

## News Service Week 16/2013 (15 – 21 April 2013)

## **EU Enlargement**

## 15 April

First meeting of the Accession Conference with Montenegro at Deputy level

## 16 April

Reforms continue despite political tensions in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

## 16 April

Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council about the implementation of reforms in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

## 18 April

MEPs say Croatia is ready to join the EU in July

## 18 April

MEPS say they must renew their mutual engagement with Turkey in the context of the negotiation process

## 21 April

Irish Deputy Prime Minister to chair key Irish Presidency talks on enlargement and future EU Budget



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# **European Neighbourhood Policy**

18 April

Good neighbourly relations with Serbia, Kosovo and Montenegro

19 April

Serbia and Kosovo reach landmark deal

## **Trade and Investment**

## 15 April

February 2013: Euro area international trade in goods surplus 10.4 bn euro 1.8 bn euro surplus for EU27

18 April

Progress made on new EU-US Trade Agreement at informal EU Trade Council meeting

19 April

First round of EU-Japan trade talks a success

## **CFSP**

## 17 April

Regional tensions lead to a power vacuum in Lebanon (EP Study)

## **CSDP**

## 15 April

<u>Further step taken in the MARSUR network</u> <u>development</u>

## 15 April

Nuclear multilateralisation - and Europe's role (by C. Dietrich, EU ISS Paper)



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## 16 April

Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Mali on the status in the Republic of Mali of the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali)

## 18 April

New EU training centre to combat illicit trafficking of nuclear and radioactive materials

## 19 April

Poltical and Security Committee Decision BiH/20/2013 on the appointment of the Head of the EU Command Element at Naples for the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

## **External Dimension of AFSJ**

## 18 April

Parliament approves EU visa facilitation agreements with Ukraine and Moldova

## 19 April

EU signs Readmission Agreements with Cape Verde and Armenia

## **EU - Human Rights**

## 18 April

Parliament debates about human rights situation in Vietnam, Kazakhstan and Guantanamo

## **EU - China**

## 16 April

12th China-EU Round Table calls for stepped-up people-to-people contacts

## **Events**

## 26 April

The future direction of Central and Eastern European development policy (Workshop organised by the Austrian Research Foundation for International Development (ÖFSE), Vienna)

## 29 - 30 April

The EU and Emerging Powers (Conference organised by the Center for European Studies at UCL, the Centre for Global Governance Studies KU Leuven, the College of Europe, the Department of Political Sciences Ghent University, the Department of Political Sciences ULg, the Institute for European Studies at ULB, the Institute for European Studies at Université St Louis, the Institute for European studies at VUB, European Parliament, Brussels)

## 30 April

Walk the Talk: Food policy development in 2012 and outlook for 2013 (Conference organised by CEPS, Brussels)

## 6 May

<u>The External Dimension of a Multi-tier, Multi-speed European Union</u> (Event organised by CEPS, the European Policy Institutes Network (EPIN), the Faculty of Law at the University of Copenhagen, the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance, and the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER), Brussels)

#### 13 May

<u>Dynamics of Interregionalism</u> (ASEAN-EU Conference organised by American University, Washington, D.C., USA)

#### 15 - 17 May

<u>The EU as a model of soft power in the Eastern neighbourhood</u> (International Conference organised by the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania)

## 16 May

Experiences from the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU in the area of EU external relations (Lecture organised by T.M.C. Asser Instituut, CLEER and the Embassy of Cyprus in The Hague, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague, NL)

#### 23 - 24 May

Introduction to WTO and EU Trade Law (Course organised by the Academy of European Law (ERA), Trier, Germany)

## 29 - 31 May

<u>Between Flexibility and Disintegration: The State of EU Law Today</u> (Conference organised by the University of Maastricht (UM), NL)

#### 6 - 7 June

EU Emergency Policies (Workshop organised by University of Catania, Italy)

#### 24-28 June

<u>CLEER Summer School on the Law of EU external relations</u> (Organised by CLEER and the University of Maastricht University (UM) Brussels Campus, Brussels)

## 25 - 27 June

<u>Analyzing the Evolution of Policy Agendas: In Europe and North America</u> (Mini-Symposium organised by the Montesquieu Instituut, Amsterdam, NL)

## Call for White Papers: Deadline 10 May

Rapid deployable and cost-effective land border surveillance systems (Land Border Surveillance Working Group organised by Frontex, place not yet specified)

## Call for Papers: Deadline 7 June 2013

50 years of Ankara Association: between transition and constitution? (Wokshop organised by the Amsterdam Center for European Law and Governance, University of Amsterdam, NL)

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