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EU Enlargement

2014 Economic and Fiscal Programmes of Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina: The Commission's country assessments (Summary) Occasional Papers No. 198 / July 2014



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Commission assesses progress by Kosovo in visa dialogue

Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Second report on progress by Kosovo in fulfilling the requirements of the visa liberalisation roadmap



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Eastern Partnership

17 July

Commissioner Füle on the milestones reached at the 3rd Eastern Partnership Summit

Commissioner Füle to visit Georgia to announce new support for trade, private sector development and justice reform

18 July

Commissioner Füle on the Association Agreement with Georgia

22 July

Updated EEAS fact sheet on the EU and Belarus

EU-Ukraine

15 July

Commissioner Füle on the situation in Ukraine & EU efforts

17 July

MEPs call on Russia to cooperate with Ukrainian peace plan



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Presidents Barroso and Van Rompuy issue a joint statement on the crash of the Malaysian airliner in Ukraine calling for an immediate and thorough investigation into the causes

18 July

Vice-President Kallas convenes EU aviation crisis cell to ensure full coordination following Malaysian airlines plane crash in Ukraine

Information Note to EU business operating and/or investing in Crimea/Sevastopol (Joint Staff Working Document)

22 July

Foreign Affairs Council conclusions on Ukraine

EU establishes mission to advise on civilian security sector reform in Ukraine

Foreign Affairs Council takes action on the downing of flight MH17: Call for access & independent international investigation

MH17 crash: MEPs call for solidarity with Ukraine and sanctions against Russia

23 July

Council Decision 2014/486/CFSP of 22 July 2014 on the European Union Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform Ukraine (EUAM Ukraine)

25 July

EU sanctions over situation in Eastern Ukraine strengthened

Ukraine: European Commission adopts legislative proposals on restrictive measures

Trade and Investment

14 July

Commission Agenda - Priorities for the week of 14 July 2014: 6th round of TTIP negotiations (EU policy video by viEUws)

TTIP: Civil society must be heard, stresses INTA Committee Chair Bernd Lange (EU policy video by viEUws)

15 July

Commissioner De Gucht on TTIP: Addressing common criticisms

Monitoring the globalisation of the EU economy (Eurostat press release)

16 July

MEPs call for more transparency in the transatlantic trade talks

22 July

MEPs discuss EU trade policy with Commissioner Karel de Gucht

First general discussion on EU trade policy with the new Committee on International Trade (INTA)

Southern African region and the EU complete negotiations for an Economic Partnership Agreement

EU welcomes a new WTO fund to support developing countries' customs reforms

Top 5 trade issues under the Italian EU Presidency: CETA Agreement with Canada, TTIP, Doha Development Agenda (EU policy video by viEUws)

23 July

General Affairs Council adopts framework for investor-to-state dispute settlement

24 July

Interview with MEP Bernd Lange, Chair of the International Trade Committee: TTIP & Committee's upcoming challenges

'Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in TTIP negotiations' (EP Research Service Brief)

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Partial summary of the meeting of the European Parliament Committee on International Trade (INTA)



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Energy and Transport



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

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The EU's energy dependence: Facts and figures

CFSP & CSDP

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CSDP Transition Strategies – recent lessons (Contribution to the CSDP road map from the EEAS Crisis Management and Planning Directorate)





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16 July

Special meeting of the European Council discusses new institutional cycle, Ukraine & Gaza (overview & press conference)

Conclusions of the Special meeting of the European Council (External relations: Ukraine & Gaza)

17 July

MEP Elmar Brok, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee provides an assessment of ongoing conflicts

MEPs reject jihadist terrorism and call for sustainable political solution in Iraq

Gaza: MEPs call for immediate ceasefire and resumption of direct peace talks

MEPs call for an immediate ceasefire in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Commissioner Georgieva calls for safe and full humanitarian access inside Gaza

18 July

Declaration on behalf of the European Union on the escalation in the Gaza Strip: EU calls for a ceasefire, full humanitarian access & welcomes efforts by regional partners

'Exit strategies: what's in a name?' (EUISS Brief by E. Gross examining follow-up to CSDP missions)

'Africa: the EU-US security-economy nexus' (EUISS Alert by D. Balthasar and C. Barrios)

19 July

EU High Representative Ashton on the E3/EU+3 talks with Iran

Joint Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif

21 July

EU extends sanctions relief for Iran: Suspension of restrictive measures specified in Joint Plan of Action agreed by E3/EU+3 and Iran extended

Council Decision 2014/480/CFSP of 21 July 2014 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP

concerning restrictive measures against Iran

22 July

Main results of the 3330th Foreign Affairs Council meeting: Ukraine, Middle East Peace Process, Great Lakes Region

