

EC5 Ali Khademolhosseini : Candidate for Executive Committee

Proposer: FYEG
Agenda item: 6. Executive Committee Candidates
Status: Withdrawn

Introduction

Ali is a twenty years young human rights activist from Germany. His work is focusing on humanitarian aid, and advocacy for democracy with its bases lying on community organizing, movement building and non-violent action. Ali dreams of a world where equity in society above social identity is established, and tyrants and violators of human rights and dignity are disarmed and brought to justice.



Member Organisation:
Grüne Jugend (Germany)

Let's make change and progress!

My motivation to join the Executive Committee of the Federation of Young European Greens:

It is around 9 o'clock in the evening, it is Monday the 15th of June 2009. The day started with millions of people protesting, and still after 12 hours quite many people are still on the streets. Many are still protesting, others are in heavy metropolitan traffic, waiting for the traffic to move. It is in between this chaos, sounds of small explosions are heard, and white smoke is seen rising in a narrower street nearby. All of a sudden, it seems like people, who have been protesting for hours are chased to the main streets, where people have been waiting for the traffic to move for quite some time. People, mostly young people, are rushing out of the narrow street, and are running away in between cars, screaming out of fear. The traffic light is still red and cars on the streets are hooting, supporting those running away.

One eight years old boy is sitting in one of these cars, with his dad behind the wheel, and him and his two cousins in the back seat. He is witnessing what is happening, he can see men with long black beards, oversized brown overcoats with a white Keffiyeh around their necks, wearing military boots and camouflage pants with rifles or sticks in their hands who are chasing those who are running away from them. His father tells him that those men are Basiji (Extremists militias), men who see themselves as supreme to others for their beliefs, they are chasing people, who have taken to the streets, asking "where is my vote?". This young boy who was sitting in the back seat of the car witnessed how one of those people who was asking the QUESTION is now being chased on a three-lane street by the militia falls on the grounds next to his window, and he watches as that young protester who was in his early twenties gets beaten up in the most bizarre and brutal manner. As young as he was, he asked himself: why should someone get beaten up just for speaking their mind? Why do people get beaten up for simply gathering on the streets? How is it just to use violence on unarmed people, who are not even endeavouring to fight back?

We all know these feelings: – the fear – the anxiety and the hopelessness that comes with acts of brutality. We all have witnessed, or at least seen, heard, or read acts of state-backed organizations that weaken democracy or harm human rights collectively. Likewise, we all surely remember what happened on the day of the 9th of August in Minsk, how Lukashenko stole yet again the power from the Belarusian people, and how his police tried to silence the protesters using violence. Not only that, but we all still remember the protests in Hong Kong for its independence from the tyrannical rule of China. Likewise, we will not forget about the over decades-long war of Victor Orbán against freedom of the press. Or the fight of the PiS party against LGBTQ+ rights and creating LGBTQ+ free zones in Poland. We cannot overlook the collective racism and institutional discrimination against minorities and migrants. And so much more in the world and most of all in Europe, in the European Union, a union created to keep away the misery that tyrannical acts bring with themselves, and yet again it leaves

people to die in the Mediterranean. A Union that regardless of all the good it brings, its flaws leave us aghast, livid, drained and deeply despaired. All these events leave us with no hope for a new world. This is the hopelessness and the disappointment that leaves us feel miserable and sad. We blame ourselves for why on earth the world is so unjust and cruel? Why is progress not possible? And why do we not get to change what we deserve; change those things we want? We ask ourselves in pure disparity, when does the time to act come?

To those who are desperate, disappointed and exhausted, I would like to say: believe in the probability of the possible rather than the necessity of the probable. Have faith that change is possible and achieving it, is easier than what we all struggle to believe. We can make the unlikely our common reality through our arduous work. For creating change, metamorphosis and to break through the challenges of our time, there is a big chance and even bigger responsibility ahead of us as the upcoming election for the European Parliament is our last opportunity to create fundamental changes in our major policies and secure a future for generations to come. This is our last prospect to accelerate our joint efforts for combating common irresponsible attitudes toward our responsibility to keep the temperature rise below 1.5 degrees, and our widespread problem across the world to create a democratic participatory inclusive civil society and way of life. Unless we want our next generations to come looking back at us believing we did not do enough to prepare the world for its challenges in future, to believe we did not do enough to give them the possibility to enjoy life as we do (in spite of all the challenges we ourselves faced and our facing); looking back with shame at us, that we did not do enough to make climate and social justice possible!

We must grow ourselves and create a movement for creating change. For achieving the change, we deserve, for the change we need, for the responsibility that this necessity brings on us; we must accept responsibility for enabling people to turn the resources they have into the power they need to make the change they want to achieve our common purpose in the face of this uncertainty. For what matters, we must tell stories of ourselves and each other, we must build new relationships and alliances across movements and campaigns and deepen the old ones while making them all lasting for a progressive future. We must come together as one European family and strategize for a better future, for a movement of movements. And at the very beginning and the end, we must act together to mobilize people for change, create hope and readiness for progress, and a European Union that stands strong in the face of uncertainty and becomes an ally of human rights.

