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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas  
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The EU Delegation in Colombia has participated in the sessions of the National Roundtable on Guarantees since its creation, including at Ambassador level, and will continue to do so. During the participation, and through regular political dialogue with national authorities (both spontaneously and within established formats such as the annual EU-Colombia Human Rights Dialogue) it has systematically been highlighted the importance of maintaining this space between civil society and authorities as a permanent forum to strengthen guarantees for human rights defenders. It is also called for high level participation and for follow up on commitments to translate into effective protection actions in the territories.

The EU Delegation in Colombia stands ready to take part in regional round tables upon invitation. For example, the Delegation participated in the establishment of the Caquetá Territorial Roundtable on Guarantees in 2024. In addition, the Delegation maintains regular contact with the Human Rights Directorate of the Colombian Ministry of the Interior, the Ombudsman's Office and civil society organisations participating in the Roundtable at the national and regional levels to follow up on the commitments made.

The EU human rights cooperation portfolio in Colombia includes actions to strengthen and facilitate civil society participation in both the national and regional roundtables, by helping civil society to prepare their participation.