



WHAT IS CAPAZ?

The **Colombo-German Institute for Peace**, known as **CAPAZ**, is an academic network created to support peacebuilding in Colombia. It was founded after the peace agreement between the Colombian government and the guerrilla group **FARC** in 2016. CAPAZ connects 32 universities and researchers from Colombia and Germany to study topics such as: peacebuilding, transitional justice, human rights, historical memory, reconciliation and political education.

The institute promotes dialogue between academics, civil society, and policymakers. It organizes research projects, conferences, publications, and educational programs related to peace and conflict transformation.

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CAPAZ is directly connected to **SDG 16** because its work focuses on strengthening peace and justice. Through research and education, CAPAZ contributes to: promoting peaceful societies,

supporting justice after armed conflict, strengthening democratic institutions and creating dialogue between different social groups.

In Colombia, the internal armed conflict lasted more than 50 years and affected millions of people. Research institutions like CAPAZ help societies understand the causes of violence and develop strategies for sustainable peace.

The connection to **Giessen** is mainly academic. The **Justus Liebig University Giessen** participates in international cooperation networks that support peace research. This shows how a city like **Giessen** can be connected to global issues such as peacebuilding and social justice. Universities play an important role in producing knowledge that can contribute to solving global challenges.

CAPAZ is a good example of how academic cooperation can contribute to Sustainable Development Goal 16.

I worked at CAPAZ for 4 years in the fields of political education and environmental education, and I know that I will continue to contribute to peace thanks to my current training in Giessen, so I am pretty happy to be staying here to do just that.

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