

NOHA SPRING SCHOOL IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

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Humanitarian Action today has to take into account political, cultural, legal and health dimensions. NOHA (Network on Humanitarian Action) having the successful experience of the Fall Schools, organized since 2008 is expanding this initiative into the Baltic region and introducing NOHA Spring School which will be conducted by NOHA universities staff and field actors in order to provide professionals with a global approach and specific tools.

The NOHA is an international Association of Universities working together to develop training and education on international humanitarian action, and to foster academic research in that field. NOHA full members are Université Paul Césaire Aix-Marseille III, Universidad de Deusto, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, University College Dublin, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Université Catholique de Louvain, Uppsala Universitet, Warsaw University and Vilnius University. The European Master's Degree in Humanitarian Action was created in 1993 as result of concerted efforts on the part of the Network on Humanitarian Assistance (NOHA) Universities, working in close collaboration with two Directorates-General of the European Commission: DG for Humanitarian Aid (ECHO) and DG for Education and Culture. The initiative was a response to a growing need for higher educational qualifications specifically suited to addressing complex humanitarian emergencies. In 2005, NOHA was awarded by the European Commission Erasmus Mundus Partnerships Programme in order to establish and develop a framework for cooperation and student and scholar mobility between the NOHA institutions and 8 partner universities worldwide. More than a decade of experience has proved the NOHA commitment and capacity to educate and train highly committed, interdisciplinary persons who can act at all levels of humanitarian relief operations and who can function in a variety of ways to enhance the delivery of humanitarian assistance and sustainable actions.

Objective

The Spring School aims at training professionals dealing with projects in Humanitarian Action (HA) in order to give them a critical overview of HA in a multidisciplinary perspective and the relevant information for evaluation of projects. New challenges in HA will also be examined.

Target audience

Civil servants, staff from local, international and civil society organizations, and more generally those who are involved in HA and feel the need to upgrade their basic knowledge and skills. In order to reach the maximum effectiveness the number of participants will be limited to 10-15.

Duration

5 days, 17-21 April, 2012 (tentative).

Language of Training

English

Venue

Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania.

Content

1. Humanitarian action (history and basic principles; types of crises and present-day context).
2. Humanitarian action-related disciplines (international relations, geopolitics of conflicts and foreign policy; international humanitarian law; health in emergency situations; anthropology and HA; management and logistics of HA).
3. Contemporary issues (peacekeeping and integrated operations; interactions/coordination with the Military; link between relief, rehabilitation and development (LRRD) with special focus on gender issues and local ownership; disaster preparedness)
4. Needs Assessment

5. Funding agencies

Practical questions (Lecturers)

1. *Accommodation and meals*: provided.
2. *Conference rooms*: equipped with full facilities.

Certificates and diplomas

Students will be awarded with certificate from NOHA and Vilnius University.

Marketing

The programme will be marketed among relevant stakeholders via the NOHA directors: ECHO, Ministries of Foreign Affairs, INGOs, international Federations of NGOs.

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