

**Question for written answer E-003158/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Transparency, human rights safeguards and public oversight of Global Gateway projects in Colombia

Civil society organisations have reported a lack of transparent and accessible information regarding planned or ongoing projects within the framework of the Global Gateway strategy. The Commission's website mentions five project areas in Colombia, including green hydrogen production and renewable energy.

However, taking into account the current risks related to human and environmental rights in Colombia, where more than 70 % of the national territory is affected by the presence of non-state armed actors, free, prior and informed consultation faces enormous challenges.

1. What specific mechanisms does the Commission use to measure and evaluate the impact of Global Gateway projects on communities in terms of employment, participation, environmental protection, gender equality and human rights?
2. How does the Commission ensure a transparent process of free, prior and informed consultation for communities affected by planned projects, in line with international standards, and how is it possible for civil society to access this information and oversee the process?
3. When will the Commission include on its website the information necessary for public oversight, including information on ongoing and planned projects, even those in the initial phase, as well as, for example, technical and financial information, and contact points?

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