

**Question for written answer E-003159/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Safeguards, transparency and accountability of EU economic interests in Colombia

According to Colombia's Ombudsman's Office¹, 81 human rights defenders were killed in the first five months of 2025, while the UN reports² that nearly 100 are killed each year. More than 70 % of Colombian territory is affected by the presence of non-state armed actors exercising varying degrees of social control, in some areas completely undermining the autonomy of local authorities and Indigenous, Afro-descendant and peasant communities. According to Transparency for Colombia, among member countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Colombia ranks among the lowest in terms of corruption perception, surpassing only Mexico and Türkiye.

Many of these areas host European companies, receive European investments, or produce goods exported to the EU.

1. What transparency requirements and accessible mechanisms are available to enable civil society to monitor, oversee and obtain information about the implementation of these safeguards, particularly with regard to business and human rights?
2. What specific action do the Commission and the EU Delegation to Colombia take when they become aware of alleged human rights or environmental violations linked to European companies or economic interests, and what follow-up and remedial measures are available to ensure accountability?

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¹ <https://www.defensoria.gov.co/-/ascienden-a-81-los-asesinatos-de-personas-defensoras-de-derechos-humanos-y-liderazgos-sociales-en-2025>.

² <https://news.un.org/es/story/2026/03/1541259>.