. In 1942, during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, Etty Hillesum worked for the Jewish Council in Amsterdam. Shortly afterwards, she requested a transfer to the Westerbork concentration camp in order to share the fate of her people. Amid personal suffering and collective tragedy, she was able to discover the beauty of life, sustained by the hope that a new, more just and humane world would soon emerge. Holding onto this hope, she died in Auschwitz in 1943.

Pau Casals Month in El Vendrell

On 5 November, the Terra Baixa Public Library (El Vendrell) hosted a discussion with Josep Maria Figueres i Artigues, editor of the book *Pau Casals: Writings and Speeches—Peace, Peace and Always Peace* (ICIP and Angle Editorial), as part of the Reading Club dedicated to Pau Casals Month.

The activity was organized by the Pau Casals Musical Association of El Vendrell, ICIP, and the Terra Baixa Public Library, with the support of El Vendrell City Council and Ràdio i Televisió El Vendrell.

Reading Club in Sant Joan de les Abadesses

On 16 May, the Josep Picola Municipal Library in Sant Joan de les Abadesses hosted a reading club session on *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou. As in other sessions, it was led by literary critic and professor Iris Llop.

Library and documentation center

ICIP has an extensive bibliographic collection of over 10,000 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 each year—around seventy titles were acquired in 2025. However, since 2022, the library has not had an independent physical space open to the general public, which limits lending services and the knowledge-sharing role typical of a documentation center.

Currently, at the institution's headquarters—located at Carrer Aragó, 244—there is a single workspace available for users wishing to consult the collection. Interlibrary loan services continue to operate normally, as the ICIP library is a member of **the Network of Specialized Libraries of the Government of Catalonia** (XBEG) and, since 2016, an associate member of the **Consortium of Academic Library Services of Catalonia** (CSUC).

It is also integrated into the **Collective Catalogue of the Universities of Catalonia** (CCUC), which includes more than five million titles and provides access to over ten million physical documents. The catalogue brings together the collections of CSUC member libraries as well as other associated libraries.

5. Participation in action networks and collaborations

With the aim of establishing synergies with various actors working to promote peace, both in Catalonia and internationally, ICIP participates in a wide range of action platforms and networks, and collaborates with institutions, civil society organizations, and academic and cultural actors.

Participation in action networks

Catalonia 2030 Alliance

ICIP is part of the Catalonia 2030 Alliance, a broad national coalition open to all of Catalan society, aimed at sharing information, resources, and good practices, as well as promoting joint initiatives to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through concrete commitments. As a member of the Alliance, in 2025 ICIP took part, for example, in the discussions of the Intergenerational Agora “Transforming education in the face of the climate emergency and its effects on the most vulnerable groups.”

Spanish Association for Peace Research (AIPAZ)

ICIP has been a member of the AIPAZ network since its creation in 2008. The network brings together 25 NGOs, research centers, foundations, academic chairs, institutes, and individuals involved in peace research and education across Spain. In 2025, ICIP once again participated in the network’s annual conference, which in this edition took place in June, in Zaragoza, under the title “Challenges for peace and human rights at the local and global levels in the current context.”

Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace

ICIP's director serves as Second Vice-President of this advisory and participatory body. The Council is made up of representatives from the Government of Catalonia, local authorities, parliamentary groups, peace NGOs, and other institutions and individuals recognized for their work in promoting peace.

The Council is responsible for proposing candidates to serve on ICIP's Governing Board, who are then appointed by the Parliament of Catalonia. Together with the Catalan Council for the Promotion of Peace, ICIP has promoted the Catalan Forum for Peace and co-organized, with Lafede, the Parliamentary Peace Conference, which is held annually.

European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)

This European platform of NGOs aims to influence European Union public policies on peacebuilding and the prevention of violent conflict. It also serves as a space for cooperation and collaboration among leading European organizations working to promote peace, and offers specialized training in this field. The network includes more than 50 member organizations from 17 countries.

