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# **EU Enlargement**

## 3 June

Commissioner Füle on enlargement and Western Balkans: what's next?



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#### 4 June

EU-Abania: 3rd High Level Dialogue

Turkey joins Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme

#### 7 June

Opinion of the Committee of the Regions: Enlargement strategy and main challenges 2013-14 (2014/C 174/03)



## **EU-Ukraine**

26 May

Presidents Van Rompuy and Barroso welcome the Presidential elections in Ukraine on behalf of the EU

27 May

Statement of the Heads of State or Government on Ukraine

Ukraine moves to 2nd phase of the visa liberalisation process

Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council - Fourth Report on the implementation by Ukraine of the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation

### 28 May

'Ukraine: four crises, one country' (EUISS Brief by N. Popescu)

## 29 May

Association Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part

#### 6 June

Key stakeholders in Ukraine's financial sector meet in Kiev to support reforms

### 7 June

Resolution of the Committee of the Regions: The development of the situation in Ukraine (2014/C 174/02)

# **Trade and Investment**

## 26 May

EU-US Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership : detailed Appraisal of the European Commission's Impact Assessment (European Parliamentary Research Service Brief)



27 May

Brussels Briefing on Trade: May 27 – June 11: US market access offer on services, TTIP stakeholders meeting (EU policy video by viEUws)

Commission strengthens rules on citrus fruit imports from South Africa

India's 2014 Legislative Elections: The Lack of Economic Mracles Lands the Congress Party on the Opposition Benches (European Parliament Study examining impact on EU trade negotiations)

## 30 May

Chinese investment in the EU (European Parliamentary Research Service Brief)

### 2 June

Vice President of the European Commission Kallas on world shipping: regulating effectively together to promote open trade

Post European Elections Debate: Can a more political European Parliament disrupt the TTIP talks? (EU policy video by viEUws)

#### 6 June

Trade Commissioner De Gucht on TTIP: Strengthening our Values



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# **Energy and Transport**

### 26 May

European Commission on the proposed solution at the meeting of EU Commissioner Oettinger, Russian Energy Minister Aleksandr Novak and Ukrainian Energy Minister Yuriy Prodan

### 27 May

External energy relations - Recent developments in the field of external energy relations (Council of the EU Information Note)

### 28 May

Energy security. Commission puts forward comprehensive strategy to strengthen security of supply

#### 2 June

Commission confirms results of talks following the trilateral energy meeting between the EU, Russia and Ukraine

# **CFSP & CSDP**

Impetus - Magazine of the EU Military Staff, EEAS, Brussels (Spring/Summer 2014, Issue 17)

### 29 May

EU economic sanctions in Syria extended until 1 June 2015

EUCAP Nestor concludes first basic training course for Somali Coast Guards and Port Police



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2 June

EU lists Boko Haram as a terrorist organisation

### 4 June

G7 Leaders' Communiqué, June 2014 - Foreign Policy

EEAS statement on the Presidential elections in Syria: call for the regime to re-engage in genuine political negotiations

#### 6 June

'Somalia's federal agenda: from fragility to fragmentation?' (EUISS Brief by D. Balthasar)



# **Development and Cooperation**

# 27 May

EU gives €65 million to help Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina with the aftermath of floods

### 28 May

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EU announces €200 million in new support to the Palestinian Authority (PA) and UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) to provide vital basic services

EU mobilises additional €21 million in financial support for Lebanese communities hosting Syrian refugees

Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response, Georgieva discusses the silent war: 200.000 Syrians have died due to lack of access to health care

#### 2 June

European Commission presents proposal to address global poverty and sustainable development: follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the EESC and Committee of the Regions: Adecent Life for all: from vision to collective action

## 3 June

Commissioner Georgieva on how can we do better for the world's hungry. lessons learned from the EU-WFP partnership

## 4 June

EU reaffirms its support for Palestine refugees, pledging €246 million for the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) for the period 2014-2016

### 5 June

European Commission pledges additional €30 million to the Philippine Government to boost reconstruction assistance in the wake of Typhoon Yolanda/Haiyan

Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Korea establishing a framework for the participation of the Republic of Korea in European Union crisis management operations

Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the European Year of Development (2015)

#### 8 June

EU and Israel sign Horizon 2020 association agreement



## Human rights

### 28 May

EEAS statement on the recent wave of arrests and detentions in China: EU cooperation towards release of detainees on humanitarian grounds

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#### 4 June

Caribbean slavery reparation claims against some European countries (European Parliamentary Research Service Brief)

## **External Dimension of AFSJ**

## 26 May

Commission reports on the state of the Schengen area: External Schengen borders, rules, visa issuance & security procedure



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Directive 2014/66/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals in the framework of an intracorporate transfer

Ministerial Forum for Member States of the Schengen Area with External Land Borders -Information by Poland

### 5 June

Case CI146/14 PPU, Bashir Mohamed Ali Mahdi (Directive 2008/115/EC - Return of illegally staying third country nationals - Article 15 - Detention - Extension of detention - Absence of identification - Refusal of the embassy of the third country concerned to provide an identification document permitting a return to that country) (in French)

### 6 June

EU strategy for combating terrorism, Task Force Mediterranean and "smart borders" discussed by JHAministers

### 6 June

'Schengen's maritime border: another annus horriblis in the Med?' (EUISS Alert by H. Brady)



# **Euro-Mediterranean Partnership**

5 June

Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee: Towards an EU Macro-Regional Strategy to develop economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Mediterranean (own-initiative opinion)

## **European Institutions**

# 2 June

Commission Agenda: Priorities for the week of 2 June 2014: The European Semester, G7 Summit (EU policy video by viEUws)

### 3 June

G7 Summit in Brussels, 4-5 June 2014: Background note and facts about the EU's role and actions

### 4-5 June

Brussels G7 Summit 2014 - Overview, Press Briefings & Declaration

## **Events**

## Submission deadline: 7 June

Croatian Yearbook of European Law and Policy (Call for papers for Volume 10, published by the University of Zagreb Law School in Zagreb, HR)

### Submission deadline:15 June

'Building Sustainable Agriculture for Food Security in the Euro-Mediterranean Area: Challenges and Policy Options' (Call for papers for conference on 20-21 November 2014 in Rabat, MA)

#### 23 June

'The EU's non-members: Incorporation without participation' (Conference organised by ARENA Centre for European Studies of the University of Oslo in Brussels, BE)

### Application deadline: 27 June

Postdoctoral Fellowships at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Centre for Social Sciences and the National University of Public Service (Call for applications for a full-time joint postdoctoral research fellowship programme with the HAS CSS and the NUPS in Budapest, HU)

### 30 June - 4 July

Barcelona Summer School in International Politics (Organised by the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) in Barcelona, ES)

#### 4 July

'Using Human Security as a legal framework to analyse the Common European Asylum System' (Conference organised by CLEER and the T.M.C. Asser Institute in The Hague, NL)

### Application deadline: 5 July

CLEER Vacancy: Senior Researcher in EU Law (Full-time (38 hours per week) for a period of one

to a maximum of six years at the T.M.C. Asser Institute in 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)

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