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# (22 October – 11 November 2012)

* ***EU ENLARGEMENT***

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| **24 October** | 3rd meeting of the Accession Conference with Iceland at deputy level [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/genaff/133154.pdf) |
| **26 October** | Members of the Committee of the Regions call for new impetus in Turkey's accession process [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_COR-12-65_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **29 October** | Commission Decision extending the availability period of the EU macro-financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:302:0013:0013:EN:PDF) |
| **9 November** | EU allocates €63 million to bring Kosovo closer to Europe [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1194_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **EUROSTAT** | EU Candidate and Pre-Accession Countries – Economic Quarterly 3/2012 [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/db_indicators/cpaceq/documents/cceq_2012_q3_en.pdf) |

* ***EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY***

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| **23 October** | EUROJUST: Successful operation against Albanian international organised crime network [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eurojust.europa.eu/press/PressReleases/Pages/2012/2012-10-23.aspx) |
| **24 October** | The EU and the Palestinian Authority conclude negotiations on a new European Neighbourhood Policy Joint Action Plan [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1155_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **24 October** | Euro-Mediterranean civil society calls for urgent progress towards more accountable governance in the region [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.press-releases.24960) |
| **25 October** | Commission announces new initiatives to boost private investment in the Neighbourhood countries [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1157_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **29 October** | EU Delegation to Ukraine criticises preparation of the parliamentary elections [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121029IPR54737/html/Ukraine-elections-MEPs-criticise-preparations-but-praise-voters%E2%80%99-aspirations) |
| **6 November** | EU signs financing agreements with Algeria for € 58 million of European grants [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1182_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **6 November** | Council Regional Report on Republic of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and republic of Moldova [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st15/st15812.en12.pdf)  Council Regional Report on the Near East [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st15/st15013.en12.pdf) |
| **9 November** | Commission calls for enhancing freedom of expression in Azerbaijan [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-12-853_en.htm?locale=en) |

* ***TRADE AND INVESTMENT***

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| **22 October** | Council Decision **establishing the position to be taken by the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organisation on the accession of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic to the WTO** [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:294:0007:0007:EN:PDF) |
| **22 October** | Enterprise Europe Network reaches India and Canada, expands in China [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1129_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **23 October** | Agreement between the European Union and Australia amending the Agreement on mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment, certificates and markings [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st14/st14780-re03.en12.pdf) |
| **23 October** | 30th Annual Commission Report on the EU’s Anti-dumping, Anti-Subsidy and Safeguard activities [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st15/st15356.en12.pdf) |
| **23 October** | EP approves deal with Israel to ease trade in medicines [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121019IPR54032/html/Parliament-approves-deal-with-Israel-to-ease-trade-in-medicines) |
| **25 October** | Parliament and Council Regulation introducing emergency autonomous trade preferences for Pakistan [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/pe00/pe00047-re01.en12.pdf) |
| **25 October** | MEPs call for a start of free trade talks with Japan, but Japan has to remove barriers in key sectors, including EU car sales [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121024IPR54372/html/Start-free-trade-talks-with-Japan-but-make-room-for-EU-car-sales-say-MEPs) |
| **25 October** | Parliament and Council Regulation applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/pe00/pe00026-re01.en12.pdf) |
| **26 October** | Parliament Resolution: Russia must meet all its WTO obligations [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121024IPR54373/html/Russia-must-meet-all-its-WTO-obligations-say-MEPs) |
| **31 October** | EU publishes revised preferential import scheme for developing countries [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1168_en.htm)  FACTSHEET with highlights of the new Generalized Scheme of Preferences [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2012/october/tradoc_150028.pdf) |
| **6 November** | European Court of Auditors: Member States and Commission must manage spending better [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_ECA-12-43_en.htm) |
| **7 November** | MEPs call for bans on exports of information technology to repressive regimes [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121106IPR55053/html/MEPs-call-for-bans-on-exports-of-information-technology-to-repressive-regimes) |
| **7 November** | International Trade Committee call to safeguard EU banana market before freeing trade with Latin America [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121105IPR54914/html/Trade-MEPs-safeguard-EU-banana-market-before-freeing-trade-with-Latin-America) |
| **7 November** | Commission Report on 2011 activity under the European Investment Bank external mandate [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=SWD:2012:0358:FIN:EN:PDF) |
| **8 November** | EU initiates anti-subsidy investigation on solar panel imports from China [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.google.nl/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&frm=1&source=web&cd=3&cad=rja&ved=0CCoQFjAC&url=http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-12-844_en.pdf&ei=YA6hUO6ZOeWe0QXUq4GYDA&usg=AFQjCNH2428TycP5GUEEmRWx-WsL97iBuA&sig2=Y4DA2v2mEfwSGy7Z_dodgg) |
| **8 November** | EU and Latin American countries formally end banana disputes [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=843) |
| **EP study** | Proceedings of the Workshop on "Towards a Free Trade Agreement with Japan ?"  (by Jurgen Matthes and Yorizumi Watanabe) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/studiesdownload.html?languageDocument=EN&file=77883) |
| **EP study** | The role of non-EU NHRIs in the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (by Beata Faracik) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/studiesdownload.html?languageDocument=EN&file=78291) |

