

News Service Weeks 13-14-15/2013 (25 March – 14 April 2013)



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EU Enlargement

26 March

<u>Last monitoring report concludes Croatia ready to join the EU</u>

26 March

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament about the monitoring report on Croatia's accession preparations

27 March

EU invests €272,75 million to promote regional cooperation in the Western Balkans

29 March

EU warns Croatia on corruption and human trafficking

9 April

MEPs insist that the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's talks accession to the EU should start before the end of June

European Neighbourhood Policy

26 March

Moldova's political crisis

26 March

Can the Tunisian revolution be reversed? (by G. Bertrand, EU ISS Paper)

8 April

Parliaments relaunch Union for the Mediterranean during the Marseille Summit

8 April

Commissioner Füle and Secretary General Jagland regret the lack of progress in implementing the Sejdić-Finci judgement

9 April

Š. Füle in Skopje for the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD)

10 April

<u>Call for proposals: €9 million to promote media and culture as vectors for development in the Southern Mediterranean</u>

12 April

Union for the Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly wants strong parliaments

Trade and investment

25 March

Update on the EU's free trade agreements

4 April

EP report on advancing development through trade

8 April

EP report on trade and investment-driven growth for developing countries

10 April

Commission proposes to modernise the EU's trade defence instruments

10 April

Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on modernisation of

CFSP

26 March

The European 'pivot' (by N. Casarini, EU ISS Paper)

27 March

Common Military List of the European Union

4 April

CFSP Budget Report - Monthly update as of 31 March 2013

EU External Representation

4 April

New Heads of EU Delegations to Moldova, Nepal and Venezuela appointed

CSDP

26 March

Chemical weapon use in Syria? (by J.P. Zanders, EU ISS Paper)

27 March

The future of the CWC in the post-destruction phase (by J.P. Zanders et.al, EU ISS Paper)

28 March

Creating accountability? Recent developments in the US's policy on drones (EP study)

9 April

First European Helicopter Tactics Instructors Course Started

10 April

EDA 7 Cooperative Cyber defence Centre of Excellence establish liaison

10 April

Annual conference "European Defence Matters"

12 April

EU Security and Defence news (issue Nr. 70)

Development and Cooperation

27 March

ECHO and IFRC responding to small scale disasters in Southern Africa



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The EU releases further assistance to support Palestinian people and refugees

3 April

The European Commission calls on EU Member States to fulfill their commitments towards the world's poorest

3 April

Publication of preliminary data on Official Development Assistance, 2012

4 April

Millennium Development Goals and beyond 2015, a Strong EU Engagement (EP Study)

5 April

Madagascar: Fall-out from cyclone Haruna - Eu activates Civil Protection Mechanism

6 April

High Representative Catherine Ashton visits Egypt

8 April

The EU pledges over €27 million to improve access to basic services for the people of Darfur

9 April

Commission welcomes new report on Post-2015 Development priorities

External Dimension of AFSJ

25 March

Making the EU more attractive for foreign students and researchers

27 March

Irish Presidency advances towards Common European Asylum System

27 March

MEPs suggest the ease of EU visa policy to help tourism industry to create jobs

4 April

Building knowledge of the Schengen Information System (European Police College)

8 April

Civil Liberties MEPs say EU must be enabled to enforce visa reciprocity

9 April

List of N.SIS II Offices and the national SIRENE Bureaux

9 April

<u>List of competent authorities which are authorised to search directly the data contained in the second generation Schengen Information System</u>

9 April

Schengen Information System (SIS II) goes live

9 April

MEPs say visa-free travel only for countries that offer the same to EU citizens

11 April

Advocate General Cruz Villalón's opinion in Case C-221/11 Leyla Ecem Demirkan v Federal Republic of Germany

EU - Human Rights

3 April

EU to observe elections in Pakistan



EU - Japan

25 March

A free trade agreement

25 March

Forging closer cooperation in disaster management

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EU- Turkey

28 March

A call for peace in Turkey (by S. D'Angelo et al, EP Studies)

10 April

Social policy and employment

Events

17 April

Enhancing the Intercultural Dialogue between Europe and Africa to promote the Stability and economic Development within the two Continents (Conference organised by the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy, Brussels, Belgium)

18 - 19 April

EU-China Soft Diplomacy (International Conference organised by College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium)

19 April

<u>EU environmental norms and third countries: the EU as a global role model?</u> (Workshop organised by CLEER, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, and EEL, The Hague, NL)

19 - 20 April

<u>EU External Environmental Governance Beyond its Neighbourhood</u> (Workshop organised by Freie Universitat Berlin, Germany)

22 April

<u>The EU-Ukraine Association Agreement: Towards a New Era of Integration without Membership?</u> (Conference organised by the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kiev, Ukraine)

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)

6 May

The External Dimension of a Multi-tier, Multi-speed European Union (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)

13 May

Intellectual Property Rights and sustainable growth (Conference organised by VU University, Amsterdam, NL)

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

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

29 - 31 May

Between Flexibility and Disintegration: The State of EU Law Today (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)

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