Platform for Peacebuilding in Mexico

ICIP is one of the driving institutions behind this Platform, formally established in 2022 as a space for analysis, knowledge exchange, solidarity, and collective action in response to the multiple forms of violence present in Mexico.

In October 2025, the Platform held its fourth annual meeting in Chiapas, Mexico (for more information, see the "Violence in non-war settings" section).

The Platform is made up of the following organizations: Aluna Acompañamiento Psicossocial; 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; Código DH; Consorcio Oaxaca; Coreco – Consejo de Apoyo a la Unidad y Reconciliación Comunitaria; Educa, Eutopía y Estrategia; Global Exchange; GPPAC; ICIP; Whitaker Peace and Development Initiative; Lekil Kuxlejal; Notre Dame Violence and Transitional Justice Lab; Periodistas de a Pie; Poder; Servicios y Asesoría para la Paz (Serapaz); SERPAJ; Servicio Civil para la Paz (Bread for the World); Sipaz; SweFOR; and Taula per Mèxic.



Annual meeting of the Platform for Peacebuilding in Mexico, held in San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, in October.

Catalan Platform for Human Rights and Peace in Central America

Since its creation in 2023, ICIP has supported the Catalan Platform for Human Rights and Peace in Central America, an initiative led by various civil society organizations with the aim of jointly addressing the serious crisis of democracy, security, and human rights affecting countries such as Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala.

In 2025, the Platform organized the second edition of its annual conference under the title **“Memory and resistance: Paths to dignity in Central America”** (see the “Violence in non-war settings” section for more information).

Catalan Platform for Peace and Human Rights in Colombia

ICIP is an observer member of the Catalan Platform for Peace and Human Rights in Colombia, an alliance aimed at strengthening links and collaboration among its 33 member organizations. ICIP’s formal participation helps reinforce its work in peacebuilding in Colombia, particularly in supporting processes of truth, justice, and recognition of victims of the armed conflict.

ICIP regularly takes part in the Platform’s meetings and activities and collaborates in organizing its annual conference. In 2025, the Platform hosted the international conference **“Drug policy, human rights and global co-responsibility.”**

Ibero-American Network on Peace, Memory and Conflict Resolution

ICIP is part of this initiative of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), which aims to strengthen democracy and promote respect for diversity. The network works in areas such as memory recovery, the promotion of peaceful coexistence, and support for conflict resolution.



“Memory and resistance” conference organized by the Catalan Platform for Human Rights and Peace in Central America, held in October in Barcelona.

Its geographical scope includes Latin America, the Caribbean, and Spain. In 2025, the network organized the 2nd Meeting on Memory, Peace and Conflict Resolution in Guatemala (see the “Memory, coexistence and reconciliation” section).

Latin American Network of Women, Peace and Security

ICIP has been a co-founding member of the Latin American Network of Women, Peace and Security (Red LAMPS) since 2022. The initiative currently brings together ten peace and human rights organizations from Colombia, Mexico, Honduras, Chile, Latin American diasporas, and the international sphere.

The network aims to contribute to transforming perspectives and actions on security, peace, and dialogue from a feminist standpoint. It does so by promoting training activities and community workshops with local women’s organizations, conducting research and knowledge production, and engaging in advocacy initiatives at the national, regional, and international levels to advance a territorially grounded agenda (see the “Security alternatives” section for more information).

Collaborations

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

One quarter of these collaborations is with international actors.

