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The Centre's News service is back with an expansive issue collecting legal and policy developments from EU external policies in weeks 51-52/2013 and 1-2/2014 (16 December 2013-12 January 2014).

Kind regards,

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EU Enlargement

16 December

Cecilia Malmström signs the Readmission Agreement and launches the Visa Liberalisation Dialogue with Turkey



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17 December

Council conclusions on Enlargement and Stabilisation and Association Process

18 December

European Affairs ministers give green light to Serbia's EU negotiations

Commissioner Štefan Füle on the EU-Montenegro Inter-Governmental Conference

20 December

Additional funding to support the normalisation between Kosovo and Serbia

23 December

EU support to rural development in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

EU to grant 178.7 million EUR to support key reforms in Serbia

EU to grant EUR 41.9 million to Bosnia and Herzegovina

'Progress towards meeting the economic criteria for EU accession: the EU Commission's 2013 assessments' (Occasional paper, EU Commission's DG for Economic and Financial Affairs)

Eastern Partnership

16 December



'Delays to South Stream Benefit Ukraine' (by P. de Meco, EP Studies)

20 December

New funding to support economic development, civil society and institution building in Armenia



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11 January

Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between EU and Georgia on a Framework Agreement on the general principles for the participation of Georgia in Union programmes

European Neighbourhood Policy

'Pocketbook on Euro-Mediterranean statistics' (published by EU Commission)

16 December

Foreign Affairs Council conclusions on Lebanon

Foreign Affairs Council conclusions on the Middle East Peace Process

23 December

EU Commission mobilises additional €30 million to boost aid for victims of Syria crisis

8 January

'Economic Growth through trade integration in the Euro-Med Area' (EU Commission's Joint Research Centre reports)

9 January

EP working Paper on EU Financial Support to the Palestinian Authority (Court of Auditors Special Report)

Trade and Investment

'Trade: New opportunities, new partnerships or new challenges?' (published by EESC)

18 December

Lithuanian Presidency developments in the field of external trade

19 December

EU requests WTO consultations over Brazil's discriminatory taxes

Revised EU trade scheme to help developing countries applies on 1 January 2014

Summary record of the meeting of the EP Committee on International Trade (INTA)

20 December

EU-US trade deal: end of the third round of negotiations

Energy & Transport

16 December

Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Republic of Peru on certain aspects of air services

17 December

Commission welcomes final investment decision to extract gas from Azerbaijan pledged for Europe

19 December

Annual Report from the Commission to the European Parliament on the EU's Anti-Dumping, Anti-Subsidy and Safeguard activities (2012)

10 January

'Quenching India's thirst for energy' (EU-ISS Brief by C. Caputi)

CFSP & CSDP

16 December

Council Decision on EU activities in support of the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty, in the framework of the European Security Strategy



17 December

Council conclusions on the EEAS Review

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18 December

Joint Communication to the EU Parliament and the Council - The EU's comprehensive approach to external conflicts and crises

19 December

Afghanistan and Central Asia high-level conference: The road towards greater stability will be long and challenging

'European defence cooperation: New impetus needed' (Briefing by EP Library)

'Peacebuilding in 3D: EU and US approaches' (EU-ISS Chaillot Paper by E. Gross)

'Reforming Arab security sectors' (EU-ISS Brief by F. Gaub)

20 December

Conclusions of the European Council Summit of 19-20 December on Defence

EU Commission's Communication: Elements for the EU's Strategic Response to the Challenges in the Gulf of Guinea

'European defence – to be continued' (EU-ISS Alert by A. Missiroli)

23 December

EU gives full effect to UN arms embargo against the Central African Republic

EU to lead international counter piracy efforts in 2014

9 January

The challenges facing the EU in its relations with great powers this year- statements by EP experts on foreign relations

Development and cooperation

'EU contribution to the millennium development goals' (published by EU Commission)

16 December

EU scales up humanitarian aid in Central African Republic

Council conclusions on the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Great Lakes Region



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17 December

European Commission increases aid to €40 million in emergency aid to communities hit by Typhoon Haiyan

18 December

Summary record of the meeting of the EP Committee on Development (DEVE)

23 December

Commissioner Georgieva announces €50 million for urgent humanitarian action in South Sudan

9 January

Four years on from the Haiti earthquake: The EU's response

10 January

'Bangladeshi elections: the last woman standing' (EU-ISS Alert by G. Stang)

'Afghanistan: the view from India' (EU-ISS Alert by E. Gross)

External Dimension of AFSJ

17 December

'Undocumented migrant children in the EU' (by T. Dolidze, EP Library)



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18 December

First Commission report on the implementation by Russia of the Common Steps for visa free-regime with the EU

19 December

ECJ Judgment in Case C-84/12 *Rahmanian Koushkaki v Federal Republic of Germany* (A 'Schengen visa' may be refused only on the grounds expressly provided for in the EU Visa Code)

20 December

'Irregular immigration in the EU: Some national perspectives on arrival of immigrants' (Overview by EP Library)



Human Rights

12 December

EP Working Document on US Surveillance activities with respect to EU data and its possible legal implications on transatlantic agreements and cooperation

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EU - Russia

EU Commission's Working Document: Towards a vision for research, technology and innovation cooperation between Russia and the EU, its Member States and Associated States

18 December

'EU and Russian Policies on Energy and Climate Change' (Policy briefing by EP studies)

19 December

EU Commission Staff Working Document on implementation of the Special Kaliningrad Transit Programme (2004-06)

EU - China

7 January

EU Commissionaire Barnier speech on 'China and the EU - partners in reform'

9 January

'EU imports of goods from Chinese forced labour' (Overview by EP Library)

Events

24 January

Russian growth: Stifled by structural challenges (Event organised by CEPS in Brussels, BE)

30 January

Eastern Partnership: In need of a re-boot in 2014? (Event organised by CEPS in Brussels, BE)

30-31 January

Crisis, Ideas and Policy Transformation: Experts and Expertise in European International Organisations, 1973-1987 (Conference organised by Maastricht University in Maastricht, NL)

31 January

CSDP Strategy CRN Workshop (Workshop organised by Maastricht University in Maastricht, NL)

27-28 February

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

22-24 May

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

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