

EN

E-002688/2025

Answer given by Mr Síkela
on behalf of the European Commission
(19.8.2025)

The EU remains dedicated to supporting Colombia in its pursuit of ‘total peace’ through comprehensive territorial strategies. In the department of Nariño, the EU's involvement has materialised through several targeted initiatives. Under the EU Trust Fund for Colombia, significant projects such as: Plan de Desarrollo Territorial Nariño, Rural Paz, Colombia PUEDE, and Rutas PDET – Programas de Desarrollo con Enfoque Territorial – have been operationalised. These initiatives focus on socio-economic reincorporation of former combatants, inclusion of vulnerable communities, and sustainable economic development with an emphasis on strengthening local value chains across sectors like cocoa, coffee, and tourism. Under the bilateral envelope, new initiatives have been put in place to reinforce this same logic, like the ‘Territorial Alliance for Peace and Nature’ and the ‘Private sector and communities’ action for peace’¹.

To ensure a lasting peace and inclusive socioeconomic development, the EU employs a variety of tools. This includes strategic partnerships with local actors to align with territorial priorities; facilitating dialogues; fostering leadership among youth, women, and ethnic communities; and investing in infrastructure that bolsters governance and access to basic services. Through the Global Gateway and its impact finance models, the EU is paving ways to transition from illicit economies, ultimately reinforcing peace through economic transformation and resilience. Article 8 (8) of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe Regulation² requires to ensure all actions are conflict-sensitive. The EU conducted a Conflict Analysis Screening in 2022 to ensure that conflict sensitivity is systematically applied in the Colombian context.

¹ Both Action Documents can be found under the annual action plan 2024 for Colombia: https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/document/download/2f2db8eb-492e-4e6a-a623-8b415b827127_en?filename=aap-2024-c2024-5643-colombia_en.zip.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/947/oj>.