Institutions

- Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation
- Catalan Youth Agency
- Agency for Management of University and Research Grants
- Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)
- City councils of Barcelona, Cornellà, Lloret, Reus, Ripoll, Sant Boi de Llobregat, Santa Coloma de Gramenet, Sant Cugat del Vallès, Tàrraga, and Terrassa
- Casa Amèrica Catalunya
- Center for Opinion Studies
- Center for Contemporary Studies
- Consortium of Academic Library Services of Catalonia
- Departments of the Government of Catalonia: Education and Vocational Training; Interior and Public Security; European Union and External Action
- Delegations of the Government of Catalonia abroad: West Africa; Colombia; Central Europe; Mexico and Central America; Switzerland
- Barcelona Provincial Council: Department of Feminisms and Equality; Office for Prevention and Security; Directorate of International Relations
- Catalan Fund for Development Cooperation
- Democratic Memorial
- Spanish Government: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation
- United Nations: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; Committee on Enforced Disappearances and Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Dis-

appearances; Group of Human Rights Experts on Nicaragua; UNESCO (MONDIA-CULT)

- Parliament of Catalonia: Committee on European Union and External Action; Bureau of the Parliament
- European Union: European External Action Service

Universities and other research and academic centers

- CIDOB
- Conflict Research Society
- IBEI – Barcelona Institute for International Studies
- Metropoli Institute
- Institute of Development and International Cooperation Studies – Hegoa (Basque Country)
- Autonomous University of Barcelona
- University of Barcelona
- University of Girona
- University of Lleida
- Polytechnic University of Catalonia
- Pompeu Fabra University
- Ramon Llull University
- Rovira i Virgili University
- EUROM – European Observatory on Memories

Collaborations with social organizations

- Baketik (Basque Country)
- Berghof Foundation (Germany)
- Build Up
- Delàs Center for Peace Studies
- Club Esportiu Europa

- Coordinating Committee of Solidarity NGOs in the Girona and Alt Maresme region
- Corporation for Research and Social and Economic Action (CIASE) (Colombia)
- Federation of the Development Cooperation Network of Southern Catalonia
- Gernika Gogoratz
- Initiative for the Convention against Enforced Disappearances (CEDI)
- International Coalition of Sites of Conscience
- Jivar Creació i Societat
- Lafede – organizations for global justice
- Memory Studies Association
- Mujer Diáspora
- Novact
- Exile organizations from Iran, Lebanon, Nicaragua, and Western Sahara
- Seattle International Foundation (SIF)
- Parents Circle – Families Forum (Israel–Palestine)
- Serapaz (Mexico)
- Sodepau
- South East Asian Women Peace Mediators (Southeast Asia)
- Street Soccer Barcelona
- Swedish Fellowship for Reconciliation (SweFOR) (Sweden)
- Guinardó Dialogue Platform for Coexistence
- Catalan Third Social Sector Platform
- Taula per Mèxic
- Women Now for Development (Syria)

Collaborations with cultural agents and organizations

- Angle Editorial
- Bellaterra Edicions
- Terra Baixa Public Library (El Vendrell)
- UNESCO Friends Association
- Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (CCCB)
- ConArte Internacional

- Creadones – La Quinta Pata
- Dansalut Association
- Erol Urbà
- Carulla Foundation
- Xamfrà – L’Arc Foundation
- Lluís Coromina Foundation
- Pau Casals Foundation
- Hip Hop Works Spain
- IT Social and Community Action (Institut del Teatre)
- Kult Cooperativa
- La Casa dels Clàssics
- La Conga Music
- La NaveVa
- Llobregat Block Party
- AMA y No Olvida – Museum of Memory against Impunity (Nicaragua)
- Tigre de Paper
- Versembrant
- Barcelona Library Network
- Girona Library Network

Organizations receiving an ICIP 2025 grant: Associació Aüc – Audiovisuals for Transformation; Col·lectiu de Periodistes Contrast; Associació Nàia (social laboratory on conflict and restorative justice); Confederation of Neighborhood Associations of Catalonia; CooperAcció; L’ARC, Taller de Música; Sodepau (see funded projects in the section “Awards, calls and grants”).

Universities and research centers receiving an R-ICIP 2025 grant: IBEI; Novact; Autonomous University of Barcelona; University of Girona; Pompeu Fabra University; Ramon Llull University; University of Girona.

