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Acronyms

IIPS	International Institute of Political Science
KPI	Key performance indicator
MUNI	Masaryk University
PRIO	Peace Research Institute Oslo
WP	Work package



1. Introduction

CENTREPEACE has organised multiple training activities from June 2024 to September 2025. This report on Training activities provides a description of the activities undertaken under Work Packages 5 and 6, as these WPs are complementary to each other. In the following chapters, you can find information about the organised methodology workshop, the academic writing and publications strategy workshop, and the writing detox. Further information about planned upcoming activities and an overview of KPIs that are connected to WP5 and WP6 are provided in this report as well.



2. Methodologies Workshop

2.1. How to build a dataset (October 2024)

CENTREPEACE organised a methodology workshop titled “How to build a dataset” at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), which took place from 31st October to 1st November 2024. The workshop was delivered by multiple researchers from PRIO.

Picture 1 Photo from the methodology workshop



2.1.1. Abstract

The workshop will focus on providing an in-depth guide to building datasets (structured collections of data organised for analysis or processing). The instruction will be aimed at early-career researchers and will be based on interactive discussions with established researchers. By the end of the workshop, we hope that participants will have been able to reflect on the complexities of building datasets and have acquired some of the necessary tools.

2.1.2. Programme

Thursday 31 October

- 09:00 – 09:45 Introduction
- 10:00 – 11:30 Why we build datasets, what kinds are there, and their uses
- 12:30 – 14:30 Challenges and mitigation strategies in dataset development processes – eg. writing and revising a codebook, training coders, quality checking, managing a lack of sources and using multiple languages
- 15:00 – 16:00 Challenges and solutions when data collection is ongoing: how to retain quality with limited time and resources

Friday 1 November

- 09:00 – 10:30 Issues related to coding event data – eg. how to code events that have unclear actors or timescales
- 10:45 – 12:15 How to make a dataset useful for other researchers – eg. Use of widely used systems for describing countries or geographic coordinates, producing an output that can easily be used in common statistical applications
- 13:15 – 15:15 How to get an article on a dataset published – general advice about academic publishing, and specific points about articles that describe datasets
- 15:30 – 16:00 Wrap up and final reflections

2.1.3. Outcomes

In total, 13 researchers participated in this workshop. Six from Masaryk University, six from the University of Helsinki and one from PRIO. As the outcome of the methodology workshop, the attendees improved their knowledge about where to find datasets, how to create one, and how to analyse and work with them.

3. Academic Writing and Publication Strategies

3.1. Writing for Publication in Academic Journals Workshop (March 2025)

CENTREPEACE organised a *Writing for Publication in Academic Journals* Workshop, which took place on 20th to 21st March 2025 at Masaryk University. The workshop was held by PRIO's special advisor on professional development, gender and diversity, Lynn Nygaard. The intended audience of the workshop was academics, junior researchers, and PhD candidates.

Picture 2 Photo from the Writing for Publication in Academic Journals Workshop



3.1.1. Abstract

The workshop will take participants systematically through some of the main challenges of academic writing and publishing: formulating the core argument, identifying a target audience, thinking through structure, submitting to a journal, handling feedback from reviewers, and approaching the writing process.

There will also be a session on thinking through “doctorateness” – that is, what evaluators will be looking at when reviewing your PhD thesis, and what role the articles will play in that consideration. Note that the course does not specifically cover writing at the sentence level, although the facilitator will happily discuss concrete questions about academic English.

Participants are encouraged to bring a copy of a paper they would like to work on with them (it can be at any stage of writing). You will need something to write on for a couple of the exercises, and a laptop with an internet connection for the session on picking a journal.

