

Subcommittee on Human Rights/Human Rights Action Unit

AFGHAN WOMEN DAYS

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TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2022

Welcome of the Afghan Women Sakharov Prize finalists 2021 by Vice-President Heidi Hautala
10.30 - 11.00 (Spinelli3E3)

Afghan Women meeting with social media influencers

11.00-12.00 (Mickey Mouse bar)

- - Fatimah Hossaini (FR, 85.6K followers) – Afghan, women activist, photographer:
<https://www.instagram.com/fatimahhossaini/>
- - Jagoda Grondecka (PL, 234K followers) - reports from Afghanistan:
<https://www.instagram.com/grondecka/>
- - Maciej Okraszewski (PL, 58.4K followers) - political matters:
<https://www.instagram.com/dzialzagraniczny/?hl=nl>
- - Lema Afzal (BE, 18K followers) – Afghan, speaking about culture, religion and inclusion:
<https://www.instagram.com/lemaafzal/>
- - Yasmine Ouirhaine (IT, 5K followers) – co-founder of podcast "We Belong":
<https://www.instagram.com/yasmineouir/> and
<https://www.instagram.com/webelongeurope/>
- - Jana Degrott (LUX, 4K followers) – co-founder of podcast "We Belong", ambassador at Obama Foundation and One Young World: <https://www.instagram.com/janadegrott/>

Lunch hosted by the President/Vice-President of the European Parliament (Invitation only)
12.00 - 13.30

High-level Conference on Afghan Women (hemicycle, web-streamed)

13.30 - 13.45

- Video loop: Shamsia Hassani, graffiti, Fatimah Hossaini, photographs

13:45 - 15:00

Solemn opening

- Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament (tbc)
- Angelina Jolie (tbc)

High-level segment

- **Sima Samar**, Sakharov Prize finalists 2021, Human rights advocate, former Minister of Women's Affairs and former Chair of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission
- **Ursula von der Leyen**, President of the European Commission (tbc)
- **Amina Mohammed**, UN Deputy Secretary-General (remotely)
- **Aryana Sayeed**, Afghan singer, songwriter, address and song *Lady of the Land of Fire*

Protecting human rights in the humanitarian crisis (room Spinelli 3G3)

15:30 - 17:00 Focus on selling girls, food security, internal displacements, access to healthcare, and humanitarian aid

Moderation: Maria Arena, Chair of the Sub-committee on Human Rights

- **Commissioner Janez Lenarčič**
- **Shaharзад Akbar**, Sakharov Prize finalists 2021, Chair of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC)
- **Ute Klamert**, Assistant Executive Director, World Food Programme
- **Anisa Shaheed**, Sakharov Prize finalists 2021, journalist (remotely)
- **Setara Hassan**, EpSus foundation to prevent Afghan families from selling their daughters for food (remotely)
- Live testimony from Kabul tbc

Conclusion: Tomas Tobé, Chair of the Committee on Development

Media event: Testimonies from Afghanistan, (VoxBox live-streamed)

17:30 - 18:30

- **Video trailer** (provided by Euronews)

Moderation: Méabh McMahon, Euronews Brussels

- **MEP**, tbc
- **Anelise Borges**, Euronews
- **Zarifa Ghafari**, Sakharov Prize finalists 2021, Mayor of Maidan Shar
- **Shaharзад Akbar**, Sakharov Prize finalists 2021, Chair of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC)

Screening of *Hava, Maryam, Ayesha* by Afghan film-maker Sahraa Karimi, and debate

18:00 - 20:15 (room: Spinelli 3G3)

Moderation: Clare Daly, Vice-Chair of the Delegation for relations with Afghanistan

- **Nacho Sánchez Amor**, MEP
- **Sahraa Karimi**, Sakharov Prize finalists 2021, film maker
- **Metra Mehran**, Sakharov Prize finalists 2021, co-founder of Feminine Perspectives Movement (remotely)

WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2022

Sakharov Youth Seminar with Afghan women (EYE online, VoxBox)

10.30-11.30

- **Maria Arena**, Chair of the Sub-committee on Human Rights
- **Aryana Sayeed**, Afghan singer, songwriter and
- **Sahraa Karimi**, Sakharov Prize finalists 2021, film maker

- **Khatira**, 14-year old exiled in France tbc
- **Video: Sara Bahaye**, activist and first Afghan female taxi driver tbc

Workshop: Solidarity with Afghan women parliamentarians (room Spinelli 3G3)

12:00 - 13:00

Moderation: Hannah Neumann, MEP, initiator of the EP Solidarity with Parliamentarians Programme

- **Petras Auštrevičius**, Chair of the Delegation for relations with Afghanistan
- **Fawzia Kofi**, former Vice-President of the Afghan National Assembly (remotely)
- **Shagufa Noorzai**, Afghan MP exiled in Greece (remotely) tbc
- **Naheed Farid**, Chair of the Human Rights, Civil society and Women Affairs Committee (remotely)

13.45 - 14.00

- **Video loop: Shamsia Hassani, graffiti, Fatimah Hossaini, photographs**

Workshop: Connecting Afghan women activists in exile (room Spinelli 3G3)

14:00 - 15:00

Moderation: Maria Arena, Chair of the Sub-committee on Human Rights

- **Horia Mosadiq**, Sakharov Prize finalists 2021, human rights activist
- **Mary Akrami**, Sakharov Prize finalists 2021, Head of Afghan Women's Network (remotely)
- **Stella Ronner-Grubacic**, EEAS Ambassador for Gender and Diversity
- **Lailuma Sadid**, Network of Afghan Diaspora Organisations in Europe (NADOE)
- **Manizha Naderi**, "Afghanistan's Women government in exile"
- **Sajia Behgam Amin**, scholar and women's rights activist (Afghan online exile university) (remotely)

15.00 -15.15

- **video loop: Afghan online exile university**

Looking forward: what perspectives for women in Afghanistan? (room Spinelli 3G3)

15:15 - 17:15 (Focus on education and participation in public life)

Moderation: Petras Auštrevičius, Chair of the Delegation for relations with Afghanistan

- **Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen**
- **Habiba Sarabi**, Sakharov Prize finalists 2021, former Minister of Women Affairs, first female governor in Bamyan province
- **Palwasha Hassan**, Sakharov Prize finalists 2021, Director of Afghan Women Educational Centre (remotely)
- **Freshta Karim**, Sakharov Prize finalists 2021, education activist (remotely)
- **Sima Sami Bahous**, Executive Director UN Women (remotely)
- **Rahela Sidiqi**, founding director of Farkhunda Trust (scholarship and mentoring for female students)

Conclusion: Witold Waszczykowski, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Overall conclusion: Heidi Hautala, Vice President in charge of the Sakharov Prize Community