6. External outreach

ICIP continuously disseminates its activities, initiatives, publications, and projects through various channels, including its official website (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 communication materials, both digital and print, are aligned with a **strong corporate identity and a distinctive brand**, reinforcing ICIP's recognition and visibility as a key reference in the field of peace culture.

The ICIP website

The website www.icip.cat is trilingual (Catalan, Spanish, and English) and is updated daily to share the institute's activities. After several years of significant growth, in 2025 the website recorded a decline in traffic: 56,000 visitors (56% fewer than in 2024) and 143,000 page views (41% fewer than in 2024).

This drop is not due to reduced activity or a loss of public interest, but rather to changes in how the Google search engine operates, implemented in the first quarter of the year. These changes have affected traffic volume, but the website has maintained positive quality indicators: a lower bounce rate, deeper navigation in certain regions (especially Europe), and an audience more closely aligned with the institution's content.

Newsletters

ICIP has continued to strengthen its newsletter distribution through specialized mailing lists based on content and language (Catalan, Spanish, or English), in order to promote its activities and initiatives. These mailing lists currently total 6,700 subscriptions, a 10% increase compared to the previous year.

Social media

Social media is also a key channel for sharing ICIP’s activities and news, as well as a space for debate and exchange with the public. However, increasing polarization and the rise of hate speech on some platforms are also a cause for concern.

In 2025, ICIP prioritized content dissemination through Instagram and LinkedIn, the two platforms that experienced the most significant growth and have become strategic channels for promoting a culture of peace. By contrast, user numbers remained stable on Facebook and YouTube, while they declined slightly on X. As an alternative to X, ICIP launched a profile on Bluesky in 2025, with a moderate presence.

Finally, ICIP maintains a Flickr channel where the most notable images from its activities are shared. Currently, around 1,000 photographs are available.

SOCIAL MEDIA EVOLUTION (number of followers)

| | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| X | 10,150 | 10,300 | 10,000 |
| FACEBOOK | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,500 |
| INSTAGRAM | 1,380 | 1,800 | 2,420 |
| YOUTUBE | 1,180 | 1,260 | 1,330 |
| LINKEDIN | 1,060 | 1,490 | 1,800 |
| BLUESKY | - | - | 460 |

Media presence

ICIP has regularly shared its activities, publications, and initiatives with the media in order to broaden their impact and reach a wider audience. In 2025, ICIP held two press conferences to present the report “The entrenchment of regressive and militarist ideas in Catalonia” and the “ICIP Survey 2025: Coexistence and security in Catalonia.” Both publications received wide coverage in major Catalan media outlets, including 3CatInfo, RAC1, SER Catalunya, the newspaper ARA, La Vanguardia, and eldiario.es.

Additionally, initiatives such as the awarding of the ICIP Peace in Progress Award to the Syrian women’s organization Women Now for Development were also covered by outlets such as 3Cat, El Periódico, and ARA.

Throughout the year, ICIP also appeared in the media through opinion articles—for example in the digital outlet Crític and the platform Exterior.cat—and through interviews with its director, Kristian Herbolzheimer, on television and radio programs such as “La Selva” (3Cat), “Més Nit” (3CatInfo), “Cafè d’idees” (RTVE), and news programs on Catalunya Ràdio.

At the international level, ICIP’s director was interviewed by outlets such as Radio France Internationale and NTN24.

7. Resources and organization

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

Resources

ICIP's final budget for 2025 (according to provisional closing figures) amounted to 1,914,064 euros, distributed as follows: Chapter I (864,023 euros), Chapter II (814,673 euros), Chapter IV (229,368 euros) and Chapter VI (6,000 euros).