Mandate of EU mission on regional maritime capacity building in the Horn of Africa (EUCAP Nestor) extended

Foreign Affairs Council conclusions on the Middle East Peace Process

Mandate of EUCAP Sahel Niger extended

EU reinforces sanctions against Syrian regime

Foreign Affairs Council conclusions on the Great Lakes Region

23 July

Council Regulation (EU) No 791/2014 of 22 July 2014 amending Regulation (EC) No 1210/2003 concerning certain specific restrictions on economic and financial relations with Iraq

Main aspects and basic choices of the CFSP (Part II, point E, paragraph 25 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013) – 2013 Annual report from the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to the European Parliament

24 July

'Arab transitions: late departure, destination unknown' (Arab pathway to democracy explored) (EUISS Brief by F. Gaub)

25 July

EU call for an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip

EU welcomes the adoption of a roadmap for achieving a comprehensive peace agreement for northern Mali and pledges continued support to Mali & Sahel Strategy

'On Juncker's list: improving EU external action' (EUISS Alert by A. Missiroli)



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Development and Cooperation

14 July

Central African Republic: EU launches its first multi-donor trust fund for linking relief, rehabilitation and development

EU Trust Fund to promote the stabilisation and reconstruction of the Central African Republic: Innovations & advantages

EU to resume cooperation with Guinea-Bissau following free and credible elections

15 July

Commissioner Georgieva welcomed UN Security Council Resolution on humanitarian access inside Syria: Background & European Commission funding

16 July

Conclusions of donors conference for Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina following the floods

17 July

EU and Ecuador conclude negotiations for trade and development agreement

18 July

EU and Fiji implement the Pacific interim Economic Partnership Agreement

21 July

Commissioner Piebalgs announces EU's development contribution to Peru for the period 2014-2017 as well as new funding to support the fight against illegal drugs during visit

22 July

Austria joins EU Children of Peace initiative funding humanitarian projects which help children in conflict zones

23 July

20th EU-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting: connectivity, increased support for institution building, enhanced maritime security & upgraded strategic partnership

New EU funding for Ecuador for the years 2014-2017 announced by Commissioner Piebalgs during visit

24 July

EU increases food aid to South Sudan: Two major contracts with the UN World Food Programme (WFP) totalling €14 million signed

25 July

EU increases humanitarian aid in Gaza in response to the escalating crisis



Human rights

17 July

EU condemns sentencing of Hasan Huseynli in Azerbaijan and calls for adherence to obligations incumbent upon the state as a Member of the Council of Europe

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EU condemns recent executions in Singapore: Calls on the

authorities to reinstate a moratorium on executions as a first step towards universal abolition of the death penalty

External Dimension of AFSJ

Asylum applicants and first instance decisions onasylum applications: first quarter 2014 (Eurostat report)

European immigration policy and relations with other



17 July

Judgement of the Court, Case C-469/13, *Shamim Tahir v Ministero dell'Interno and Questura di Verona* (Directive 2003/109/EC - 'Long-term resident's EU residence permit' - Conferral of long-term resident status - Legal and continuous residence - Person with family connections to the long-term resident - More favourable national provisions)

Judgment of the Court, Joined Cases C-473/13 and C-514/13 *Adala Bero* v *Regierungspräsidium Kassel* and *Ettayebi Bouzalmate* v *Kreisverwaltung Kleve* (Directive 2008/115/EC - Common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals - Detention for the purpose of removal - Detention in prison accommodation - Lack of specialised detention facility)

Opinion of Advocate General Sharpston, Joined Cases C-148/13, C-149/13 and C-150/13, *A*, *B* and *C* (Request for a preliminary ruling Raad van State (Netherlands)) (Common European Asylum System - Directive 2004/83/EC - Refugee status - Directive 2005/85/EC - Assessment of applications for international protection - Assessment of facts and circumstances - Credibility of an applicant's averred sexual orientation)

25 July

Terrorism Working Party: Summary of discussions

European Institutions

15 July

European Parliament elects Jean-Claude Juncker as Commission President

Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker on his agenda for jobs, growth, fairness and democratic change (overview)

'A New Start for Europe: My Agenda for Jobs, Growth, Fairness and Democratic Change' Political Guidelines for the next European Commission by Jean-Claude Juncker - (Energy Union, a balanced TTIP, AFSJ, new migration policy & strengthening Europe as a global actor)

16 July

Composition of EP delegations to parliaments in non-EU countries approved in plenary vote

23 July

5 Final Fixes for Barroso II – Commission end of term's agenda: Crisis in Ukraine, Climate & Energy Package,TTIP (EU policy video by viEUws)

Events

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)

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