On that night of 15th of June 2009, the boy who witnessed all of this was me and I promised myself that very night to dedicate my life to justice and human dignity, although I was noticeably young and perhaps not aware enough to understand everything happening in the world, I promised that to myself, mostly because I did not want another person to suffer such an injustice. This fight is tough, long, and never-ending, and therefore it is even more worthy to fight for.

I want to create change. I see it as my duty to humanity to help create a world, where no more 8-years olds have to struggle with questions about the meanings and purposes of life, just because they have witnessed such an injustice. Likewise, I see it as my duty to take it upon myself to enable people to turn the resources they have into the power they need to

make the change they want to achieve our common purpose, a better and more humane European Union is a feminist European Union; a union where people are not discriminated against because of the colour of their skin has innately, or because of what they believe in is Allah or Yahweh or Buddha or Jesus. Or because they or their parents or ancestors come from abroad. I intend to help to shape a Europe, where people are not differentiated at its borders, when it comes to the colour of their skin, as we witnessed recently during and at the beginning of the humanitarian crisis in and on the borders of Ukraine. A crisis caused by an unjust criminal war forced on the Ukrainian people, for their will for democracy and independence. A crisis that could have been avoided, if we had the courage to speak up, when it was necessary, instead of appeasing the dictator. I accept my responsibility for enabling people to pursue change, to have a union that acts for humanity. Therefore, there is no place for me, better than the Executive Committee of the federation of young European Greens, to organize change and mobilize for pursuing it.



Ali Khademolhosseini

Education

vs. Fachhochschulreife, FOS Bamberg, Bamberg

SEPTEMBER 2021 – PRESENT

Change of specialization from technology Studies to international business Studies

vs. Fachhochschulreife, FOSBOS Erlangen, Erlangen

SEPTEMBER 2019 – SEPTEMBER 2021

Pre-class up to the 12th class with a focus on technology Studies

Extra-curricular activities

Active Member, Grüne Jugend und Bündnis 90/ Die Grünen, Erlangen

MARCH 2019 – PRESENT

Substitute delegate for state delegate conference

Second delegate for federal delegate conference

Coordinator Specialist Forum Europe and Global (Young Greens)

co-opted member of the Federal Working Group (BAG) Flight and Migration
2020-2021 Nov.

Member of the Middle East Working Group of the BAG Peace and International
Affairs

Delegates for Federal Working Group Peace and International for Young Greens

Online election campaign coordinator for the federal election 2021 in Erlangen

Treasurer Green Youth Erlangen since Sep. 2021

Regional Coordinator for Europa, Global Young Greens

MAY 2020 – MARCH 2022

Coordinator for intra-European affairs

Coordinator for relations between GYG and the Green European Party

UN HLSC Youth 2030, ICYMO substitute delegate

Activist, Fridays for future

DECEMBER 2018 – JANUARY 2021

Spokesperson for the Fridays for future Europe social media working group.

Spokesperson and coordinator for Fridays for future Iran.

Transparency Observer.

Internal coordinator for inter-European affairs.

Crisis Coordinator, Activists in risk zones (ARZ), International

MARCH 2019 – PRESENT

March 2019 ARZ founded

April 2019 - August 2021 Spokesperson of the Staff

August 2021 - Crisis coordinator for the Afghanistan Mission (evacuation of climate
activists)

October 2021 - Rapid Respond Coordinator and Operations Coordinator

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Links

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Skills

Ability to Work in a Team

Public Relations

Non-violent Action Strategy

Organizing (Ganz Concept)

Project management

Event Organization

Conflict Resolution

MS Office

Adobe illustrator

Adobe Photoshop

Adobe Lightroom

Adobe InDesign

WordPress

Adobe Premiere Pro

Google Analytics

Digitale Fotografie

December 2021 - Working in an advisory capacity

Acitvist, Polluters out

APRIL 2020 – DECEMBER 2021

Co-Coordinator for MENA Region.

Co-organizer of the campaign to protect the rights of the Brazilian indigenous people.

Safety working group coordinator.

Coordinator for European and MENA relations

Alumni, European Alternative

DECEMBER 2021 – APRIL 2022

School of migrant organizing

Member, Amnesty International, Erlangen

NOVEMBER 2017 – PRESENT

Local Organizer in the city of Erlangen

Member, Young European Federalists

2021 – PRESENT

Member of Europa Union

November 2021 - Deputy Chair Young European Federalists

Internships

Intern, Julia Bailey Law Firm, Erlangen

NOVEMBER 2021 – JANUARY 2022

Worked on background research for human rights cases.