Organization

In 2025, ICIP's team was made up of:

Management

Kristian Herbolzheimer Jeppson
(Executive Director)

Marc Montané Farràs
(Secretary to the Directorate, Presidency and Organizational Services), until June

Maria Fuentes Díaz
(Secretary to the Directorate, Presidency and Organizational Services), from July onwards

Areas of work

Pablo Aguiar Molina
(Peacebuilding Officer), on leave from September

Francesc Molina Ventura
(Intern), June and July

Pol Alberti Viñas
(Peacebuilding Officer), from October onwards

Elisabet Navarro Abad
(Peacebuilding Officer), from July onwards

María Eugenia Blandón
(Peacebuilding Officer)

Sabina Puig Cartes
(Peacebuilding Officer), on leave from June onwards

Sandra Martínez Domingo
(Peacebuilding Officer, Head of Area)

Strategic alliances

Sílvia Plana Subirana
(Peacebuilding Officer)

Library

Guifré Miquel Fageda
(Documentation Officer)

Communications

Eugènia Riera Casals
(Press and Communications Officer)

Chema Sarri Romo
(Press and Communications Officer)

Maria Martínez Mas
(Intern), from September to December

Legal advisory

Jordi Cugat Pujol
(Legal advisor)

Grants management

Maria Medina Roca
(Grants and Equality Officer)

Economic and financial area

Núria Nadal Clotas
(Head of Financial Management)

Cristina Pons Gomar
(Financial Management Officer)

Marisa Padilla Godoy
(Administrative Officer)

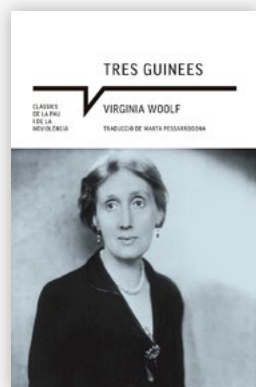
In 2025, ICIP launched three recruitment processes to fill the following positions: Peacebuilding Officer in the “Security Alternatives” area, Peacebuilding Officer in the “Violence in non-war settings” area, and Peacebuilding Officer in the “Social and political dialogue” area.

8. Annexes

Publications

Book series

“Classics of peace and nonviolence”



Virginia Woolf. *Tres guinees*. Barcelona: International Catalan Institute for Peace; Angle Editorial, 2011. Reissued in 2025. Classics of peace and nonviolence, no. 24.

“Peace and security”



Manuel Sacristán. *Pacifismo para una revolución ecosocial*. Barcelona: International Catalan Institute for Peace; Bellaterra Edicions, 2025. Peace and security, no. 20.

“Tools for peace, security and justice”



Mujer Diáspora. *Memoria Activa. Metodología psicosocial para la construcción de paz con mujeres inmigrantes y refugiadas*. Barcelona: International Catalan Institute for Peace, 2025. Tools for peace, security and justice, no. 31.



Sandra Jurado Rey. *El Hip hop com a eina de construcció de pau*. Barcelona: International Catalan Institute for Peace, 2025. Tools for peace, security and justice, no. 32.

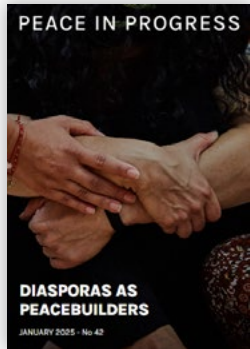
Available in Catalan and Spanish

Other books



Angela Y. Davis. *Abolició. Polítiques, pràctiques, promeses*. Barcelona: International Catalan Institute for Peace; Tigre de Paper, 2025.

Peace in Progress journal



Peace in Progress, no. 42. January 2025. “Diasporas as peacebuilders.”

Available in English, Catalan, and Spanish.



Peace in Progress, no. 43. November 2025. “Peace in the digital age.”

Available in English, Catalan, and Spanish.

Documents and reports



Reports 24/2025. “L’arrelament de les idees involucionistes i bel·licistes a Catalunya. Anàlisi dels perfils de població més propensos a defensar valors retrògrads i antidemocràtics a partir de diferents enquestes” by Roger Tugas i Vilardell.



