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* ***STATE OF THE UNION***

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| **12 September** | President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso delivers the third "State of the Union Address" and defines priorities and strategic objectives for the following year [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/12/596) |

* ***EU ENLARGEMENT***

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| **18 September** | The policy of enlargement is a priority for the Cyprus Presidency [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.cy2012.eu/index.php/en/news-categories/areas/general-affairs/press-release-the-policy-of-enlargement-is-a-priority-for-the-cyprus-presidency) |
| **24 September** | Commission expresses critical importance to demonstrate a solid commitment to the rule of law and democratic values by Ukraine [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/12/705&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **25 September** | Croatia on the road to efficient and well-functioning judiciary [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/12/712&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |

* ***EASTERN PARTNERSHIP***

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| **18 September** | European Investment Bank supports development of urban infrastructure in Moldova [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.eib.org/projects/press/2012/2012-125-eib-supports-development-of-urban-infrastructure-in-moldovas-capital.htm?media=rss&language=en) |
| **25 September** | New EU funding to improve border management and regional cooperation in the Eastern Partnership [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/1007&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |

* ***EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY***

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| **27 September** | New financing agreements for reforms in Armenia [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/1035&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |

* ***TRADE AND INVESTMENT***

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| **25 September** | EU challenges US non-compliance in the WTO Boeing case [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/1015&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |

* ***ENERGY***

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| **27 September** | New political agreement on Trans-Adriatic Pipeline project (TAP) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/1041&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |

* ***CFSP***

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| **EP Study** | **Humanitarian crisis in Syria (by** Pekka Hakala)[ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/studiesdownload.html?languageDocument=EN&file=76011) |
| **12 September** | **MEPs call for the EU's external action to be more strategic, geared to results and based on values** [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20120907IPR50810/html/EU-foreign-policy-must-be-more-strategic-geared-to-results-and-based-on-values) |
| **24 September** | European Defence Agency (EDA): Training of special forces – Green Blade 2012 [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.eda.europa.eu/News/12-09-24/Green_Blade_2012_Up_to_speed) |

* ***CSDP***

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| **13 September** | Council extends CSDP mission EUMM Georgia for one more year [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/esdp/132437.pdf) |
| **24 September** | EU Concept for Military Command and Control [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/08/st10/st10688-re04.en08.pdf) |
| **25 September** | EU gives new support to the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/998&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **25 September** | New Head of Mission for EUBAM Rafah [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/132564.pdf) |

* ***DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION***

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| **12 September** | Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament: The roots of democracy and sustainable development - Europe's engagement with Civil Society in external relations [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2012:0492:FIN:EN:PDF) |
| **14 September** | European Commission announces new large-scale support for the Occupied Palestinian Territory [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/964&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **14 September** | More EU assistance for Syrian refugees in Jordan [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://ec.europa.eu/echo/news/2012/20120914_en.htm) |
| **18 September** | New support by European Commission for civil society and media in Jordan [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/979&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **19 September** | MEPs call for the EU development aid to take social inequalities into account [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20120917IPR51498/html/EU-development-aid-must-take-social-inequalities-into-account-say-MEPs) |
| **19 September** | Commission proposes new global humanitarian initiative in order to create opportunities for volunteers worldwide and their engagement in humanitarian operations [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/980&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **19 September** | European Commission commits to further support civil society in partner countries [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/963&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **20 September** | Commission Staff Working Document on humanitarian needs in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st14/st14028.en12.pdf) |
| **27 September** | Pakistan: Increased EU funding for double humanitarian crisis [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/1028&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **28 September** | European Court of Auditors: EU Commission could and should do better concerning water and sanitation projects in sub-Saharan Africa [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=ECA/12/36&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |

* ***EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF AFSJ***

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| **19 September** | **EP: LIBE Committee calls for improving consular protection for EU citizens abroad** [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20120917IPR51514/html/Improving-consular-protection-for-EU-citizens-abroad) |
| **19 September** | **EP: LIBE Committee calls for change in legislation and guarantee for no** transfers of asylum seekers to EU countries unable to cope **[Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20120917IPR51500/html/Asylum-seekers-no-transfers-to-EU-countries-unable-to-cope)** |
| **20 September** | Commission Report on the implementation of regulation on community statistics on migration and international protection [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2012:0528:FIN:EN:PDF) |
| **28 September** | Commission Mid-term Report on implementation of the Action Plan on Unaccompanied Minors [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/e-library/docs/uam/uam_report_20120928_en.pdf) |

* ***EU – Brazil***

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| **21 September** | Agreement on short-stay visa waiver for holders of ordinary passports [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:255:0004:0009:EN:PDF) |

* ***EU – South Africa***

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| **17 September** | 5th EU – South Africa Summit [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st00/st00167.en12.pdf) |
| **17 September** | 5th EU – South Africa Summit Joint Communiqué: Partnership for our people, prosperity and peace [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/er/132469.pdf) |
| **18 September** | Factsheet: EU Strategic Partnership with South Africa [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/er/132463.pdf) |

* ***EU – China***

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| **20 September** | Factsheet: EU Relations with China [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/132478.pdf) |
| **20 September** | 15th EU - China Summit in Brussels: Commitment for further cooperation [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.european-council.europa.eu/home-page/highlights/eu-china-summit-committed-to-further-tap-cooperation-potential?lang=en) |
| **20 September** | Commission signs EU cooperation agreement with China [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/993) |
| **20 September** | Joint Press Communiqué: Towards a Stronger EU-China Comprehensive Strategic Partnership [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/132507.pdf) |

* ***EU – UN***

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| **21 September** | **Press Release: For the first time the European Parliament takes part in the UN General Assembly meetings** [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20120921IPR52028/html/European-Parliament-to-take-part-in-UN-General-Assembly-meetings) |
| **25 September** | President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy addresses the UN General Assembly [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/132561.pdf) |
| **25 September** | EU commitment to "Equal Futures Partnership" at the UN General Assembly meeting – Political participation and economic empowerment for women [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/1010&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |

* ***AVIATION***

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| **27 September** | **European Commission proposal: EU External Aviation Policy Package** [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/12/714&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **28 September** | **Communication from the Commission: The EU’s External Aviation Policy – Addressing Future Challenges** [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st14/st14333.en12.pdf) |

* ***VACANCIES AND EVENTS***

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| **Application deadline:**  **1 November** | Researcher on EU Politics and Institutions - The Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS, Brussels, BE) [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://ceps.eu/content/opportunities-ceps) |
| **5-6 October** | The European Union and World Politics (International graduate student conference at University at Buffalo, NY, USA) [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~npn/) |
| **22-23 October** | EU Governance of Global Emergencies (Conference organized by Ghent University and University of Pisa, Palace of the Academies, Brussels, BE) [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.ugent.be/re/europeesrecht/nl) |
| **23-24 October** | At the Service of External Action (Seminar organized by Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy and the Royal Higher Institute for Defence, Brussels, BE) [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=680) |
| **25-26 October** | EU External Relations and European-Level Diplomacy (Seminar organized by EIPA, Maastricht, NL) [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://seminars.eipa.eu/en/activities09/show/&tid=4966) |
| **25-27 October** | Environmental Protection in the Global Twentieth Century: International Organizations, Networks and Diffusion of Ideas and Policies (Conference at the Free University of Berlin, Berlin, D) [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=463) |
| **29 October** | The Future of the European Union – Challenges and Opportunities (Workshop organized by King’s College London, London, UK) [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=665) |
| **9 November** | Linking trade and non-commercial interests: the EU as a global role model? (Workshop organized by CLEER and T.M.C. Asser Instituut, in cooperation with Vrije Univesiteit Amsterdam (Centre for European Legal Studies), The Hague, NL) [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.asser.nl/events.aspx?id=318) |
| **Call for papers**  **Deadline: 15 November** | The EU and the Emerging Powers (Conference at the European Parliament on 29-30 April, 2013) [Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://gallery.mailchimp.com/ec11afe52244d6efbf2ae379c/files/EU_and_Emerging_Powers_Concept_Note.pdf) |

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