* ***ENERGY***

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| **25 October** | Parliament and Council Decision establishing an information exchange mechanism with regard to intergovernmental agreements between Member States and third countries in the field of energy [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:299:0013:0017:EN:PDF) |

* ***EEAS***

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| **9 November** | Catherine Ashton makes a number of new appointments in the European External Action Service [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1195_en.htm?locale=en) |

* ***CFSP***

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| **25 October** | Council Decision **in support of activities to reduce the risk of illicit trade in, and excessive accumulation of, Small Arms and Light Weapons in the region covered by the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)** [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:297:0029:0033:EN:PDF) |
| **30 October** | European Court of Auditors: Rule of law assistance to Kosovo not sufficiently effective [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_ECA-12-41_en.htm?locale=en) |

* ***CSDP***

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| **23 October** | EP Report on the role of CSDP in case of climate-driven crisis and natural disasters (by Indrek Tarand) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+REPORT+A7-2012-0349+0+DOC+PDF+V0//EN) |
| **29 October** | The EU and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia sign agreement to enhance crisis management cooperation [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/133249.pdf) |
| **29 October** | Political and Security Committee decision on the establishment of the Committee of Contributors for the EUCAP Sahel Niger mission [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st15/st15160.en12.pdf) |
| **31 October** | EP Report on the implementation of the CSDP (by Arnaud Danjean) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+REPORT+A7-2012-0357+0+DOC+PDF+V0//EN) |
| **6 November** | New head of the EU Military Committee takes over [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/homepage/highlights/new-head-of-the-eu-military-committee-takes-over?lang=en) |
| **7 November** | Summary record of the extraordinary joint meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee (AFET) and the Security and Defence Sub-Committee (SEDE) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st15/st15987.en12.pdf)  MEPs say EU faces strategic decline without an ambitious CSDP policy [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121105IPR54915/html/Ambitious-EU-security-and-defence-policy-needed-to-avoid-decline-say-MEPs) |

* ***DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION***

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| **22 October** | Commission mobilised additional funding of €1.9 million to help 42,500 displaced people with life-saving assistance in Central African Republic [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://ec.europa.eu/echo/news/2012/20121022_en.htm) |
| **22 October** | EUROPOL recommends an inclusion of Brazil, Georgia, Mexico and the United Arab Emirates on the Council List of cooperation partners [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st15/st15237.en12.pdf) |
| **24 October** | Erasmus Mundus opens applications for scholarships for Syrian students [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1150_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **25 October** | MEPs call for a joined-up thinking in the EU development policy [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121024IPR54371/html/EU-development-policy-needs-joined-up-thinking-say-MEPs) |
| **26 October** | Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States to finance the European Development Fund (3rd instalment 2012) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europa-nu.nl/9353000/1/j4nvgs5kjg27kof_j9vvikqpopjt8zm/vj456su2pprw/f=/.pdf) |
| **27 October** | EP visit to Iran cancelled after refusal Iranian authorities to meet Sakharov Prize winners[ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121027IPR54702/html/EP-cancels-visit-to-Iran) |
| **29 October** | Cape Verde: New agreement with the EU on facilitating the issuing of short-stay visas [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/jha/133244.pdf) |
| **1 November** | Commission to defend access to open Internet and freedom of speech at global Internet Governance Forum conference in Azerbaijan [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-12-827_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **5 – 6 November** | the 9th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) in Vientiane, Laos [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-12-819_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **6 November** | Joint funding of European-African research projects agreed [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1176_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **6 November** | EU continues to support civil society peace building efforts over Nagorno-Karabakh [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1175_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **7 November** | Commission calls for visa policy to spur economic growth in the EU [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1177_en.htm)  Commission proposes visa-free travel to citizens of 16 Island Nations [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1179_en.htm) |
| **7 November** | MEPs say EU must step up humanitarian response in and around Syria [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121105IPR54910/html/EU-must-step-up-humanitarian-response-in-and-around-Syria-MEPs-say) |
| **8 November** | Commission releases €6 million for people affected by hurricane Sandy in Haiti and Cuba [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://ec.europa.eu/echo/news/2012/20121108_en.htm) |
| **8 November** | New EU support to save lives of mothers in Liberia [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1186_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **EU ISS**  **Occasional Paper** | The role of non-state actors in EU policies towards the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (by Benedetta Voltolini) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.iss.europa.eu/uploads/media/The_role_of_non-state_actors_in_EU_policies_towards_the_Israeli-Palestinian_conflict.pdf) |
| **EP Study** | Removing Bedouins from Jerusalem’s outskirts, jeopardising the two-state solution (by Pekka Hakala) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/studiesdownload.html?languageDocument=EN&file=78031) |

