

**Question for written answer E-003910/2021/rev.1
to the Council**
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Subject: Women in Afghanistan

A tragedy is unfolding in Afghanistan as the Taliban seizes control of the country. Under the Taliban regime, Afghan women and girls will go back to the living conditions of 2001 when they were systematically denied access to education, employment and freedom of movement. The European Union must act decisively to avert further tragedy and use all possible means to protect women and girls in Afghanistan from attacks and repression by the Taliban.

1. Thousands of Afghans are at high risk of retaliation by the Taliban, including academics, journalists, human rights activists and women's rights defenders. How is the Council going to ensure that EU governments are taking all necessary measures to guarantee a safe exit from Afghanistan for anyone, particularly women and girls, at risk of being targeted by the Taliban?
2. Since the end of May, 250 000 people have already been forced from their homes; 80 % of them are women and children¹. How will the Council urge Member States to take responsibility for granting access to asylum procedures for women and girls in danger and ensure they can continue their education without restrictions?

¹ <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/08/1097742>