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The modalities of EU accession procedure

EU Enlargement

27 February

Irish Minister for European Affairs and Commissioner Füle call for maintaining momentum for EU enlargement

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Iceland's road to EU

European Neighbourhood Policy

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Commissioner Malmström presents Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation

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Bosnia and Herzegovina: Outstanding issues on the EU agenda

15 March

EU continues to support Tunisia

Trade and Investment

25 February

<u>Irish Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation</u> proposes a solution to boost jobs and growth in the EU

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The Trans-Pacific Partnership and its impact on EU trade

26 February

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Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin

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Provisional application of the Trade agreement concluded with Peru

28 February

EU initiates anti-dumping investigation on solar glass from China

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Report 2013 from the Commission to the European Council about trade and investment barriers

1 March

"International Services Agreement": Towards a new plurilateral trade agreement

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EU arms exports: Member States' compliance with the common rules

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Customs: Towards safer trade between EU and Canada

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EU and Thailand launch negotiations for Free Trade Agreement

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<u>EU stands ready to support developing countries realise the benefits of a WTO Trade Facilitation</u> Agreement

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EU reports on progress in fight against protectionism



CFSP

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Good cop or bad cop? Sanctioning Belarus

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Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation (SFIC) Work Programme 2013-2014

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Brussels - Beijing: changing the game?

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CFSP Budget Report - Monthly update as of 28 February 2013

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Council strengthens sanctions against Iran

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Syria: relieve civilian suffering now or face tragedy across the whole region

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MEPs say that the end of military intervention in Mali is just the start

EU External Representation

8 March

New Heads of EU Delegations appointed to Canada, Indonesia, Israel and Mexico



CSDP

25 February

New Deputy Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency appointed

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Future of EU defence: fewer cuts and more cooperation

2 March

Protocol on the concerns of the Irish people on the Treaty of Lisbon

4 March

European Defence Agency actions for future land systems

14 March

MEPs call for tougher sanctions imposed on North Korea

Development and Cooperation

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EU strengthens its joint development strategy in Mali and steps up its response

27 February

EU to take leading role in global fight against poverty and strive for sustainable development

5 March

Typhoon Bopha: EU donates €7 million to Philippines disaster

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Commissioner Piebalgs and FAO Director-General underline support for nutrition and food security in Malawi

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<u>Lebanon:</u> European Commission provides €30m more to deal with refugee crisis

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<u>EU support for education in developing countries: Targeting those most in need and in situations of fragility</u>

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International Women's Day: Women in emergency situations

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Japan earthquake and tsunami: two years on

12 March

3 million in humanitarian aid to help the flood-affected population of Mozambique

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New EU policy to improve nutrition across the world and save millions of lives

External Dimension of AFSJ

28 February

Smart Borders: enhancing mobility and security

6 March

EU-INTERPOL project to support border security in <u>Libya</u>



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Green light for the second-generation Schengen Information System (SIS II))

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EU-Russia: Common steps towards visa free regime

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MEP says that the EU should attract the best and the brightest

EU - Human Rights

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Elections in Albania will be crucial test of democracy

28 February

MEP underlines the link between human rights and corruption in non-EU countries

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Investigation in Montenegro about election irregularities

5 March

MEP says that Myanmar is far from respecting human rights

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President of Myanmar commits to continuing reforms in debate with MEPs

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Syrian refugees numbers pass the 1 million mark

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Bahrain: MEPs welcome national dialogue but say it must include the opposition

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Council conclusions on Pakistan

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MEPs call for genuine political reform and pragmatic cooperation in China

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MEPs say that the EU will not support Egypt anymore if there is no progess on democracy

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EU will observe elections in Paraguay on 21 April 2013



EU - Ukraine

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Towards closer relations

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Reforms to pave the way for association agreement

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Meeting religious leaders from Ukraine

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EIB supports modernisation of air traffic management infrastructure in Ukraine

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MEPs say that bad news from Ukraine jeopardises its EU association prospects

EU – Transatlantic relations

25 February

The role of the EU in promoting a broader transatlantic partnership

12 March

European Commission fires starting gun for EU-US trade talks

12 March

Independent study outlines benefits of EU-US trade agreement

Vacancies & Events

21 - 22 March

<u>The Neighbours of the EU's Neighbours</u> (International Conference organised by College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium)

26 - 27 March

<u>'Don't Stop Me Now' Europe: A Progressive Continent?</u> (GCfE 7th Annual Conference organised by the University of Birmingham, UK)

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)

15 - 16 April

Russia and the EU: The Future of Europe and Eurasia (Conference organised by the Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Europe, Moscow, Russia)

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)

29 - 30 April

<u>The EU and Emerging Powers</u> (Conference organised by the Institute for European Studies, European Parliament, Brussels)

6 May

<u>How to legally accommodate variable geometry in EU external action?</u> (Conference organised by the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), the Centre for European Constitutionalization and Security (CECS), the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance (ACELG) and the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER), Brussels)

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)

17 - 18 May

2013 EUSA AP Annual Conference: Reassessing the EU-Asia Pacific Relationship in the context of the EU crisis (Conference organised by the EUSAAP, Macau, Macao)

21 - 22 May

The EU and the global crisis: challenges to EU Governance, Policy responses and the legitimacy gap (Theseus Doctoral Workshop 2013 organised by Science Po., Paris)

25 - 27 June

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

Vacancy - EUSEC RD Congo: Deadline 25 March

EUSEC RD Congo Vacancy for the mandate 1 October 2012 - 30 September 2013



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