ICIP Survey 2025. “Coexistence and security in Catalonia,” November 2025.

Revenue

Execució del pressupost

| CHAPTER DESCRIPTION | INITIAL BUDGET | MODIFICATIONS | FINAL BUDGET (FB) | REVENUE RECOGNIZED (RR) | % EXECUTION (RR/FB) | DEVIATION (FB-RR) |
|---|------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Chapter 3 Fees, goods & services, and other revenue | 3,000 | 2,406 | 5,406 | 6,014 | 111% | -608 |
| Chapter 4 Current transfers | 1,520,100 | 296,783 | 1,816,883 | 1,816,883 | 100% | 50 |
| Chapter 5 Property income | 50 | | 50 | | | |
| Chapter 8 Financial liabilities variation | 19,000 | -13,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 100% | 85,725 |
| Chapter 8 Carryover of surplus funds | | 85,725 | 85,725 | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 1,542,150 | 371,914 | 1,914,064 | 1,828,897 | 95% | 85,167 |

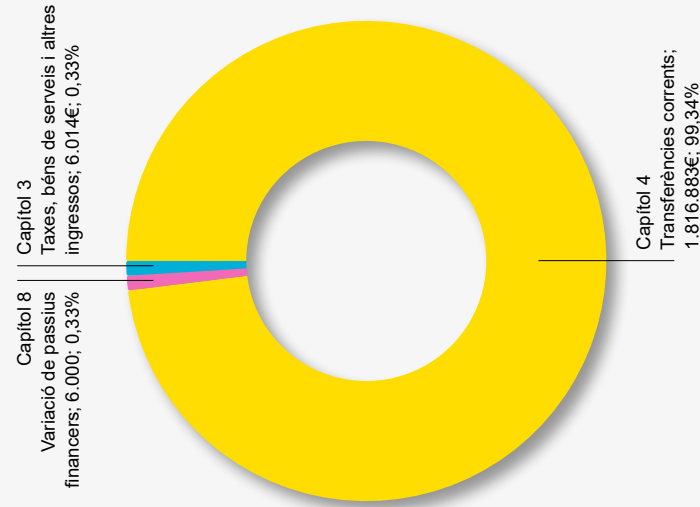
Expenditure

| CHAPTER DESCRIPTION | INITIAL BUDGET | MODIFICATIONS | FINAL BUDGET (FB) | EXPENDITURE RECOGNIZED (ER) | % EXECUTION (ER/FB) | DEVIATION (FB-ER) |
|---|------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Capítol 1 Staff remuneration | 800,523 | 63,500 | 864,023 | 819,581 | 95% | 44,442 |
| Capítol 2 Current expenditure on goods & services | 588,427 | 226,246 | 814,673 | 770,693 | 95% | 43,980 |
| Capítol 4 Current transfers | 134,200 | 95,168 | 229,368 | 228,149 | 99% | 1,219 |
| Capítol 6 Investment in real assets | 19,000 | -13,000 | 6,000 | 2,493 | 42% | 3,507 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 1,542,150 | 371,914 | 1,914,064 | 1,820,916 | 95% | 93,148 |

