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# (17 December 2012 – 13 January 2013)

* ***EU ENLARGEMENT***

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| **18 December** | 5th meeting of the Accession conference with Iceland at ministerial level ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21 December** | EU to invest EUR 84,8 million for reforms in Bosnia and Herzegovina ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21 December** | Renewed EU funding to support on-going reforms in Serbia ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **10 January**  | Commission allocates EUR 65 million to support Kosovo's efforts to implement its EU-reform agenda ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY***

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| **17 December** | EU-Armenia agreement on facilitating the issuing of visas ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **17 December** | 13th EU – Azerbaijan Cooperation Council ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **20 December** | Commission approves EUR 25 million package to support transition in Libya ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21 December** | EU to support Ukraine for energy reform and local development ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***TRADE AND INVESTMENT***

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| **17 December** | Strategy for the future customs law enforcement co-operation ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **18 December** | Summary record of the meeting of the European Parliament Committee on International Trade ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **18 December** | Commission proposes improved rules to enforce EU rights under international trade agreements ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **19 December** | EU welcomes bilateral deal on Bosnia and Herzegovina’s WTO accession ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **19 December** | EU approves New Zealand’s data protection standards in step to boost trade ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **8 January** | Commission adopts a Communication on customs risk management and the security of the supply chain ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***AVIATION***

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| **20 December** | Council conclusions on The EU's External Aviation Policy - Addressing futurechallenges ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***CFSP***

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| **18 December** | Opinion of the Committee of the Regions on ‘Global Europe: a new approach to financing EU external action’ ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
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| **EU ISS Report** | Look East, Act East: transatlantic agendas in the Asia Pacific (by P. Pawlak et al.) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***CSDP***

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| **18 December** | Political and Security Committee Decision Atalanta/4/2012 on the appointment of an EU Operation Commander for the European Union military operation off the Somali coast (Atalanta) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **10 January** | New EU initiative to combat piracy in the Gulf of Guinea ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **EP Study** | The army consolidates its position in Bamako (by V. Ramet) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION***

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| **17 December** | 150 million people benefitted from EU Food Facility, new evaluation report shows ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **18 December** | EU to start a new humanitarian project for children in Syria, Colombia, Pakistan, DRC and Ethiopia ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **18 December** | New European programme to give 1 million people improved access to water and sanitation in Côte d'Ivoire ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **19 December** | EU announces support to renewable energy and water plant in Djibouti ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **20 December** | Commission releases additional EUR 2 million to provide emergency humanitarian assistance to Palestinian refugees arriving from Syria in Lebanon ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21 December** | EU launches new platform for blending funds in external cooperation ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21 December** | EU resumes development cooperation with Guinea ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **1 January** | New Food Assistance Convention comes into force ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **10 January** | Commission adopts plan for the allocation of humanitarian aid funding for 2013 ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **EP Study** | Down to the Wire in Bahrain: Last Chance for Real Political Reform (by P. Hakala) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF AFSJ***

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| **18 December** | MEPs say the EU needs strict rules on use of asylum seekers' fingerprint database ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **9 January** | European Court of Auditors Special report No 22/2012 “Do the European Integration Fund and European Refugee Fund contribute effectively to the integration of third-country nationals?” ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **ECJ Case Law** | Judgment and Opinion AG in case C-364/11, *Mostafa Abed El Karem El Kott* and other v. *Bevándorlási és Állampolgársági Hivatal* (Minimum standards for determining who qualifies for refugee status or subsidiary protection status) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EU – Human Rights***

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| **9 January** | Jerzy Pomianowski appointed as the Executive Director of European Endowment for Democracy ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EU – China***

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| **20 December** | Committee on Foreign Affairs Report on EU-China relations ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EU – Russia***

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| **21 December** | 30th EU and Russia bilateral summitArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21 December** | Working Arrangement between the European Police College (CEPOL) and the "Academy of Management of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation" ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EU – EFTA***

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* ***EVENTS***

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| **13 – 23 January**  | MATRA Pre-Accession Training Programme (MATRA PATROL) – Strengthening Institutional capacity in the Rule of Law - Quality, implementation and enforcement of legislation (Training Programme organised by T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague, NL) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **18 – 19 January**  | Doing Law beyond the State: Exploring Research Methodologies in EU and International Law (Workshop organised by the University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21 January** | Transatlantic Relations. The Nature of Rule-Making. Perspectives on Law and Policy (Workshop organised by the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance, University of Amsterdam, NL) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **31 January**  | The Role, Powers and Limitations of the EU institutions: And How to Impact the Decision-Making Process (Seminar organised by Commeunic@te, Brussels, BE) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **31 January –** **1 February**  | How to Set Up and Implement a Successful Twinning Project in EU Candidate, Potential Candidate and Neighbourhood Countries (Seminar organised by the European Institute of Public Administration, Maastricht, NL) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **1 February**  | CSDP Strategy: A Reality or Wishful Thinking? (Workshop organised by University of Surrey, UK) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **8 – 9 February**  | Europe’s Vision Twenty Years after Maastricht (Conference organised by **Georgetown University** in **Washington, DC, US)** Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21 – 22 February**  | Thinking out of the Box: Devising New European Policies to Face the Arab Spring (Conference organised by University of Minho, Braga, PT) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21– 23** **February**  | Europe Inside-Out: Europe and Europeaness Exposed to Plural Observers (Conference organised by Euroacademia, Athens, GR) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **22 February**  | The External Dimension of EU Counter-terrorism Policy (Conference organised by the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER) and the International Centre for Counter Terrorism (ICCT)-The Hague in cooperation with the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, Brussels, BE) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **4 – 5 March** | Strategic Partnership? EU-China Relations under a New Leadership (Workshop organised by EU-China Collaborative Research Network, Beijing, CN) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **5 – 8 April**  | Europe: Crisis and Renewal (Conference organised by the **British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies** and the **International Council for Central and East European Studies, Cambridge, UK)** Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **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, RU)** Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **19 April**  | EU environmental norms and third countries: the EU as a global role model? (Workshop organised by the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER), T.M.C. Asser Instituut and the European Environmental Law (EEL) Network, The Hague, NL) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **13 may**  | The Impact of EU Membership since 1973 (Conference organised by the Academic Association for the Contemporary European Studies, London, UK) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **5 – 8 June**  | New Approaches to Understanding Contemporary Global Energy Relations (Workshop organised by the European International Studies Association, Tartu, EE) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21 June** | European Union: Solidarity in Question (Conference organised by the Centre of European Law, King’s College London, UK) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **1 – 5 July** | European and Transnational Rulemaking (Workshop organised by the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance, University of Amsterdam, NL) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **14 – 18 October**  | EU Diplomacy (Training course organised by College of Europe, Bruges, BE) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

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