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# (26 November – 2 December 2012)

* ***EU ENLARGEMENT***

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| **28 November** | 3rd meeting of the EU - Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Council at ministerial level [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st03/st03602.en12.pdf) |

* ***EASTERN PARTNERSHIP***

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| **28 November** | Commission adopts a programme to support cooperation with the Eastern Partnership countries for youth [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1284_en.htm?locale=en) |

* ***EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY***

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| **26 November** | Council adopts a new legislative framework to facilitate the return of misappropriated funds to the Egyptian and Tunisian authorities [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/133818.pdf) |
| **28 November** | Commission adopts a new support package for higher education in the European neighbourhood region [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1283_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **28 November** | Commission provides further assistance to justice and security sector reform in Jordan under the European Neighbourhood Policy Action Plan [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1287_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **28 November** | EU approves EUR 68 million as part of a financial assistance programme for Tunisia aimed at backing up the transition process [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1286_en.htm) |
| **30 November** | Commission announces increased support for civil society in the neighbourhood area [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1298_en.htm?locale=en) |

* ***TRADE AND INVESTMENT***

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| **26 November** | EU international trade in services raised by 7% to the rest of the world in 2011 [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STAT-12-164_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **27 November** | International Trade Committee MEPs say Parliament should give its consent to a proposed EU trade deal with Columbia and Peru [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121126IPR56420/html/International-Trade-Committee-backs-EU-trade-deal-with-Colombia-and-Peru) |
| **28 November** | Press Release of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council on advancing the EU’s external trade policy [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.cy2012.eu/index.php/en/news-categories/areas/foreign-affairs/press-release-advancing-the-eus-external-trade-policy) |
| **29 November** | The EU Foreign Affairs Council approves a mandate for the negotiation of a Free Trade Agreement with Japan[ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/er/133907.pdf) |
| **29 November** | Main results of the Foreign Affairs and Trade Council meeting [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/133909.pdf) |
| **29 November** | Commission Regulation No 1106/2012 implementing Regulation No 471/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries, as regards the update of the nomenclature of countries and territories [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:328:0007:0015:EN:PDF) |
| **30 November** | Overview of the EU Free Trade Agreements [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-12-932_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **30 November** | EU-China Geographical Indications – "10 plus 10" project on food products completed[ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1297_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **30 November** | Summary record of the meeting of the European Parliament Committee on  International Trade [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st17/st17121.en12.pdf) |

* ***INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY***

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| **27 November** | Results of the 25th session of the WIPO Standing Committee on copyright and related rights [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st16/st16898.en12.pdf) |

* ***CFSP***

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| **29 November** | MEPs say the crises in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mali and Somalia cannot be ended without structural solutions involving neighbouring countries [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121126IPR56522/html/Crises-in-Congo-and-Mali-ACP-MPs-and-MEPs-call-for-stable-regional-solutions) |
| **29 November** | Council Decision 2012/739/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria and repealing Decision 2011/782/CFSP [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:330:0021:0051:EN:PDF) |

* ***CSDP***

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| **28 November** | Press Release: European Defence Agency to increase Europe’s strategic tanker capability by 2020 [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.eda.europa.eu/info-hub/news/2012/11/28/increasing-europe-s-strategic-tanker-capability-by-2020) |

* ***DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION***

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| **26 November** | Commission supports protection of food and agricultural products' names in Africa [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/developing-countries/gi/memorandum-aripo/ip_en.htm) |
| **28 November** | EU sets for new accord with China on cultural cooperation [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1276_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **28 November** | Commission Staff Working Document on general guidelines on operational priorities for humanitarian aid in 2013 [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st16/st16959.en12.pdf) |
| **29 November** | Commission requests from the EU's budgetary authorities approval for the release of EUR 15 million to increase its humanitarian aid for the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Great Lakes region [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1290_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **29 November** | Overview of the Commission's humanitarian support for Palestine [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-12-921_en.htm) |
| **EU ISS study** | ‘The EU and Mindanao: Innovative avenues for seeking peace’ (by G. M. Viñals and [A. MacDonald](http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/search/Filter?SearchParameter=%26%40QueryTerm%3D*%26Author%3DAlistair%2BMacDonalld)) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/the-eu-and-mindanao-pbQNAB12097/?CatalogCategoryID=iEKep2Ix3hEAAAEud3kBgSLq) |
| **EU ISS Analysis** | ‘Obama reloaded’ (by [A. Missiroli](http://www.iss.europa.eu/about-us/director/) and [P. Pawlak](http://www.iss.europa.eu/about-us/research-fellows/patryk-pawlak/)) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.iss.europa.eu/publications/detail/article/obama-reloaded/) |
| **EU ISS Analysis** | ‘China’s new leaders uploaded’ (by [N. Casarini](http://www.iss.europa.eu/about-us/research-fellows/nicola-casarini/)) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.iss.europa.eu/publications/detail/article/chinas-new-leaders-uploaded/) |
| **European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)** | Opinion on the proposal for a regulation establishing the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corp [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.edps.europa.eu/EDPSWEB/webdav/site/mySite/shared/Documents/Consultation/Opinions/2012/12-11-23_Volountary_HA_Corps_EN.pdf) |

