



*Alliance for UPEACE*

# Annual accounts 2023

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for Peace / UPEACE Centre The Hague  
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## 1. Annual report 2023

### Introduction

The Foundation the Alliance for the University for Peace / UPEACE Centre The Hague is pleased to present its annual report 2023. UPEACE Centre The Hague, established in 2012 as a European Centre of the University for Peace in Costa Rica (UPEACE Costa Rica), decided in the course of 2017 to continue to fulfil its core function to represent UPEACE Costa Rica in the Netherlands and Europe with an aim to contribute to higher education and research in the field of peace and conflict management studies. Since 2018, UPEACE Centre The Hague invested considerable time and effort to reinvigorate its network to realize its main goals i) to attract students to study at UPEACE Costa Rica and ii) to engage in special projects related to 2nd track diplomacy and iii) to facilitate cooperation and/or partnerships with relevant universities and institutions in Western Europe.

### UPEACE Centre The Hague (UPH)

#### *Composition*

In 2023 the Board of the Alliance/ UPEACE Centre The Hague is composed of:

Robert Serry (Chairman) - Former Ambassador for the Netherlands and former UN special envoy in Jerusalem

Yonet Schroder (Secretary) – Board member, Lutfia Rabbani Foundation

Paul Wolff (Treasurer) - Coach for entrepreneurs and advisor to private businesses

Arlinda Rrustemi – Researcher and Lecturer on Peace and Conflict Studies at various Universities

Diederik Kramers – Communications Specialist

Board members do not receive a salary for their work. They are only entitled to reimbursement of expenses.

### Activities in 2023

#### *UPeace Netherlands Scholarship*

Criteria and eligibility for the UPeace Netherlands Scholarship was defined and subsequently promoted on the website and social media platforms. Under an exceptional arrangement two Ukrainian students were funded. They will graduate in June, 2024.

#### *Events*

A panel discussion was organised at Leiden University on March 17th, 2023 on peace building with the UPH Chairman as main speaker followed by a dinner. A portion of the event programme was dedicated to promoting the scholarship programme.

A trilateral dialogue meeting (partly closed) was held at Kasteel Oud Poelgeest between September 20-22nd to enable an in depth discussion of the prospect of an inclusive or confederal arrangement as possible tools to revive hope in a two state outcome. Experts attending represented Jordan, Palestine and Israel. Since October 7th and the ensuing war, the dialogue (Holy Land Confederation HLC) continues through online meetings.

#### *Communications*

UPH hired an intern in the Spring of 2023 to manage the social media accounts, particularly Instagram, in order to develop a stronger 'brand image' to attract students to study at UPEACE Costa Rica and to profile UPH's scholarship opportunities. The intern was also tasked with engaging and expanding UPH's target audience and followers on social media.

Considerable effort was put into profiling the mission of UPH: to support students interested in studying at UPEACE Costa Rica to expand their knowledge on peacebuilding, conflict resolution and peace education.

#### *Contacts with other institutions*

The UPH Treasurer travelled to Costa Rica to represent UPH at the annual Council meeting. He held several meetings while there to discuss pressing issues such as accreditation and scholarship promotion.

### **Outlook 2024**

UPeace Centre The Hague continues to support and represent the University for Peace. Bearing in mind that overall enrolment at the University for Peace is down and there are fewer scholarships on offer, improved communication with the University for Peace is recommended to encourage increased course certification which will lead to higher enrolment.

Focus will be on the intermediation of (western) European students and to promote the scholarship program. Objective is to intermediate at least 3 students and to grant scholarships amounting in total to € 32.000 being the full amount available for this calendar year.

A webinar will be organised in early 2024 in cooperation with the University for Peace to include alumni, and like minded institutions to promote UPeace University and our scholarship programme.

UPeace The Hague will reach out to other educational institutions in the Netherlands informing them of UPH role and scholarship opportunities.

The HLC dialogue will be continued by the European Institute of Peace.

An alumni meet and greet event will be organised in 2024.

Efforts will be made to maintain and expand social media platforms and update the website.

Finally, the Board composition has changed with Diederik Kramers vacating his position. Juliet van den Nieuwendijk will assume this Board position effective January 2024.

