



**“Arab youth struggling with coercion,  
precariousness and dislocation”**



**POWER2YOUTH** and **SAHWA** presenting to the European Parliament

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### **Introduction (10')**

- o **Brando Benifei** MEP, Co-Chair of the European Parliament Youth Intergroup
- o **Sylvie Rohanova**, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

### **Presentations of two projects and policy implications (30')**

- o **Dr Elena Sánchez-Montijano** - scientific co-ordination SAHWA
- o **Dr Maria-Cristina Paciello** - scientific co-ordinator POWER2YOUTH

### **KHAMSA – A Documentary film by Marc Almodovar (20')**

Excerpts of the SAHWA project's documentary 'Khamssa' with the stories of Ayoub in Morocco and Hiba in Lebanon.

*Five youths, five Mediterranean cities, five stories. Hiba, Hakeem, Seif, Nina and Ayoub. Beirut, Alexandria, Djerba, Tmezrit and Casablanca. A journey through the dreams and preoccupations of five people united by a generation and the waters of a shared sea, but separated by distant horizons and environments. Through their own voices and recorded with their own eyes, we roam these five young people's universes.*

### Panel discussion on SEM youth and Q&A (60')

Moderator: **Dr Drew Mikhael** - Durham University

- o **Lina Atallah**, Editor in Chief of Mada Masr (independent media Egypt)
- o **Fadhilla Najah**, Center for Arab Women Training and Research, Tunis
- o **Professor Bahgat Korany**, American University Cairo

### Closing remarks: (5')

- o **Alyn Smith MEP**, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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### **POWER2YOUTH. A Comprehensive Approach to the Understanding of Youth Exclusion and the Prospects for Youth-led Change in the South and East Mediterranean**

POWER2YOUTH is a consortium of research and academic institutions from different disciplines based in the EU member states, Norway, Switzerland and South East Mediterranean (SEM) countries formed to explore the dynamics of youth exclusion and the prospects for youth transformative agency in the SEM region. The project, funded under the European Union's 7th Framework Programme, will run for three years starting in March 2014. –

Website: <http://www.power2youth.eu/>

### **SAHWA. Researching Arab Mediterranean Youth: Towards a New Social Contract.**

The SAHWA Project brings together fifteen partners from Europe and Arab countries to research youth prospects and perspectives in a context of multiple social, economic and political transitions in five Arab Mediterranean countries (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt and Lebanon). The thematic axes around which

the project will revolve are education, employment and social inclusion, political mobilisation and participation, culture and values, international migration and mobility, gender, comparative experiences in other transitional contexts and public policies and international cooperation.

Website: <http://www.sahwa.eu/>



### **KHAMSA – A Documentary film by Marc Almodovar (52')**

The Documentary 'Khamisa' by Marc Almodovar was produced in the framework of the SAHWA project and can be watched online at the following address:

<http://www.sahwa.eu/EVENTS/SAHWA-events/SAHWA-Documentary-is-available-online>



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