



## COMMUNITY BASED REINTEGRATION AND SECURITY (CBRS) SPECIALISED TRAINING COURSE FOR PRACTITIONERS

21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Barcelona, Spain

### INTRODUCTION

The specialised training course on Community Based Reintegration and Security (CBRS) for practitioners is jointly organised by the Barcelona International Peace Resource Centre and Transition International. The course builds upon the successful annual specialised reintegration courses on reintegration of ex-combatants. The course presents an innovative approach for more comprehensive context and community driven reintegration, integration, resilience, and community security programming. It responds to the different dynamics of (re)integration and resilience processes and its target groups (e.g. ex-combatants, returnees, refugees, internally displaced persons, children released from armed forces and groups and other youth at risk) and receiving- and host communities.

Several targeted (re)integration, self-reliance and community security projects usually occur in parallel. They tend to create further divisions in the communities, and are often not sustainable. Most programmes are highly centralised and thereby do not adequately respond to local contexts nor empower local actors to plan, execute, and own the processes. This course explores these dynamics and proposes different means to build bridges between the different reintegration, community security, and resilience approaches in order to foster durable solutions, stability, local economic development, and (re)integration of the different groups in their host- or receiving communities.

### THE CONTENT OF THE COURSE

The course is organised around the components of CBRS, as illustrated in the graph

### THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CBRS COURSE

This course has the specific aim of bringing together experienced practitioners from around the world to learn about cutting-edge approaches and theories, to share experience, and develop their skills to effectively plan and deliver integrated community-based reintegration and security programmes.

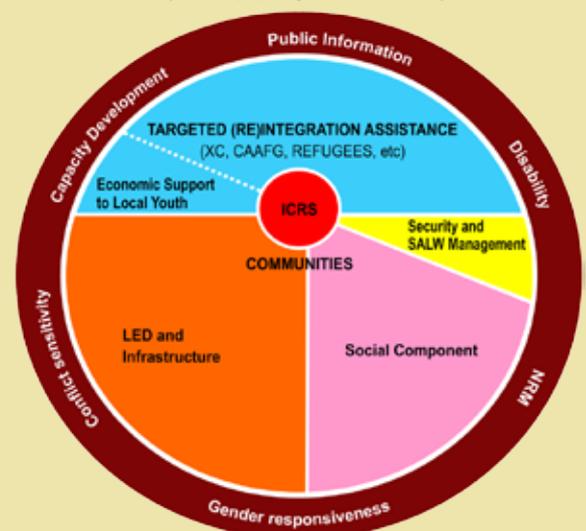
The training will allow participants to assess specificities of different programming contexts, develop informed and coherent programmatic responses, and coordinate and implement coherent and context-driven socio-economic reintegration and community security programmes in partnership with communities. The overall objectives of the course are therefore to:

1. Create a common understanding of the different approaches in reintegration, resilience and community security programming and build bridges between the participants coming from these different fields;
2. Obtain the tools to effectively assess local context dynamics for CBRS programming;
3. Learn how to design context driven CBRS programmes, in a participatory fashion;
4. Obtain the tools to implement context driven CBRS programming including: information, counselling, and referral systems, targeted (re)integration assistance, local economic and social development, community infrastructure, social components, and security and small arms and light weapons management;
5. Learn how to address cross-cutting issues including public information, persons with disabilities, natural resource management, gender and age responsiveness, conflict sensitivity, and capacity development;
6. Explore implementation modalities and innovative community driven monitoring and evaluation.

### FOR WHO IS THIS COURSE?

The course is designed to benefit Government officials of locations where CBRS programming is relevant, civil society organisations of these countries, and UN and other international organisations and donors supporting these processes. The course targets staff from the different national bodies and ministries and organisations that work on DDR, refugees, IDPs, Youth, CAAFG, Gender, Community Security and recovery.

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## TRAINING APPROACH

Participants will be encouraged to share experiences amongst themselves, in addition to learning from the experienced trainers. Lessons from past and recent reintegration and community security experiences are constantly used to illustrate theory and standards, and participants are expected to contribute their experiences, thereby creating a wealth of comparative knowledge and experiences into the discussions. Practical hands-on adult learning techniques are combined with transfer of knowledge. A wide variety of teaching methods are used including lectures, discussions, role-plays, simulation exercises, individual learning, cooperative learning, teamwork, multi-media presentations, theatre, art, and practical exercises. The last day of the course is devoted to a real case simulation.

## TRAINERS

The course will be led by Irma Specht of Transition International (TI) who has over 20 years' experience working on socio-economic reintegration programmes. Other senior trainers from TI and experts with experience of different programmatic areas will be brought in for particular sessions, to ensure a variety of approaches and perspectives. Furthermore, guest trainers from international organisations will be brought in to share their experiences. TI puts great emphasis on delivering the course with a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary team.

## DATES & LOCATION

The course will be held from the 21st until the 28th of June 2015 in Barcelona, Spain.

## LANGUAGE & COST

The course will be taught in English. The course duration is 7 full days and the partially subsidised course fee is 2000 Euros. This fee includes accommodation at a residence in an individual room, with en-suite washing basin, and shared bathrooms; all meals, including daily refreshments, hospitality events and all course materials. It does not include the cost of travelling to Barcelona. Payment arrangement information are included in acceptance letters. Unfortunately the course has no scholarship scheme but TI can provide participants with letters of support in obtaining sponsorship, within the participant's country of residence or work.

## TRAVEL

BIPRC and TI do not cover participants' travel, visa, or insurance costs. We can provide logistical assistance and letters in support of participants' visa applications upon request.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

The application deadline is the 20th of April 2015, but acceptance onto the course will be granted on a rolling basis. To apply for the course, please submit your current Curriculum Vitae and the completed application form to Eva Lopez, Course Coordinator, at [bcncentrepau@bcn.cat](mailto:bcncentrepau@bcn.cat) with copy to [anne@transitioninternational.com](mailto:anne@transitioninternational.com). Please see the enclosed application form for further details.

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## ABOUT US

**Barcelona International Peace Resource Center (BIPRC) – [www.bcnpeacecenter.cat](http://www.bcnpeacecenter.cat)**

The Barcelona International Peace Resource Center (BIPRC) is the outcome of an initiative launched by Barcelona City Council to promote the culture of peace through dialogue, awareness-raising, and training in crisis management and conflict resolution. Created in 2009, the BIPRC is the only center of its kind in Spain. Its work is inspired by the philosophy of centers around the world specializing in crisis management and peace operations. The BIPRC's main activity is an international specialized training program designed to meet the extensive learning needs of civilian personnel and to equip them with the skills they need to engage in field operations around the world. The center offers a range of training courses aimed at professionals working in peacebuilding, complex crisis management, and humanitarian affairs.

**Transition International – [www.transitioninternational.com](http://www.transitioninternational.com)**

Transition International (TI) is a Netherlands-based, international consultancy firm with a network of senior consultants around the world. We specialise in assisting key actors in tackling the challenges of transitions. We promote change through knowledge development, training and advisory services. TI, while operating on a commercial basis, is a value-driven consultancy firm. We are guided by the ambition to contribute to a peaceful and more secure world, in which human dignity and our environment are both respected and protected. We demonstrate this commitment and promote these values in everything that we undertake. At TI, we understand that context is often at least as important as the substance of a programme or project. We therefore employ a conflict, culture, gender, and age-sensitive approach, and strive towards the broadest possible participation of stakeholders, and affected communities. This CBRS course truly reflects TI's multidisciplinary approach and solid expertise.