## 2. General

### 2.1 Administrative matters

The foundation has appointed Jac's den Boer & Vink bv, management consultancy for non-profit organisations, to prepare the financial statements. The financial statements comprise the balance sheet, the statement of income and expenditure, general notes, notes to the balance sheet and notes to the statement of income and expenditure.

### 2.2 Taxes

#### *Value Added Tax (VAT)*

The foundation is subject to Value Added Tax.

#### *Corporate Income Tax (CIT)*

The results of the foundation are not subject to Corporate Income Tax.

### 2.3 Budget 2024

	€
INCOME	
Students to UCR	8.185
Project income	p.m.
Donations for projects	p.m.
Sponsor for UCR study grants	35.000
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Total income (A)	43.185
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COSTS	
UCR study grants and related costs	35.000
Activities costs	2.000
Project costs	1.000
Other costs	4.450
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Total costs (B)	42.450
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Balance of income and costs (A - B)	735
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### 3.1 Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023

<u>Ref.</u>	<u>31-12-2023</u>	<u>31-12-2022</u>
	€	€
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Receivables		
- Paid in advance	268	5.435
- VAT	<u>435</u>	<u>212</u>
Total receivables	<u>703</u>	<u>5.647</u>
1. Cash and cash equivalents	<u>11.663</u>	<u>35.427</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u><u>12.366</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>41.074</u></u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
2. Equity	<u>12.366</u>	<u>19.922</u>
Short-term debts		
- Contributions received in advance		21.000
- Other short-term debts		<u>152</u>
Total short-term debts	<u>0</u>	<u>21.152</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b><u><u>12.366</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>41.074</u></u></b>

### 3.2 Statement of income and expenditure for 2023

<u>Ref.</u>		<u>Actual 2023</u>	<u>Budget 2023</u>	<u>Actual 2022</u>
		€	€	€
	<b>INCOME</b>			
3.	Intermediation students to University Costa Rica	0	16.370	8.863
4.	Donations	<u>22.000</u>	<u>35.000</u>	<u>33.500</u>
	Total income (A)	<u>22.000</u>	<u>51.370</u>	<u>42.363</u>
	<b>COSTS</b>			
5.	UCR study grants and related costs	15.376	45.885	35.141
6.	Activities costs	736	5.000	410
7.	Project costs	11.259	3.000	3.096
8.	Other costs and unforeseen	2.185	7.350	2.244
	Provision surplus grants 2022/23	<u>0</u>	<u>4.000</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total costs (B)	<u>29.556</u>	<u>65.235</u>	<u>40.891</u>
	<b>Balance of income and costs (A - B)</b>	<u><u>-7.556</u></u>	<u><u>-13.865</u></u>	<u><u>1.472</u></u>

### 3.3 General notes

#### General information

The reporting entity, Stichting Alliance for the University for Peace, was founded on 18 April 2002. It has its registered office in The Hague and is registered at the Dutch chamber of commerce under registration number 18066886. The RSIN/Tax number is: 810795000.

UPEACE Centre The Hague was set up to contribute to higher education and research in the field of peace and conflict management studies. As a representative in Europe of the University for Peace (UPEACE) in Costa Rica - which was established by a resolution of the United Nations General Assembly in 1980 - the Centre promotes and facilitates the University's programmes and activities in the Netherlands and other European countries.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the Netherlands (Guideline for small organisations not-for-profit (Rjk C1) of the Dutch Accounting Standards Board).

The annual report is denominated in euros, UPEACE Centre The Hague's functional and presentation currency.

#### *Estimates*

In applying the accounting policies and standards for preparing annual accounts, the Board of UPEACE Centre The Hague has made estimates and judgments that are essential for the amounts disclosed in the annual accounts. If necessary for the purposes of providing the view required under Section 362(1), Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code, the nature of these estimates and judgments, including the related assumptions, has been disclosed in the notes to the relevant items. Estimates have been included in the receivables and the short-term debts.

The balance sheet and the statement of income and expenditure include references to the notes.

#### Accounting principles for the balance sheet

##### *Receivables*

Receivables are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration. Allowances for doubtful debts are deducted from the carrying amount of receivables.