Intern, Kassem Taher-Saleh MdB (Member of the German federal Parliament), Berlin

MARCH 2022 – JUNE 2022

Courses

International Project Management, RITx

JANUARY 2020 – MARCH 2020

Amnesty digital security and Human rights (online), Amnesty International

NOVEMBER 2019 – NOVEMBER 2019

Justice, HarvardX

JANUARY 2020 – FEBRUARY 2020

Framing Your Communication to Inspire and Convince, DelftX

APRIL 2020 – APRIL 2020

Critical Thinking & Problem-Solving, RIT

JANUARY 2020 – FEBRUARY 2020

Videografie

Languages

Farsi

Englisch

Deutsch

Spanish



Wohlen, Switzerland, April 27th 2022

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Support letter for Ali Khademolhosseini as an EC-Member of FYEG in the 2022-23 term

Dear green friends,

Swiss Young Greens support the candidacy of Ali for one of the positions in FYEG's EC. Ali is actively involved in the young green movement and in FYEG. We appreciate his activism and contributions to the movement and FYEG in particular.

We are convinced that Ali will do a great job as an EC-Member. Swiss Young Greens like his organisational capacities and management abilities. We particularly appreciate his persistent and passionate work in Global Young Greens over the past two years.

We wish him good luck for the elections and are looking forward to working with him!

sustainable and warm regards,
On behalf of the Swiss Young Greens' International Coordination
Sebastian Knecht

international@jungegrueene.ch

Delegates to the GA, FYEG office personnel and EC Members of MOs are invited to address further questions about the Swiss Young Greens' support letters to the above email.

A brief outline of Swiss Young Greens' support and nomination letter policy: In general Swiss Young Greens provide a support or nomination letter for every candidate seeking our support or asking for nomination, though this doesn't match a guaranteed vote for that person. This decision was taken because we don't want to prevent anyone from running for a FYEG-Structure who is willing to put in a considerable amount of time, energy and passion on a voluntary basis. Swiss Young Green's International Coordination is taking a decision about who their delegates are going to elect when all the contestants are on display. This is thought as a transparency statement towards candidates and delegates.



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Letter of support

Dear green friends,

We are pleased to inform you that „Ostra Zielon” – Polish Young Greens supports the candidacy of Ali Khademolhosseini for Executive Committee of Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG). His work at the German and Global Young Greens to date allows us to say that he is a good candidate. We see his vision for FYEG as valuable and in line with the green values.

We wish Ali good luck for the elections and look forward to working with him!

On behalf of „Ostra Zielon” – Polish Young Greens,

Igor Skórzycót

International Secretary and EC Member

KY/NP/008/22

April 28, 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Friends,

Support letter for Ali Khademolhosseini
FYEG Executive Committee Candidacy

This is to confirm that Ali Khademolhosseini is supported by our organisation for the position on the Executive Committee of the Young European Greens. We believe Ali will be a conscientious member of the Executive Committee of FYEG, who has a lot to offer in this position. His knowledge and experience are valuable assets for the Federation.

We believe that he is a strong young individual with a lot to offer and the position fits his profile to make FYEG more inclusive and diverse.

We remain at your disposal for any further information that may be required.

Best regards,



Kyriaki Yiannouri
Secretary General
Young Cyprus Greens



LETTER OF RECCOMENDATION FOR ALI TO THE POSITION AS A FYEG EC-MEMBER

April 27nd, 2022

Dear FYEG member organizations. On behalf of the Norwegian Young Greens, I recommend Ali as a member of the executive committee.

Ali is a German-Iranian YG activist that's been active as a regional coordinator for Europe in the Global Young Greens as well as coordinating and facilitating cooperation between the global young greens and the green party in Europe. These are key experiences we believe would be beneficial for the committee and for FYEG.

He has an education in international business at the technical college of Bamberg, Germany that might be useful.

When it comes to practical traits, Ali has competence in graphic design and has experience in using programs like Adobe Photoshop and Wordpress, and knows how to speak five languages! These skills can be helpful to increase the effectiveness of communication internally in the committee.

Through working with Ali in the COP delegation we got the impression that Ali is kind, humble and hardworking. He is a team worker and is creative. We believe these qualities make him a suitable candidate for the executive committee and would contribute to a good workflow and team spirit.

Best regards from

Pauline Tomren

International secretary of the Norwegian YGs,
on behalf of the Norwegian YGs.

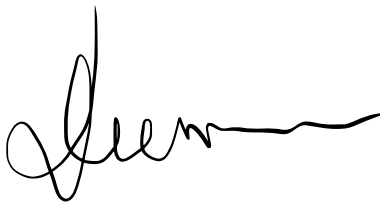
Dear General Assembly,

Hereby, I am elaborating the reasons GRÜNE JUGEND is not supporting Ali Khademolhosseini's candidacy for the executive committee of FYEG.

Ali applied for a support letter from GRÜNE JUGEND for the executive committee just like other members of our organization did. After discussing the various applications, the federal board has decided, Ali is not the strongest pick amongst the members of GRÜNE JUGEND for this mandate.

Instead, with their skills and personal qualities, their knowledge about and contacts within the international green movement, their past engagement and international experiences with GRÜNE JUGEND and with FYEG, we whole-heartedly support Christina Kessler's and Clara Winkler's applications for the Executive Committee of FYEG.

If you have any questions or wish to have further information, please do not hesitate to contact me by writing to lysander.liermann@gruene-jugend.de!



Lysander-Noel Liermann

International Secretary and member of the federal board
GRÜNE JUGEND