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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 16-17/2014 (14-27 April 2014).

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Statement by EU High Representative Ashton following the vote of the Kosovo Assembly on EULEX



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Eastern Partnership

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Commissioner Füle on Russian pressure on Eastern Partnership countries & the destabilisation of Eastern Ukraine

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EU-Moldova: Progress made & challenges ahead of signing the Association Agreement

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Commissioner Füle on building a stronger, more resolute and determined Eastern Partnership

EU-Ukraine

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European Commission welcomes adoption of temporary tariff cuts for Ukrainian exports to the EU

Council Conclusions on relations with Ukraine



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Council Decision 2014/215/EU of 14 April 2014 providing macro-financial assistance to Ukraine

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Letter from President Barroso on behalf of the EU to President Putin

Updated EEAS Factsheet on EU-Ukraine relations

Joint Geneva Statement on Ukraine

Ukraine: European Parliament MEPs call for EU sanctions against Russian energy firms

22 April

Regulation (EU) No 374/2014 of the EP and Council of 16 April 2014 on the reduction or elimination of customs duties on goods originating in Ukraine

Trade and Investment

African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries' position on Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) (Study by EP Directorate-General for External Policies)



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MEPs call on the EU to raise anti-dumping tariffs against dumped or subsidised imports from third countries

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Summary record of the 70th meeting of the ACP-EU Subcommittee on Trade Cooperation



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CFSP & CSDP

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Council Conclusions on the Central African Republic

Remarks by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton following the Foreign Affairs Council

Council Conclusions on Syria

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Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Greece Venizelos presents the process of drafting a broader EU Maritime Security Strategy

Main results of the 3309th Foreign Affairs Council meeting, including developments in Ukraine, Mali, Syria & Central African Republic

Foreign Affairs Council: EU Foreign Ministers reiterate support for Ukraine (EEAS Press Release)

EU military training mission in Mali extended by a further two years

EUCAP Sahel Mali: EU civilian support mission for internal security in Mali established under the CSDP

European Defence Agency Steering Board: Progress on the Implementation of Council conclusions

16 April

Council Decision 2014/219/CFSP of 15 April 2014 on the European Union CSDP mission in Mali (EUCAP Sahel Mali)

Council Decision 2014/220/CFSP of 15 April 2014 amending Decision 2013/34/CFSP on a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali)

Summary record of the meeting of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET) held on 14 April 2014

Development and Cooperation

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New 'EU Aid Explorer' website to be launched providing transparent access to development & humanitarian aid data around the world

Council Conclusions on the European Court of Auditors' Special Report on EU Development Assistance to Central Asia



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Regional Report on South East Asia and China: International cooperation for law enforcement & combatting drug offences

16 April

EU provides €240,000 in humanitarian aid to assist those affected by the recent floods and earthquakes in the Solomon Islands

EU has deployed an Election Observation Mission (EOM) to Malawi in response to an invitation by the country's Electoral Commission

17 April

EU's Election Observation Mission will remain in Guinea Bissau until the Legislative and Presidential election process is completed

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Decision of the EP and of the Council providing macro-financial assistance to the Republic of Tunisia

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Outcome of proceedings of the 63rd meeting of the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors on 3 May 2013



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Human rights

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European Parliament passes three resolutions on human rights violations in North Korea, persecution in Pakistan & vulnerable groups in Syria

24 April

Commissioner Andor on EU efforts to protect workers' rights on the first anniversary of Rana Plaza garment factory disaster

External Dimension of AFSJ

15 April

Opinion of the Committee of the Regions on 'Smart Borders package'



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European Parliament approves search and rescue rules to prevent the deaths of migrants at sea

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EP adopts proposal for a Directive on conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals in the framework of an intra-corporate transfer

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Report from the Commission to the EP, Council, EESC & Committee of the Regions on the ex-post evaluation of the External Borders Fund for the period 2007-2010



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Euro-Mediterranean Partnership

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EU-Tunisia: Commissioner Füle calls for more steps to deepen cooperation and support

15 April

The prospect of Eastern Mediterranean gas production: An alternative energy supplier for the EU? (In-depth Analysis by EP Directorate-General for External Policies)

European Institutions

14 April

Commission Agenda, Priorities for the week of 14 April 2014: Foreign Affairs Council, consumer protection, gender equality & EU Charter of Fundamental Rights (EU policy video by vEUws)

15 April

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Venizelos presents the achievements of the Greek Presidency of the Council of the EU to date

24 April

A United, Open and Stronger Europe – European Commission '2010-2014 Record of Achievement'

Events

28 April-2 May

International Disaster Law Course (Training organised by International Disaster Law Project and the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, in cooperation with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Sanremo, IT)

Application deadline: 30 April

Strategic Challenges for European Foreign and Security Policy (Call for Ph.D applications by the Institute for European Studies (IES) at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel in Brussels, BE)

Registration deadline: 2 May

'The EU's drive towards regulatory convergence in bilateral FTAs: the case of TTIP' (Roundtable debate organised by ALTIUS, AmCham Belgium, CEPS and CLEER, followed by the launch of 'EU External Relations Law: Text, Cases and Materials' by Bart Van Vooren and Ramses A. Wessel in Brussels, BE)

8 May

The European Union at the UN Human Rights Council: Multilateral Human Rights Protection Coming of Age? (Seminar organised by Leuven University's Centre for Global Governance Studies in Leuven, BE)

Application deadline: 8 May

Vacancy: Senior Lecturer in European Studies (Political Science) (at the Institute for European Studies (IES) at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) in Brussels, BE)

16 May

'Can Europe Still Afford Human Rights? The Future of the Values in the EU's External Relations' (Panel discussion organised by the Strategic Studies Project initiated by Amnesty International Netherlands in The Hague, NL)

22-24 May

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

Registration deadline: 23 May

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)

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 Salamanca, ES)

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