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Please find below an extended version of the Centre's News service, collecting the legal and policy developments from EU external policies in weeks 33-35/ 2014 (11-31 August 2014).

Kind regards,

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## **EU-Russia**

Special coverage:  
EU sanctions against Russia over Ukraine crisis

## EU-Ukraine

**15 August**

Council conclusions on Ukraine



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## EU Neighbourhood

'Regional integration in the Mediterranean - impact and limits of community and bilateral policies' - In-depth analysis

## Trade and Customs

Foreign direct investment between the European Union and BRIC

**18 August**

Eurostat: Euro area international trade in goods surplus €16.8 bn €2.9 bn surplus for EU28

**21 August**

Customs: Commission adopts strategy and action plan for better customs risk management

Commission Communication on the EU Strategy and Action Plan for customs risk management: Tackling risks, strengthening supply chain security and facilitating trade

**22 August**

EU welcomes WTO ruling against Argentinian measures on imports

**29 August**

TTIP and the cultural exception



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## Energy and Transport

Statistical analysis of EU trade in energy products, with focus on trade with the Russian Federation (Eurostat analysis)

## CFSP & CSDP

**13 August**

Accession of the EU to the European Convention on Human Rights - questions about the submission of Union CFSP acts to the jurisdiction of the European Court of Human Rights (Partially declassified legal opinion)



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**15 August**

Council conclusions on the Middle East (Gaza)

Council conclusions on Libya

Council conclusions on Iraq

## 19 August

Europe's support for humanitarian action



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## Development and Cooperation

### 12 August

EU increases humanitarian assistance for Ukrainian conflict-affected population

### 13 August

EU steps up humanitarian aid to victims of displacement and floods in Afghanistan and Pakistan

2014 Annual Report on the European Union's development and external assistance policies and their implementation in 2013

## 15 August

Council conclusions on the Ebola crisis in West Africa

EU scales up funding in response to Ebola outbreak in West Africa

## 25-26 August

President of the European Commission José Manuel Durão Barroso, pays an official visit to Viet Nam - Joint Press statement

## External Dimension of AFSJ

Handbook on European law relating to asylum, borders and immigration - 2014

Frontex - Western Balkans Annual Risk Analysis 2014

Frontex - Eastern European Borders Annual Risk Analysis 2014

Lessons from the European Commission's development of the second generation Schengen information system (SIS II)

## 11 August

Report from the European Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the joint review of the implementation of the Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on the processing and transfer of Financial Messaging Data from the European Union to the United States for the purposes of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program

Staff Working Document - Joint Review Report of the implementation of the Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on the processing and transfer of Financial



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Messaging Data from the European Union to the United States for the purposes of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program

## Events

### 16 September

'The European Union and Asia. Perspectives, Challenges and Opportunities' (Conference organised jointly by Institute of Mediterranean and Oriental Cultures, Polish Academy of Sciences and Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, to be held at Kozminski University, PL)

### 18 September

'CLEER Presidency Lecture series: Experience of the Greek Presidency of the Council of the EU in the conduct of EU external relations' (Organised by CLEER and the T.M.C Asser Instituut in cooperation with the Embassy of the Hellenic Republic to The Hague, The Hague, NL)

### 25-26 September

'The European External Action Service and the new institutional balance in EU external action: reconciling autonomy and cooperation' (Conference organised by the University of Salamanca in cooperation with CLEER in Salamanca, ES)

### 9-11 October

'The More they Change... Change in the EU and its Impact on Neighbouring Countries', (Conference organised by Atilim University, Ankara, Turkey)

### 23-24 October

'Foreign Policy Changes and International Norms: Examining Internal and External Determinants' Workshop organized by: Prof. Dr. Diana Panke (University of Freiburg) & Dr. Samuel Brazys (University College Dublin), Freiburg, DE)

### 31 October

'5th Annual Postgraduate Conference: Between Security and Development: EU as an International Actor', King's College London, UK

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