

EU in Colombia: Healing the wounds, building the future

For more than 20 years, the EU has supported the peace and reconciliation process in Colombia, ravaged by decades of armed conflict.

Since the historic signing of the peace agreement in 2016, FPI has been working with Colombian institutions and civil society to build peace and stability through transitional justice activities.

Over **€16.5 million** provided by FPI to support the peace process in Colombia covering the following actions:



1 THE EU'S SUPPORT TO CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

To ensure that perpetrators acknowledge their actions to victims

€2 million to support the Special Investigation Unit of the Prosecutor General's Office

Strengthening the **capacity of investigators** tracking down criminal organisations

Contributing to **investigations** into murders and threats against former guerrillas, human rights defenders and supporters of the peace agreement

Increasing the **participation of the population, victims and witnesses** in the investigations of homicides

Putting **victims at the centre of the process**

Trust building through effective communication between the investigation unit, the public and community leaders

2 STRENGTHENING THE LEGITIMACY OF THE SPECIAL JURISDICTION FOR PEACE (JEP)

A peaceful future can only be achieved with truth and recognition for the victims

€3.5 million to help the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP) **increase civic trust** in its mandate

Strengthen the capacity of the JEP to **produce evidence-based decisions** that have a reparative impact on victims

23 judges supported to analyse data and evidence inherent to macro-crimes

Collected crucial information for the identification of **21,396 victims** and the **recognition of responsibility** for the crimes and hostage-taking committed by guerrillas

Production of audiovisual material to **divulge and explain the work of the JEP** among uninformed or sceptical audiences

Strengthening the **reach and impact of the JEP** among media and young people from all over Colombia

3 UNCOVERING THE TRUTH

To reintegrate victims and perpetrators as full members of the Colombian society

€6.5 million for the collection of testimonies and communicative, educational, and artistic activities that encourage truth seeking

Promoting the **Truth Commission's mandate** to national and local audiences, particularly young people and those sceptical or indifferent to the peace process

Supporting the **legacy of the Truth Commission** by ensuring the distribution of the report to victims and the population

Creating **spaces for dialogue, trust and country's collective memory** that supports the rights of victims

14,971 interviews, **28,580 voices heard**, 74% of stories told by indigenous and afro Colombian communities, farmers, victims organisations and Human Rights Defenders

Production of a TV series '**Frente al Espejo**', winner of Latin American Public Awards for promoting truth and peace to over **4 million people**

4 PRESERVING ARCHIVES TO BUILD THE FUTURE

€170,000 to contribute to the process of closing the Truth Commission's archives and handing them over to the JEP and the General Archives of the Nation

Providing technical and legal support for the **access, security and management of the archive**

Fostering the **appropriation of the Truth Commission's archive** by civil society

Supporting the **improvement of technical tools to improve access** so that the truth is made known to all

Facilitating **knowledge-transfer and digital preservation**



‘Only the truth will allow me to heal my wounds, because we need to know the truth in order to build peace. An honest, sincere and just peace.’

Carmena López,
victim of the Colombian conflict