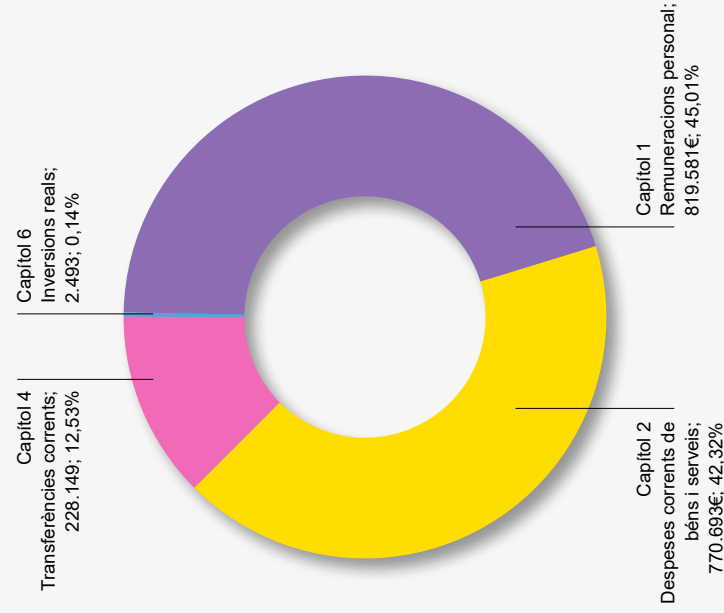
According to the formal execution criterion based on the final budget, the execution rate stands at 95%. However, considering the existence of a multi-year earmarked project (2025–2026), the effective execution for 2025 is 98.25%, since the portion planned for 2026 was not executable in 2025 and will be processed as carryover.

Informació gràfica del pressupost

Ingressos executats (DR)



Despeses executades (OR)

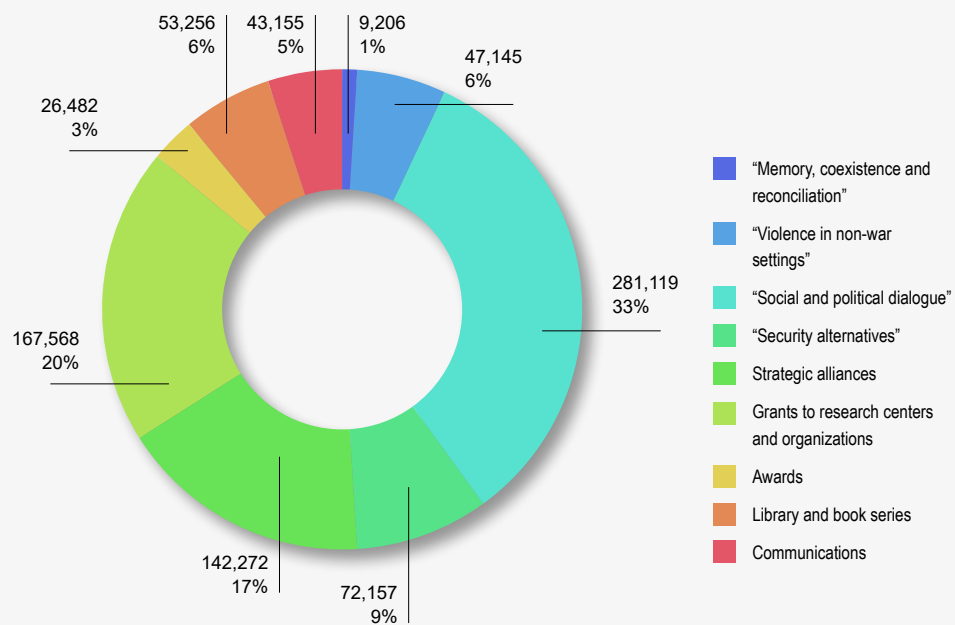


Actual expenditure by activities (Chapter 2)

(excluding staff and operating costs)

| ACTIVITIES | EXPENDITURE (€) | % OF TOTAL |
|--|-----------------|-------------|
| "Memory, coexistence and reconciliation" | 9,206 | 1% |
| "Violence in non-war settings" | 47,145 | 6% |
| "Social and political dialogue" | 281,119 | 33% |
| "Security alternatives" | 72,157 | 9% |
| Strategic alliances | 142,272 | 17% |
| Grants to research centers and organizations | 167,568 | 20% |
| Awards | 26,482 | 3% |
| Library and book series | 53,256 | 6% |
| Communications | 43,155 | 5% |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 842,360 | 100% |

Graphical overview of activities





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