

**Chairman of the
EPM's Board of
Directors**
(Since January 5, 2024)

PEP: Yes
**Age range: between
30 and 50 years**



FEDERICO GUTIÉRREZ ZULUAGA

Mayor of Medellín

Federico Gutiérrez is, for the second time, mayor of Medellín. In October 2023, he became the most voted mayor in the city's history with more than 689,000 votes (corresponding to 73% of the total).

He holds a degree in civil engineering from the Universidad de Medellín, and a specialization in senior management and political science from the Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana. Fico, as people know him, remained during his first term (2016 – 2019) as the best mayor in the country, according to most measures of the management of local leaders.

Fico's recognition and popularity among the citizens of Medellín and many Colombians has been the product of a life dedicated to public service: he was a Municipal Youth Counselor and Municipal Planning Counselor during his university life and was later elected as a Medellín councilor for two consecutive terms. In 2009 he was recognized as Outstanding Young Person of the Year in the category of political, legal, and governmental affairs, a distinction granted by the Junior Chamber of Colombia. In addition, he has worked as a consultant in Integral Urban Security for the cities of Buenos Aires (Argentina) and Celaya (Mexico).

In 2022 he was a candidate for the presidency of Colombia for the Creemos movement, obtaining more than five million votes. In 2023 Creemos, the movement inspired by his leadership, received legal status by becoming a party and positioning itself as a different alternative in Colombian politics.

Politics as a way of finding solutions to social problems and public service as a tool to help people has been Fico's life project. He has never stopped walking the streets and studying the realities of the city and the country, listening to its citizens, collecting proposals from the different social sectors, and thinking about how to contribute to the transformations that today's Colombia demands. The natural setting of Fico is the street with the people. He wants to continue working for Colombia and its regions to seek the tranquility of families and opportunities for progress for all through a governance model based on citizen trust, institutional solidity and teamwork of the public sector, the private sector, academia, and civil society, without antagonisms or class hatred.

