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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 18-19/2014 (28 April - 11 May 2014).

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EU Enlargement

28 April

EU High Representative Ashton at the National Assembly during her visit to the Republic of Serbia on progress towards accession



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30 April

Successes of EU enlargement discussed on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of 2004 enlargement

10th anniversary of the 2004 enlargement – strategic benefits, impact and the current enlargement agenda

1 May

European Parliament infographic on EU enlargement since the 1970s

5 May

Ten years since the 2004 EU enlargement: concerns, hopes & achievements discussed with MEP Jerzy Buzek

Commissioner Füle on Serbia's progress in the EU accession process: three key future steps identified

6 May

EU-Kosovo: Formal negotiations for a Stabilisation and Association Agreement concluded

Statement by Commissioner Füle following the meeting with Prime Minister Hashim Thaçi of Kosovo

7 May

Conclusions of the Ministerial Dialogue between the Economic and Finance Ministers of the EU and the Candidate Countries

8 May

EU-Western Balkans Ministerial Conference: Presidency Statement



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Eastern Partnership

29 April

Commissioner Füle on EU support for Eastern European partners

6 May

European Commission announces €60 million support package for Georgia and the Republic of Moldova

EU-Ukraine

28 April

Memorandum of Understanding on Macro-Financial Assistance Programme for Ukraine signed

Council of the EU expands the scope of sanctions against actions undermining Ukraine's territorial integrity

Commission welcomes signature of a Memorandum of Understanding enabling gas flows from Slovakia to Ukraine

29 April

European Commission adopts support package worth €365 million contributing to the stabilisation and development of Ukraine



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Updated Ukraine timeline: from Euromaidan to the illegal referendum in Crimea

3 May

EU Statement on the violence in Odessa, Ukraine

Trade and Investment

28 April

Brussels Briefing on Trade April 28 – May 12: TTIP, Argentina's WTO Panel request on EU anti-dumping duties, EU-Japan Summit, Foreign Affairs Council on Trade



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29 April

Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: The Review of export control policy: ensuring security and competitiveness in a changing world

2 May

EU backs Uruguay joining talks on Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA)

5 May

Background note on the Foreign Affairs Council on Trade Issues

EU Trade Commissioner De Gucht on 'what we need to make TTIP work' and its consumer benefits

6 May

'Controversial issues in EU-India trade: Disputes at WTO level' (European Parliamentary Research Service Briefing)

8 May

Foreign Affairs Council Meeting on Trade

New legal framework approved by the European Parliament and the EU Council to strengthen enforcement of EU rights under international trade agreements



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Energy and Transport

6 May

Joint Statement of Energy Ministers and the EU Commissioner for Energy at the Rome G7 Energy Initiative for Energy Security

CFSP & CSDP

29 April

Explanatory Factsheet on EU Restrictive Measures to promote the objectives of CFSP



30 April

EUFOR RCA takes over responsibility from France's Operation Sangaris for the security and protection of Bangui Airport, Central African Republic

2 May

Joint Communication to the European Parliament and the Council Elements for an EU Strategy in Afghanistan 2014-16

8 May

EU High Representative Ashton appoints Bernardino León Special Envoy for Libya to facilitate, coordinate and enhance the EU's actions



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Development and Cooperation

28 April

European Commission promotes resilience for disaster-prone communities globally, hosting first ever EU Resilience Forum

Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and Its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Singapore, of the other part

29 April

Cuba and the EU open negotiations on a new bilateral agreement on Political Dialogue and Cooperation

30 April

EU set to deploy an Election Observation Mission (EOM) to Egypt for the Presidential Elections

Tool Box: A rights-based approach, encompassing all human rights for EU development cooperation (Commission Staff Working Document)

1 May

The EU–Indonesia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement enters into force

6 May

European Commission announces €6 million increase in life-saving assistance to refugees fleeing violence in Central African Republic

8 May

EU-Central America Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement enters into force

Joint Report to the European Parliament and the Council: Hong Kong Special Administrative Region: Annual Report 2013

Human rights

29 April

EU Statement condemning the death penalty rulings in



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Egypt

2 May

World Press Freedom Day: European Commission supports pilot projects on media freedom

5 May

Joint Statement on the intensifying clampdown on human rights defenders in Azerbaijan

9 May

EU High Representative on the execution of Clayton Lockett in the US State of Oklahoma: proposed moratorium & EU opposition to capital punishment

External Dimension of AFSJ

29 April

Dublin Group Regional report on the Caribbean: Combatting drug trafficking



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30 April

Opinion of Advocate General M. P. Mengozzi, delivered on 30 April 2014, Case C-338/13 *Marjan Noorzia* [Right to family reunification - Directive 2003/86/EC - Member State regulation imposing a minimum age requirement of 21 years] (in French)

Opinion of Advocate General Bot, delivered on 30 April 2014, Joined Cases C-473/13 and C-514/13, *Adala Bero v Regierungspräsident Kassel* and *Ettayebi Bouzalmate v Kreisverwaltung Kleve* [Directive 2008/115/EC - Common standards and procedures for returning illegally staying third-country nationals - Detention measure for the purpose of removal - Conditions and regime of detention]

6 May

Council amends list of non-EU countries whose nationals are exempt from the visa requirement

7 May

Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Turkey on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation



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EU-Japan relations

5 May

Factsheet on EU-Japan relations and the 22nd EU-Japan Summit: history & background of topics to be discussed

6 May

Eurostat news: EU28 trade in goods deficit with Japan decreased to €2.5 bn in 2013 with a Surplus of €9.2 bn in trade in services

7 May

European Council EU-Japan Summit Overview & Press Conference

Presidents of the European Council and Commission Van Rompuy and Barroso and Mr Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan on EU and Japan Acting together for Global Peace and Prosperity

Euro-Mediterranean Partnership

30 April

Civil Society from the Southern Neighbourhood and the EU launch structured dialogue



European Institutions

5 May

Commission Agenda: Priorities for the week of 5 May 2014: Spring European Economic Forecast, EU-Japan Summit, 'Blue Economy' innovation plan

Events

22-24 May

The European Union in International Affairs IV (Conference organised by Vrije Universiteit Brussel in Brussels, BE)

Registration deadline: 1 June

2nd CLEER Summer School on EU External Relations Law (Intensive one-week summer school from 23-27 June, hosted by UM Campus Brussels of Maastricht University, in Brussels, BE)

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)

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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