##### *Cash and cash equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and bank balances with a term of less than twelve months. Cash and cash equivalents are valued at nominal value.



*Continuity*

Stichting Alliance for the University for Peace / UPEACE Centre The Hague has a positive equity of € 12.366 as at 31 December 2023. The Board of UPEACE Centre The Hague has planned to continue the intermediation of students to the University of Costa Rica, resulting in a basic income for financing a part of the running costs. UPEACE Centre The Hague will only accept special projects if the projects will have at least a break even result.

The accounting policies within the financial statements are based on the assumption that UPEACE Centre The Hague will be able to continue as a going concern.

*Short term debts*

Liabilities are initially measured at fair value, in the subsequent valuation at amortised cost. Short term debts have a term of less than one year.

Accounting principles for the statement of income and expenditure

Incoming resources and resources expended are recognised in the year to which they relate. Profit or loss is determined as the difference between the realisable value of the services delivered and the costs and other charges for the year.

Donor contributions are recognised in the year in which they are received. Income from legacies is recognised in the year in which it can be reliably determined. Gifts in kind are stated at their fair market value in the Netherlands. Where items involving gifts in kind are sent directly to emergency areas, their value is recognised as a gift and as an expended resource.

### 3.4 Notes to the balance sheet

	<u>31-12-2023</u>	<u>31-12-2022</u>
	€	€
1. <u>Cash and cash equivalents</u>		
Current account NL15 TRIO 0254 6731 71	<u>11.663</u>	<u>35.427</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u><u>11.663</u></u>	<u><u>35.427</u></u>
2. <u>Equity</u>		
Balance January 1st	19.922	18.450
Appropriation of the balance of income and costs	<u>-7.556</u>	<u>1.472</u>
Balance December 31st	<u><u>12.366</u></u>	<u><u>19.922</u></u>

### 3.5 Notes to the statement of income and expenditure

	Actual 2023	Budget 2023	Actual 2022
	€	€	€
INCOME			
3. <u>Intermediation students to University</u>			
<u>Costa Rica</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16.370</u>	<u>8.863</u>

In spite of a campaign, mostly through social media, UPEACE Centre The Hague was unable to intermediate any student to UCR during this calendar year. Therefore the budgeted income was not generated.

4. <u>Donations</u>			
Other donations			
- Sponsor for UCR students	21.000 *	35.000	31.000
- Donation chairman	<u>1.000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2.500</u>
Total donations	<u>22.000</u>	<u>35.000</u>	<u>33.500</u>

\* Lower than budgeted because no students were selected for grants for the academic year 2023-2024. Of which four months fell within the calendar year 2023.

#### COSTS

5. <u>UCR study grants and related costs</u>			
Costs related to UCR students (travels, other)	12.323		35.141
PR and communications	1.233		0
Other costs	<u>1.820 *</u>		<u>0</u>
Total UCR study grants and related costs	<u>15.376 **</u>	<u>45.885</u>	<u>35.141</u>

\* Fees for internships.

\*\* Lower than budgeted because no students were selected for grants for the academic year 2023-2024. Of which four months fell within the calendar year 2023.

	Actual 2023	Budget 2023	Actual 2022
	€	€	€
6. <u>Activities costs</u>			
Travel and representation costs board	475		196
ICT and website	<u>261</u>		<u>214</u>
Total activities costs	<u><u>736</u></u>	<u><u>5.000</u></u>	<u><u>410</u></u>

Travel cost are presented with the activities of the Holy Land Project and costs related to the UCR students.

7. <u>Project costs</u>			
Costs Holy Land Project	<u>11.259</u>		<u>3.096</u>
Total project costs	<u><u>11.259</u></u>	<u><u>3.000</u></u>	<u><u>3.096</u></u>

The costs of the Holy Land Project are financed by UPEACE Centre The Hague. There were more participants than budgeted. The project is completed on March 31st, 2024.

8. <u>Other costs and unforeseen</u>			
Administration and accounting costs	1.613		1.423
Bank costs	329		409
Insurance	243		243
ICT support	<u>0</u>		<u>169</u>
Total other costs and unforeseen	<u><u>2.185</u></u>	<u><u>7.350</u></u>	<u><u>2.244</u></u>