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EU Enlargement

12 May

Sixth meeting of the Stabilisation and Association Council between Albania and the EU



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General Affairs Council meeting celebrates 10th anniversary of the 2004 enlargement

14 May

Commissioner Füle on the EU's support to partners in transition: linking values with economic and social progress

15 May

Commissioner Füle meets with President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to discuss recent developments & EU integration efforts



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Eastern Partnership

14 May

President Van Rompuy meets with Georgian Prime Minister Charibashvili to discuss preparations for the signature and implementation of the Association Agreement

15 May

Meeting between the European Commission and the Government of the Republic of Moldova

European Commission support to the Republic of Moldova: Background on trade, assistance, education, visa-free regime and energy.

21 May

European Commission's support to Georgia (Background memo)

Meeting between the European Commission and the Government of Georgia

EU-Ukraine

12 May

Council stands by Kiev for free and fair presidential elections

Foreign Affairs Council Conclusions on Ukraine

Council broadens EU sanctions regarding the situation in Ukraine



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13 May

Meeting between the European Commission and the Ukrainian Government

20 May

First tranche of €100 million in EU Macro-Financial Assistance disbursed in Ukraine

21 May

EEAS welcomes the adoption of the Memorandum of Peace and Concord by the Parliament of Ukraine

23 May

EU offers increased support for the OSCE's work in Ukraine

Commissioner Malmström welcomes progress in the visa liberalisation process with Ukraine



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Trade and Investment

12 May

Brussels Briefing on Trade: May 12 – 26: WTO General Council Meeting & Dispute Settlement Body & TTIP (EU policy video by MEUWs)

US Ambassador Anthony L. Gardner to debunk the TTIP myths (EU policy video by vEUWs)

14 May

Ensuring transparency in EU-US trade talks: EU publishes negotiating positions in five more sectors

19 May

TTIP: Commission expects steady progress in 5th round of EU-US trade negotiations (EU policy video by vEUWs)

21 May

Management of Preferential Trade Arrangements does not fully safeguard EU financial interests, say EU Auditors

EU requests WTO consultations with Russia concerning anti-dumping duties on light commercial vehicles

22 May

Trade Commissioner De Gucht on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership: The real debate

Energy and Transport

19 May

EU Energy Commissioner Oettinger and Russian Energy Minister Novak discuss security of gas supply

Policy Debate: International relations in the field of energy- The value of multilateral frameworks



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CFSP & CSDP

12 May

Main Results of the 3312th Foreign Affairs Council Meeting: Ukraine, Middle East, Nigeria, ENP

Council conclusions on the EU's Comprehensive Approach to

external action

14 May

EEAS Factsheet on the EU and South Sudan: EU's response to the crisis

16 May

Somalia Piracy Contact Group holds its 16th Plenary session under EU Chairmanship

Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia - Sixteenth Plenary Session: Communiqué

Information note on the exchange of EU classified information (EUCI) with third States and international organisations

'Breaking new ground: EU-US cooperation in crisis management' (EUISS Brief by R. Domisiewicz and E. Gross)

'Arab military spending: behind the figures' (EUISS Alert by F. Gaub)

19 May

Joint Communication to the European Parliament and the Council: Elements for an EU strategy on public security in Central America and the Caribbean

17 May

Conclusions of the Paris Summit for Security in Nigeria

20 May

Fifteenth Progress Report on the implementation of the EU Strategy to Combat Illicit Accumulation and Trafficking of SALW and their Ammunition - (2013/I)

Sixteenth Progress Report on the implementation of the EU Strategy to Combat Illicit Accumulation and Trafficking of SALW and their Ammunition - (2013/II)

21 May

Agreement between the EU and the Swiss Confederation on the participation of the Swiss Confederation in the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTMMali)

23 May

EUISS Yearbook of European Security 2014 by A. Mssiroli

Development and Cooperation

13 May

Development Cooperation: New EU Communication on the private sector

EU to boost private sector's role on inclusive growth in developing countries: Background to the Communication



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14 May

EU aid to Mali: Background, figures and new projects to be launched

First anniversary of the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC): place in existing EU civil protection legislation, benefits & more efficient disaster response

16 May

EU Civil Protection Mechanism activated to assist in response to floods in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina

Iceland and Norway sign up to join EU Horizon 2020 Research & Innovation Programme

17 May

EU coordinated assistance underway for flood victims in Serbia and in Bosnia and Herzegovina through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism

Several hundreds of people rescued by EUFOR helicopters in Bosnia and Herzegovina

19 May

Council conclusions on an EU Development and Cooperation Results Framework

Council discussed EU's post-2015 development framework (key topics & video highlights)

Foreign Affairs (Development) Council conclusions on Annual Report 2014 to the European Council on EU Development Aid Targets

EU fully resumes development cooperation with Madagascar

European Union committed to strengthening democracy in Morocco

Council Conclusions on the 2013 Report on the Implementation of the EU Plan of Action on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Development 2010-2015

20 May

EU steps up its efforts to improve the health of millions in developing countries: €25 million per year pledged in the period 2014-2020 to fund vaccines and immunisation programmes worldwide

EU and GAM Alliance: Working together to save lives

EU to observe elections in Kosovo: Election Observation Mission (EOM) launched

EU steps up assistance for flood victims in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina as Commissioner Georgieva visits the region

21 May

Vice-President Kroes of the European Commission on creating a connected world: ICT must be at the centre of the development agenda

EU's support for the presidential election process in Guinea Bissau

Decision No 534/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 providing macro-financial assistance to the Republic of Tunisia

23 May

The EU's support to Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina after the floods



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Human rights

12 May

Council Conclusions on the establishment of a Human Rights Dialogue with Myanmar/Burma: Endorsement & modalities

16 May

EU High Representative Ashton on EU action for LGBTI rights on the occasion of the International Day against Homophobia and

Transphobia

19 May

Foreign Affairs (Development) Council conclusions on a rights-based approach to development cooperation, encompassing all human rights

21 May

EU and Laos hold Working Group on Human Rights and Governance

External Dimension of AFSJ

FRONTEX Annual Risk Analysis 2014

13 May

Council adopts new rules for the surveillance of the EU external sea borders



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14 May

European Asylum Support Office (EASO) begins new project with Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia

15 May

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 intra-corporate transfer

19 May

Dublin Group Regional Report on North Africa: Combatting drug trafficking

20 May

Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management

Opinion of Advocate General Szpunar delivered on 20 May 2014 in Case C1202/13, *Sean Ambrose McCarthy, Helena Patricia McCarthy Rodriguez and Natasha Caley McCarthy Rodriguez v Secretary of State for the Home Department* (Right of entry and of short-term residence - Third-country national, member of the family of a Union national in possession of a residence card - National legislation making entry to the national territory subject to the prior obtaining of an entry permit)



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EU-China Relations

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Commissioner Šemeta on EU-China Customs Cooperation: An ambitious path forward

16 May

EU and China sign landmark mutual recognition agreement and intensify their customs cooperation

Questions and answers: EU-China customs cooperation and combating illicit trade



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Euro-Mediterranean Partnership

13 May

Euro-Mediterranean cooperation for research and innovation and IIPs at the Informal COMPET Council/Research Meeting

Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) meeting: Prioritise climate, environment, agree both sides of the Mediterranean

European Commission

19 May

Commission Agenda: Priorities for the week of 19 May 2014: TTIP, State Aid Modernisation reform package (EU policy video by vEUws)

Events

5-7 June

ECPR 7th Pan-European Conference on the European Union (Conference organised by ECPR Standing Group on the European Union in The Hague, NL)

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)

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)

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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