

**Priority question for written answer P-003673/2022**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

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**Subject:** Detention of Ana Baneira, Santiago Sánchez and other EU citizens in Iran

On 10 November, various media outlets reported that a 24-year-old Spanish citizen, Ana Baneira, had been arrested in Iran for participating in the protests following the death of Mahsa Amini<sup>1</sup>. However, Baneira's whereabouts and the date of her arrest remain unknown. This case comes on top of that of another Spanish citizen, Santiago Sánchez, as well as those of other European citizens arrested in connection with peaceful protests.

In its resolution of 6 October 2022 on the death of Mahsa Amini and the repression of women's rights protesters in Iran, Parliament urged 'the Iranian authorities to immediately release all EU nationals arrested and drop all charges against them'<sup>2</sup>.

1. Does the EEAS know the total number of Europeans arrested in connection with these peaceful protests?
2. What steps are being taken by the EEAS and the embassies of the EU countries concerned to secure the release of Baneira and other detained Europeans?
3. Is the EEAS coordinating with EU embassies in Iran to pursue these cases and demand the release of the people concerned?

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<sup>1</sup> 'Una gallega, detenida en Irán por participar en las protestas':  
[https://www.lavozdegalicia.es/noticia/coruna/2022/11/10/gallega-detenido-iran-participar-marchas/0003\\_202211H10P24994.htm](https://www.lavozdegalicia.es/noticia/coruna/2022/11/10/gallega-detenido-iran-participar-marchas/0003_202211H10P24994.htm)

<sup>2</sup> TA(2022)0352