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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 week 6/2014 (3-9 February 2014).

Kind regards,

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# **Enlargement**

## 6 February

EP MEPs Resolutions on progress of fYROM, Montenegro and Bosnia & Herzegovina in 2013

# **Eastern Partnership**

## 4 February

Remarks by President of the European Council Van Rompuy following his meeting with Prime Mnister Garibashvili of Georgia

'Ukraine: chronology of an escalating conflict' (published by the European Parliament)



## 5 February

Commissioner Štefan Füle on Ukraine and a way out of the current crisis

## 6 February

EP MEPs call for EU targeted sanctions and financial support in Ukraine

## 7 February

European Investment Bank increases support for agriculture in Moldova

# **Euro-Mediterranean Partnership**

# 6 February

EP MEPs urge political actors and security forces in Egypt to end violence and engage with reconciliation

EP plenary session on Syria: Geneva talks must lead to a political and democratic solution



Commissioner Štefan Füle on the revival of practical regional cooperation in the Mediterranean

# **Trade and Investment**

#### 5 February

EP MEPs call for tougher measures against unfair imports from third countries

#### 6 February

Commission proposes stronger cooperation with non-EU countries to tackle VAT fraud

## 7 February

Council Decision laying down rules and procedures to enable the participation of Greenland in the Kimberley Process certification scheme

# **CFSP & CSDP**

Space, Sovereignty and European Security - Building European Capabilities in an Advanced Institutional Framework (by EP DG for External Policies)

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#### 4 February

EDPS Opinion on a 'Cyber Security Strategy of the European
Union: An open, safe and secure cyberspace', and on the
Commission's proposal for a directive on measures to
ensure a high common level of network and information security across the EU

## 5 February

Mnister of Foreign Affairs of Greece on Europe's role in the Central African Republic

#### 6 February

Second Council Report on the EU-indicators for the comprehensive approach to the EU implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions 1325 & 1820 on women, peace and security

The EU and the Sahel (EEAS factsheet)

# **Development and cooperation**

## 3 February

Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva on EU protection of International Humanitarian Law

Sahel crisis: EU gives €142 million in humanitarian aid in 2014



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#### 4 February

EU allocates €320 million in partnership with UNICEF to improve child and maternal health

 $Summary \, record \, of \, the \, EP \, AFET \, and \, DEVE \, extraordinary joint \, meeting \, on \, the \, Post-2015 \, \, Global \, Development \, Agenda$ 

# 5 February

EU continues to support stabilisation and development in Mali (in French)

Education in the Post-2015 Development Agenda

#### **External Dimension of AFSJ**

# 3 February

EU and Azerbaijan agreement on the readmission of persons residing without authorization



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# 4 February

Judgments of the General Court, cases T-174/12, T-80/13, Syrian Lebanese Commercial Bank v

Council : CFSP - Restrictive measures against Syria- Freezing of funds - Right to effective judicial protection - Right of defence (in French)

Executive summary of the EDPS Opinion on the proposals for a Regulation establishing an Entry/Exit System (EES) and a Regulation establishing a Registered Traveller Programme

# 7 February

Directive of the EP and the Council on the conditions of entry and stay of third-country nationals

#### 9 February

Statement of the Hellenic Presidency of the Council of the EU on the results of the Swiss referendum

# **Human Rights**

## 6 February

European Commission reaffirms its commitment to eradicating female genital mutilation on International Day of Zero Tolerance against FGM





#### **EU Institutions**

The EU's 2014-2020 External Financial Instruments: An opportunity for the European Parliament to play a greater role

#### **Events**

#### 20 February

The experiences of the Lithuanian Presidency of the EU Council in the field of external relations (Special lecture organised by CLEER, T.M.C. Asser Instituut and the Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in The Hague, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague, NL)

#### 27-28 February

The Rule of Law: AStrategic Priority of the European Union's External Action (ROLA) (Conference organised by Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, Leuven, BE)

## Call for papers: 1 March

Seminar & workshops on the rights of Third Country Nationals under EU bilateral treaties (Seminar organised by Research Centre Immigration & Asylum Law of the University of Konstanz and Özyeğin University in Istanbul, TR)

#### 18 March

ANew Challenge for the European Parliament in Trade Policy. Transforming power into influence (Event organised by CEPS in Brussels, BE)

## 20-21 March

The ENP in a Comparative Perspective: Key Challenges and Major Lessons (International conference organised by College of Europe in Bruges, BE)

## Registration: 10 April

Academy of European Law Summer School on Human Rights Law and the Law of the European Union (Summer School organized by EUI in Florence,  $\Pi$ )

## 22-24 May

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

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