* ***EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF AFSJ***

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| **25 October** | Justice and Home Affairs Council: Improving standards for the reception of asylum seekers [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/homepage/highlights/improving-standards-for-the-reception-of-asylum-seekers?lang=en) |
| **FRONTEX** | Risk Analysis FRAN Quarterly April – June 2012 [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.frontex.europa.eu/assets/Publications/Risk_Analysis/FRAN_Q2_2012_.pdf) |

* ***ENVIRONMENT***

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| **25 October** | 3194th Environment Council meeting: Conclusions on Rio+20: Outcome and follow-up to the UNCSD 2012 Summit [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/envir/133219.pdf) |
| **29 October** | Commission Report: Progress towards achieving the Kyoto objectives [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st15/st15500.en12.pdf) |

* ***EU – Human Rights***

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| **25 October** | The EU and Vietnam hold dialogue on human rights [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/133217.pdf) |
| **26 October** | EP expresses grave concerns about human rights situations in Cambodia, Pakistan and United Arab Emirates [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121024IPR54374/html/Human-rights-Cambodia-girls-in-Pakistan-United-Arab-Emirates) |

* ***EU – Russia***

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| **25 October** | Commission on the EU-Russia transport relations [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st14/st14838.en12.pdf) |
| **30 October** | ECB and Bank of Russia signed a memorandum of understanding [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/pr/date/2012/html/pr121030_2.en.html) |

* ***EVENTS***

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| **8 November** | The Conflict in Syria: Ensuring Protection During Armed Conflict – Mission Impossible? (Panel discussion organised by the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, the Kalshoven-Gieskes Forum on International Humanitarian Law & the International Law Association Prof. mr. B.M. Telders, Leiden, NL) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://grotiuscentre.org/page26123554.aspx) |
| **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](http://www.asser.nl/events.aspx?id=318) |
| **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](http://www.forumliberal.eu/events_future.html?id=187&sort=country#le187) |
| **13 November** | The Human Rights Act and Europe (Special Lecture at University of Exeter, Exeter, UK) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=719) |
| **14 November** | The Demise of the EU as a Global Conflict Manager (Seminar organised by Centre for the Study of International Governance, Loughborough University, Leicestershire, UK) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/research/csig/Conferences/Seminar_Series.html) |
| **15 – 16 November** | Improving Member States’ Asylum Systems and Defining Good Practices (Seminar organised by European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) in Maastricht, NL) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=682) |
| **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](http://www.asser.nl/events.aspx?id=321&site_id=1) |
| **21 November** | Security in East Asia and beyond. Possibilities for Practical Cooperation between Japan and Europe? (Expert seminar organised by Clingendael Institute and The Japan Forum on International Relations (JFIR), The Hague, NL) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.clingendael.nl/asia/events/20121121/) |
| **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](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=594) |
| **22 – 23 November** | The European External Action Service: Changing The Nature of Diplomacy or Old Wine in New Bottles? (Conference organised by the London School of Economics, and the Wyndham Place Charlemagne Trust (WPCT), London, UK) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www2.lse.ac.uk/internationalRelations/dinamfellow/conf2012/Conference-The-European-External-Action-Service.aspx) |
| **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](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=575) |
| **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 – 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) |
| **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) |
| **19 – 20 April 2013** | EU External Environmental Governance Beyond its Neighbourhood (Workshop organised by the Free University of Berlin, GE) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=716)   |  | | --- | |  | |
| **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](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=716) |
| **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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