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Please find below the latest issue in the Centre's News service, collecting legal and policy developments from EU external policies in weeks 26-28/2014 (23 June - 13 July 2014).

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EU Enlargement

EU Candidate & Potential Candidate Countries' Economic
Quarterly 2/2014

23 June

Summary of the 52nd meeting of the EU-Turkey Association
Council

24 June

EU candidate status granted to Albania

General Affairs Council conclusions on Albania

Fifth meeting of the Stabilisation and Association Council between the European Union and



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Montenegro

EU-Montenegro: More results needed on the ground

Fourth meeting of the Accession Conference with Montenegro at Ministerial level - 3 new chapters opened

25 June

Montenegro joins COSME, the EU's financing programme for small and medium-sized enterprises

26 June

Commissioner Malmström on the ratification of the EU-Turkey readmission agreement by the Turkish Parliament

27 June

'Bosnia 1914-2014: what lessons?' (EUISS Alert by F. Trauner)

1 July

Five Western Balkans countries sign up to EU research & innovation programme Horizon 2020: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and the Republic of Moldova

52nd meeting of the EU-Turkey Association Council

10 July

Enhanced cooperation within the Stabilisation and Association Process: new initiative launched



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Eastern Partnership

23 June

The EU's Association Agreements with Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine: overview of objectives, benefits & application

26 June

EU-Republic of Moldova Cooperation Council Sixteenth meeting

EU and Georgia adopt Association Agenda

27 June

EU Association Agreements with Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine: CORLEAP's role and possible extension of Local Administration Facility (LAF) programme

4 July

Call for Georgia to act in line with Association Agreement commitments on the arrest in Georgia of suspended Mayor of Tbilisi, Gigi Ugulava

EU-Ukraine

23 June

Foreign Affairs Council conclusions on Ukraine

EU prohibits imports of goods from Crimea and Sevastopol

EU prepares civilian mission to assist security sector reform in Ukraine



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Technical preparations for signing the Association Agreement with Ukraine finalised

24 June

Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2014 of 23 June 2014 concerning restrictions on the import into the Union of goods originating in Crimea or Sevastopol, in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol

3 July

Call for respect for media freedom and the safety of journalists in Eastern Ukraine

4 July

Background to the high level meeting to coordinate international support for Ukraine: European Agenda for Reform, support group & EU support package

EU-Ukraine Human Rights Dialogue

'Ukraine's impact on Russia' (EUISS Alert by N. Popescu)

8 July

Joint Conclusions of the High Level Meeting on Ukraine: Coordinating and implementing the international support

Commissioner Füle on making support for Ukraine more effective

11 July

EU strengthens sanctions over situation in Eastern Ukraine

Joint conclusions of the EU-Russian Federation-Ukraine ministerial meeting on the effects of implementation of the EU-Ukraine AA/DCFTA

Trade and Investment

23 June

Council conclusions on the Union's Approach on Responsible Sourcing of Minerals

Brussels Briefing on Trade June 23 – July 8: EU-Vietnam trade talks, 7th round of the Trade in Services Agreement negotiations, European Council, Trade Policy Committee meeting, WTO review (EU policy video by viEUws)



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24 June

Trade Commissioner De Gucht on TTIP and the Investment Dimension

30 June

EU asks WTO to rule on Russian pork import restrictions

1 July

Communication from the Commission to the EP, Council and EESC: Trade, growth and intellectual property - Strategy for the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights in third countries

3 July

Trade Commissioner De Gucht on the Transatlantic Economic Partnership: Benefits & key issues in the ongoing debate

7 July

Brussels Briefing on Trade July 7 – 22: EU-Japan trade talks, EU-Ecuador trade talks, WTO's Dispute Settlement Body & Russia pork import ban, 6th round of TTIP negotiations (EU policy video by viEUws)

8 July

Staying Engaged: Bangladesh Sustainability Compact - one year on

Commissioner De Gucht on Asia & Europe: an enduring and deepening economic relationship

Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on 'EU-Morocco Trade Relations' (own-initiative opinion) 2014/C 214/03

9 July

EU launches negotiations on environmental trade agreement

10 July

EU welcomes new UN Convention on transparency for investor-state dispute settlement

11 July

West African leaders back Economic Partnership Agreement with EU



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Energy and Transport

23 June

'European energy security: what about Russian gas?' (Analysis by EP Research Service)

24 June

EU-OPEC Energy Dialogue: Joint Conclusion of the eleventh Meeting of EU-OPEC Energy Dialogue

European Commissioner for Energy Oettinger on the EU-OPEC dialogue: one of the key priorities of EU international energy relations

25 June

Commissioner for Energy Oettinger on European Energy Security Strategy: key priorities and actions

CFSP & CSDP

23 June

Main results of the 3325th Foreign Affairs Council meeting: Ukraine, Iraq, Egypt

Foreign Affairs Council conclusions on Thailand

Foreign Affairs Council conclusions on Libya

Foreign Affairs Council conclusions on Iraq

Foreign Affairs Council conclusions on Afghanistan

EU strengthens sanctions against the Syrian regime

Removal of chemical weapons from Syria: EU's contribution to the OPCW-UN mission & the way



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EU Priorities for the 69th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations

24 June

EU Foreign Affairs Council: Support for Ukraine peace plan, condemnation of ISIS

EU maritime security strategy approved

Implementation of the solidarity clause invoked when a member state is the object of a terrorist attack or the victim of a natural or man-made disaster

Actions for a more competitive and efficient defence and security sector: Implementation Roadmap

Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, EESC and Committee of the Regions, 'A new deal for European Defence: Implementation Roadmap for Communication COM (2013) 542; Towards a more competitive and efficient defence and security sector'

'Re-mapping the Sahel: transnational security challenges and international responses' (EUISS Report by C. Barrios and T. Koepf (eds.))

