

*On the eve of a new round of trade negotiations between the EU and Colombia, that will take place in Brussels, May 5-8th, the MEPs*

**Helmuth Markov**, President of the International Trade Committee,

**Alain Lipietz**, President of the Delegation for relations with the countries of the Andean Community of Nations,

**Gabriella Cretu**, Vice-president of the Delegation for relations with the countries of the Andean Community of Nations

*together with the organizations*

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*cordially invite you to the following debate:*

**TRADE NEGOTIATIONS  
BETWEEN THE EU AND COLOMBIA:**  
*What and for who is it negotiated? With or without rights?*

- *Introduction by the inviting MEPs*

- **Senator Jorge Robledo**, PDA - Colombia : *Analysis of the FTA EU-Colombia*

- **Representative from the European Commission** (tbc)  
*Approach and state of play of the negotiations with Colombia*

- **Steve Benedict**, International Trade Union Confederation ITUC-CSI  
*The Human Rights and Trade Union situation in Colombia*

- **Javier Sánchez**, National Indigenous Organisation of Colombia - ONIC  
*Traditional knowledge, mega-projects and indigenous rights*

- **Tarcisio Mora**, Unitarian Confederation of Workers of Colombia- CUT  
*The Colombian trade unions and the EU-Colombia trade negotiations*

- **Marc Maes**, 11-11-11: *The need of policy space*

- *Debate - Conclusion*

**on Wednesday April 29th at 3:00pm - 5:30pm**  
**in the European Parliament, Brussels, room ASP1G3, Spinelli entrance**  
(Interpretation: EN, ES, FR, DE)

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