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| **26 October** | Members of the Committee of the Regions call for new impetus in Turkey's accession process ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
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| **9 November** | EU allocates €63 million to bring Kosovo closer to Europe ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
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| **25 October** | Parliament and Council Regulation introducing emergency autonomous trade preferences for Pakistan ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
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| **25 October** | Parliament and Council Regulation applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
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| **30 October** | European Court of Auditors: Rule of law assistance to Kosovo not sufficiently effective ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

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| **25 October** | MEPs call for a joined-up thinking in the EU development policy ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
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| **EU ISS** **Occasional Paper** | The role of non-state actors in EU policies towards the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (by Benedetta Voltolini) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **EP Study** | Removing Bedouins from Jerusalem’s outskirts, jeopardising the two-state solution (by Pekka Hakala) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

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* ***EU – Human Rights***

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* ***EU – Russia***

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| **30 October** | ECB and Bank of Russia signed a memorandum of understanding ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

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| **9 November** | Linking trade and non-commercial interests: the EU as a global role model? (Workshop organised by CLEER and T.M.C. Asser Instituut, in cooperation with Vrije Univesiteit Amsterdam (Centre for European Legal Studies), The Hague, NL) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **9 November** | Juridification in Europe: The balance of powers under pressure? (Conference organised by the European Liberal Forum asbl (ELF), The Hague, NL) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **13 November** | The Human Rights Act and Europe (Special Lecture at University of Exeter, Exeter, UK) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
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| **18 – 28 November**  | MATRA Pre-Accession Training Programme (MATRA PATROL) – Access to Justice (Training Programme organised by T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague, NL) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
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| **22 – 23 November** | The Euro Crisis and the State of European Democracy (Dissemination Conference organised by European Union Observatory on Democracy (EUDO), European University Institute, Florence, IT) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
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| **29 November –** **1 December**  | The Future of Transnational law: EU, USA, China and the BRICS (Workshop organised by Peking University School of Transnational Law, Shenzen, CH) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
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| **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 |
| **1 February 2013** | CSDP Strategy: A Reality or Wishful Thinking? (Workshop organised by University of Surrey, UK) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **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 |
| **19 – 20 April 2013**  | EU External Environmental Governance Beyond its Neighbourhood (Workshop organised by the Free University of Berlin, GE) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg

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| **Call for papers****Deadline:** **15 November**  | The EU and the Emerging Powers (Conference at the European Parliament on 29-30 April, 2013) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **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 |
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