27 June

Council Decision 2014/401/CFSP of 26 June 2014 on the European Union Satellite Centre and repealing Joint Action 2001/555/CFSP on the establishment of a European Union Satellite Centre

'The Arab War(s) on Terror' (EUISS Brief by F. Gaub and P. Pawlak)

1 July

European Court of Auditors Special Report 11/2014 'The establishment of the European External Action Service'

4 July

'The three effects of dual-use: firms, capabilities, and governance' (EUISS Brief by D. Fiott)

8 July

Maritime surveillance: Joining forces with Member States for safer seas and oceans

Questions and answers on the Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE) and its contribution to maritime security

10 July

Declaration on behalf of the EU on South Sudan

EU imposes sanctions on South Sudanese military leaders

The EU and South Sudan (EEAS factsheet)

'Iraq: towards an independent Kurdistan?' (Brief by EP Research Service)

11 July

Council Regulation (EU) No 747/2014 of 10 July 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Sudan and repealing Regulations (EC) No 131/2004 and (EC) No 1184/2005

Council Regulation (EU) No 748/2014 of 10 July 2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of the situation in South Sudan

'Afghanistan: the crisis after the elections' (EUISS Alert by E. Gross)

1 July

EU Special Representative for Human Rights Lambrinidis meets Belarusian human rights defender Ales Bialiatski

2 July

Commissioner Füle met with prominent Belarusian human rights activist Ales Bialiatski in Strasbourg

External Dimension of AFSJ

23 June

Foreign Affairs Council conclusions on kidnap for ransom & counter-terrorism



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24 June

Judgment of the Court, Case C-658/11, *European Parliament v Council of the European Union* (Action for annulment - Decision 2011/640/ CFSP - Legal basis - Article 37 TEU - International agreement relating exclusively to the CFSP - Article 218(6) TFEU - Obligation to inform the Parliament immediately and fully)

26 June

Clearer EU rules for unaccompanied minors seeking international protection

27 June

Regulation (EU) No 656/2014 of 15 May 2014 establishing rules for the surveillance of the external sea borders in the context of operational cooperation coordinated by the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union

30 June

Commissioner Malmström deplores the recent loss of life in the Mediterranean and calls for more EU action

3 July

Judgment of the General Court, Case T-181/13, *Sharif University of Technology v Council of the European Union* (CFSP - Restrictive measures adopted against Iran with the aim of preventing nuclear proliferation - Freezing of funds - Action for annulment - Period allowed for commencing proceedings - Admissibility - Obligation to state reasons - Error of assessment)

Judgment of the Court, Case T-203/12, *Mohamad Nedal Alchaar v European Commission* (CFSP - Restrictive measures taken against the Syrian regime - Listing of an individual - Links with the regime - Rights of defence and fair process - Duty to state reasons - Burden of proof - Rights to property and private life) (In French)

7 July

EASO Annual Report on the Situation of Asylum in the European Union in 2013 (Press release overview)

EASO Annual Report Situation of Asylum in the European Union 2013 (Full report)

Latest asylum trends in Europe (EASO press release)

10 July

Report from the Commission to the EP and Council on the joint review of the implementation of the Agreement between the European Union and Australia on the processing and transfer of Passenger Name Record (PNR) data by air carriers to the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

Judgment of the Court, Case C-138/13, *Naime Dogan v Bundesrepublik Deutschland* (Reference for a preliminary ruling - EEC-Turkey Association Agreement - Right of residence of family members of Turkish nationals - National legislation requiring evidence of basic linguistic knowledge with regard to the family member wishing to enter the national territory)



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EU-US Cooperation

25 June

EU and US strengthen dialogue on JHA issues

EU-US Justice Ministerial in Athens: Vice-President Reding welcomes U.S. announcement on data protection umbrella agreement

European Institutions

23 June

18 month programme of the Council (1 July 2014 - 31 December 2015) prepared by the Italian, Latvian and Luxembourg Presidencies

Commission Agenda - Priorities for the week of 23 June 2014: European semester, climate and energy, Association Agreements with Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine (EU policy video by viEUws)

24 June

Main results of the 3326th General Affairs Council meeting: Enlargement & Albania, Solidarity Clause, EU Maritime Security Strategy

27 June

European Council meeting 26-27 June: EU leaders decided on Juncker as their candidate for President of the European Commission, discussed a strategic agenda for the EU, the peace plan proposal in Ukraine & congratulated Greek Presidency

1 July

Italy takes over the Presidency of the Council of the EU (Overview & analysis by EP Research Service)

Italy and the European Union: selected sources (EP Research Service)

2 July

Future of Europe: MEPs debate Italian Council Presidency priorities

Prime Minister Antonis Samaras reviews the Greek Presidency at European Parliament plenary session (Statements & videos)

President of the European Council Van Rompuy sets out Council priorities for the EU before the European Parliament: TTIP, energy security, migration & effective joint action in the world

7 July

The Italian EU Presidency in focus - Ambitious reform agenda brings Italy back in European spotlight: Foreign & security policy, migration and institutional reforms among top priorities (EU policy video by viEUws)

Events & Resulting Publications

8 July

'Secession within the Union: Intersection Points of International and European Law' (Collection of short think pieces resulting from the expert meeting organised by ACIL and ACELG on possible Scottish or Catalan secession, Universiteit van Amsterdam, 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)

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