* ***EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF AFSJ***

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| **27 November** | MEPs say EUROSUR border surveillance must help save migrants' lives [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121126IPR56410/html/EUROSUR-border-surveillance-must-help-save-migrants'-lives-say-MEPs) |
| **27 November** | Commission adopts its 7th report about breaches of the principle of visa reciprocity in third countries [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1268_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **27 November** | Report from the Commission - Second biannual report on the functioning of the Schengen area [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st16/st16423.en12.pdf) |
| **28 November** | Press Release of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council on Common European Asylum System [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.cy2012.eu/index.php/en/news-categories/areas/justice-and-home-affairs/press-release-a-step-closer-to-a-common-european-asylum-system) |

* ***EU – Human Rights***

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| **29 November** | Human Rights Subcommittee MEPs say the EU must find ways to ensure that sanctions designed to press Iran to improve its human rights record do not punish ordinary Iranian citizens [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121126IPR56462/html/Use-smart-sanctions-not-diplomatic-isolation-to-promote-human-rights-in-Iran) |
| **29 November** | EU Special representative for human rights Stavros Lambrinidis names a situation of NGOs in third countries as one of his key priorities [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121126IPR56461/html/EU-human-rights-envoy-Stavros-Lambrinidis-wants-to-help-NGOs) |

* ***EU – G-20***

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| **28 November** | The EU in the world: Comparing demographic, economic and social trends among the G-20 members [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STAT-12-166_en.htm) |

* ***EU – Middle East***

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| **29 November** | Declaration by the High Representative Catherine Ashton on behalf of the EU on the Middle East Peace Process [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/cfsp/133902.pdf) |

* ***EU – International Telecommunications Union (ITU)***

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| **30 November** | EU to defend open internet at Dubai international telecommunications conference [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-12-922_en.htm?locale=en) |

* ***EVENTS***

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| **6 – 7 December** | Quo Vadis, Social Europe? **The Internal Market and Socio-Economic Issues in the Context of the European Crisis** (Conference organised by **Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, BE)** [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=666) |
| **13 – 14 December** | Exploring Turkey’s Educational Policy: What do the global trends suggest, what do the recent amendments really amend? (Conference organised by the Centre for Policy Analysis and Research on Turkey, Ankara, Turkey) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://researchturkey.org/wp/wordpress/?p=1603) |
| **7 – 9 January 2013** | Political Representation in the History of International Organisations and European Integration (Conference organised by Aarhus University, Aarhus, DK) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/termine/id=19747) |
| **13 – 23 January 2013** | 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](http://www.asser.nl/Default.aspx?site_id=1&level1=13692&level2=15352) |
| **18 – 19 January 2013** | 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](http://www.shef.ac.uk/law/research/clusters/sciel/scielevents/method) |
| **31 January – 1 February 2013** | 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](http://www.eipa.eu/files/repository/product/20121107135348_info_1334101.pdf?utm_source=European+Institute+of+Public+Administration+(EIPA)+List&utm_campaign=65c1498509-Twinning11_7_2012&utm_medium=email) |
| **1 February 2013** | CSDP Strategy: A Reality or Wishful Thinking? (Workshop organised by University of Surrey, UK) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://csdpstrategy.wordpress.com/events/) |
| **22 February**  **2013** | 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](http://www.asser.nl/events.aspx?id=334) |
| **1 – 2 March 2013** | A Nobel Price? Consequences of the European Union in Europe and in the World  (Conference organised by the University of Pittsburgh, USA) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=721) |
| **19 April 2013** | 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) and the European Environmental Law (EEL) Network, The Hague, NL) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://intranet.asser.nl/events.aspx?id=341&site_id=34) |
| **Call for papers**  **Deadline:**  **15 December** | New Approaches to Understanding Contemporary Global Energy Relations 5 – 8 June 2013 (Workshop organised by the European International Studies Association, Tartu, Estonia) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.sgir.eu/upcoming.php) |
| **Call for submissions: 17 December 2012** | The European Defence Agency (EDA) - Egmont Institute PhD Prize in Defence, Security and Strategy [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.eda.europa.eu/info-hub/news/2012/11/05/call-for-submissions-eda-egmont-phd-prize) |

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