3.1.2. Programme

Thursday 20 March

09:15 – 15:00 Introduction: The nature of academic writing and publishing

Core argument: Figuring out what you want to say

Audience: Tailoring your argument

Finding the right title: Exercise and discussion

Structure: Telling a good story

Friday 21 March

09:15 – 15:00 Journals: Finding the right journal and handling peer review

Demonstrating “doctorateness”: What your PhD will be evaluated on

Challenge for academic writers

Getting words on paper: Exercise and discussion

3.1.3. Outcomes

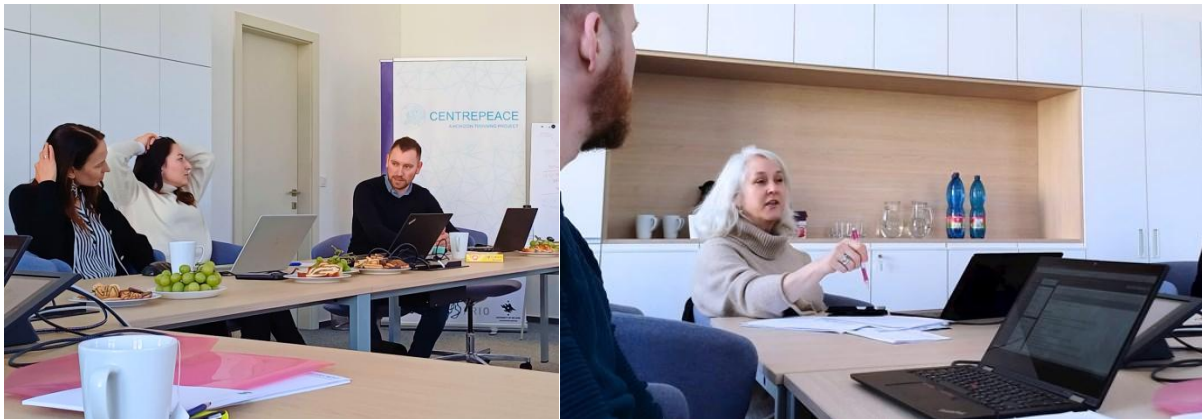
In total, there were 27 participants at this writing workshop. We plan to organise a second run of this workshop in 2026.

4. Writing Detox

4.1. Writing detox (March 2025)

CENTREPEACE organised a two-day “Writing Detox” workshop on 17th and 18th March 2025 at Masaryk University. This workshop was led by PRIO’s special advisor on professional development, gender and diversity, Lynn Nygaard.

Picture 3 Photos from writing detox



4.1.1. Abstract

Do you have an article or book chapter that refuses to be written? The Writing Detox is a workshop aimed at experienced senior researchers who are currently struggling with an article or chapter that is problematic in some way: Perhaps there are too many ideas clamouring for attention; perhaps it needs to be reframed to reach the correct audience; perhaps you struggle to understand what the reviewers want from you. Bring with you a laptop and the current draft of the paper you are struggling with. (And if relevant, bring reviewer comments as well.) The workshop takes place over two days and combines lectures, exercises, and discussion to help you identify where your problem lies and how to address it. The course is limited to six people so that we can discuss each person’s paper in depth.

4.1.2. Programme

Monday 17 March

- 09:00 – 15:00 Theoretical presentation to detoxing of writing
 - Exercise: Research intentions
 - Discussion: How to connect your research intention in the paper

Tuesday 18 March

- 09:00 – 15:00 Making your research engaging
 - Improving clarity and coherence of texts
 - Final feedback

4.1.3. Outcomes

There were 9 people attending the detox writing. There will be a second “run” of this course, which will be mostly covered by the project manager from IIPS, so they can organise such courses by themselves at IIPS MUNI.



5. Planned Events

5.1. Research school

Two research schools (T5.1, T6.1 addressing SO2e) will be delivered by PRIO. Research schools are a well-established training concept developed at PRIO, where prominent academics from within and outside of the consortium examine both methodological and topical issues, mostly, but not only, aimed at doctoral students.

The first research school was planned for June 2025 but was slightly delayed to 4-8 May 2026. The topic will be: “Advanced Qualitative Methods in Conflict Studies: Case Research and Process Analytics.” The call will be published in November 2025 and the participation list closed at the beginning of the new year.

The second research school will take place on 9-10-11 September 2026, focusing on the use of quantitative data in case study research.

5.2. Summer school

The summer school will take place in the summer of 2026. It is an established event that started in 2011. The summer school will be organised at MUNI, and it will have a number of reserved spots for researchers and students from the University of Helsinki and PRIO.

5.3. Workshop on Impact

CENTREPEACE will organise a hybrid workshop on impact on 24 November 2025. The session will last 2-4 hours, during which a theoretical explanation of what impact is, the pathways for achieving it, related terms, and practical examples will be provided. The second part of the workshop will include a presentation from a researcher who will share how impact looks like in practice (in their own research) and discuss the questions other researchers might have in relation to impact. In the third part of the workshop, practical exercises will allow participants to test what they have learned, applying the concepts to their own research.

6. Summary

Since the start of the project, CENTREPEACE organised a methodology workshop on datasets (30 participants), a detox workshop (9 participants) and a publication strategies workshop (37 participants).

Furthermore, a first impact workshop is scheduled to take place in November 2025, with the next one planned for the following year. Two research schools and a summer school are also planned in 2026.

Figure 1 KPIs Progress of WP5 + WP6

Name of indicator	Planned KPI	Realised KPI	Completion
T5.1 + T6.1: Research skill development			
SO2e: 3 training workshops methodology workshops	3	1	33 %
SO2e: 30 participants methodology workshops	30	13	43 %
SO2e: 2 research schools at PRIO	2	0	0 %
T5.2 + T6.2: Soft and transferable skills for researchers			
SO2d: 4 workshops 2 detox writing workshops 2 publication strategies workshops	4	2	50 %
SO2d: 50 participants	50	37	74 %
SO3a: 2 workshops Impact workshop	2	0	0 %
SO3a: 30 participants Impact workshop	30	0	0 %
T6.3: Summer school on energy security			
SO3b: 1 summer school at MUNI	1	0	0 %
SO3b: 30 participants of the summer school	30	0	0 %