

The Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the EU (COMECE)

The Conference of European Justice & Peace commissions (Justice & Peace Europe)

Don Bosco International (<u>DBI</u>)

are pleased to invite you to a

LUNCH EVENT

12.30 Monday 6 February

2017

Colombia:

from child soldiers to peace-builders

Fr Rafael Bejarano sdb

Director de Ciudad Don Bosco (CBD) en Medellín

José Antonio Sanmartín

Director of Misiones Salesianas

direct testimonies

of the two protagonists of the Documentary and the educator

The event will be followed by a light lunch.

The armed conflict in Colombia has persisted for more than 50 years. The result is: 260.000 people killed and 8 Mio. victims, most of them civilians. Moreover, many children have been forcibly recruited as soldiers and suffered serious physical and psychological harm. The Salesians of Don Bosco are helping them to re-integrate into society. They would like to share this example of good practice of placing the human persons at the very centre and allowing them to become builders of peace in the Colombian society.

During this event, a short video documentary entitled "Alto el Fuego" ("Ceasefire") will be presented. Afterwards, a delegation of young people from Medellín (Colombia) led by Fr. Rafael Bejarano sdb, will engage in a debate with the participants about their experiences and hopes for a peaceful future.