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# (16 – 29 April 2012)

* ***EU ENLARGEMENT***

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| **16 April** | Council Conclusions on Special Report No 14/2011 by the Court of Auditors: “Has EU assistance improved Croatia’s capacity to manage post-accession funding?” [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st08/st08795.en12.pdf) |
| **17 April** | Commissioner Füle and Deputy Prime Minister of Croatia, Neven Mimica, discuss preparations and remaining tasks on the road to EU entry [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/press_corner/whatsnew/news/120417_2_en.htm) |
| **17 April** | Commissioner Füle and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Zlatko Lagumdžija, discuss progress and outstanding issues in EU agenda [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/press_corner/whatsnew/news/120417_en.htm) |
| **24 April** | EU supports historic step in regional cooperation between Western Balkan countries on refugees and displaced persons [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/12/299&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **24 April** | Commission adopts Monitoring Report on accession preparations for Croatia [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/12/273&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **24 April** | Officially published texts relating to Croatia: Treaty between the EU Member States and Croatia on the accession of Croatia [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:112:0010:0020:EN:PDF) Act concerning accession conditions and the adjustments to the TEU, TFEU and EURATOM Treaty [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:112:0021:0034:EN:PDF) Declarations of the Member States to the Treaty on Croatia’s accession [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:112:0106:0110:EN:PDF) Exchange of letters [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:112:0108:0110:EN:PDF) |
| **Eurostat** | Candidate and pre-accession countries economic quarterly No 1/2012 [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/db_indicators/cpaceq/documents/cceq_2012_q1_en.pdf) |

* ***EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY***

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| **18 April** | King Abdullah II of Jordan on visit to the European Parliament: “We’ve embraced the Arab Spring as an opportunity” [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/content/20120413STO42890/html/King-Abdullah-II-of-Jordan-We've-embraced-the-Arab-Spring-as-an-opportunity) Barroso praises EU-Jordan relations following meeting with King Abdullah II [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/12/268&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **23 April** | Council strengthens EU sanctions against Syrian regime [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/129726.pdf) |
| **23 April** | Commissioner Füle following EU-Morocco Association Council: Preparing for the Action Plan on reforms [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/12/272&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) Council: outcome of proceedings [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st09/st09088.en12.pdf) |
| **25 April** | Council Regulation (EU) No 354/2012 amending Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:113:0001:0001:EN:PDF) |
| **26 April** | High Representative Ashton on the situation of former Prime Minister of Ukraine, Yulia Tymoshenko [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/129784.pdf) |

* ***TRADE AND INVESTMENT***

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| **16 April** | Trade Agreement between the EU and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/11/st14/st14764-ad07.en11.pdf) |
| **17 April** | High Representative Ashton on Argentina’s decision to expropriate the majority stake held by Repsol in YPF energy company [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/12/254&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **17 April** | Commission communication on trade, growth and development: Tailoring trade and investment for those countries most in need [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st05/st05887-re01.en12.pdf) |
| **18 April** | Vice-President of the Commission responsible for competition policy, Joaquín Almunia, on international cooperation to fight protectionism, at 11th annual conference of the International Competition Network [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/12/280&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **20 April** | Council on legal security of European investments outside the EU following the Argentinian announcement on expropriation of the majority share held by a Spanish company in YPF energy company [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st08/st08969.en12.pdf) |
| **24 April** | Commissioner De Gucht on EU-Latin America/Caribbean trade partnership for the future IRELAC conference [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/12/297&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **24 April** | Commission Delegated Decision amending Annex III to Decision 1080/2011/EU granting an EU guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans and loan guarantees, as regards Syria [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:110:0038:0038:EN:PDF) |
| **25 April** | 21st Session of WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st09/st09172.en12.pdf) |
| **26 April** | The transatlantic trade dispute on “hormones” in beef comes to an end by Council’s modification to Regulation 617/2009 [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/agricult/129788.pdf) |
| **27 April** | ACTA before the European Parliament’s international trade committee [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20120217BKG38488/html/ACTA-before-the-European-Parliament) |

* ***CFSP***

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| **17 April** | Declaration on the alignment of certain third countries with the Council Decision 2012/159/CFSP extending the restrictive measures in the view of the situation in Egypt [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=PESC/12/157&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **19 April** | Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 335/2012 of 19 April 2012 amending for the 169th time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the Al Qaida network [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:108:0009:0010:EN:PDF) |
| **24 April** | Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 350/2012 implementing Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:110:0017:0017:EN:PDF) |
| **24 April** | Council Decision 2012/206/CFSP amending Decision 2011/782/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:110:0036:0037:EN:PDF) |

* ***CSDP***

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| **16 April** | European Defence Agency (EDA) launches C-IED Detection Expert Community [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.eda.europa.eu/News/12-04-16/European_Defence_Agency_launches_C-IED_Detection_Expert_Community) |
| **18 April** | Greece waives visa requirements when travelling on NATO movement orders [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st08/st08840.en12.pdf) |
| **19 April** | Informal Defence Ministers meeting: towards a sustained policy of military capabilities [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/esdp/129632.pdf) |
| **23 April** | NATO Secretary General Fogh Rasmussen: EU needs to invest more in security [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20120423IPR43714/html/EU-needs-to-invest-more-in-security-says-NATO-Secretary-General-Rasmussen) |
| **23 April** | Van Rompuy expresses commitment to the development of European defence [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.eda.europa.eu/News/12-04-25/President_Van_Rompuy_endorses_European_Defence_Agency) |
| **25 April** | Military advice on EU support to AMIS and possible AMIS-UN transition [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/06/st07/st07349-ex01.en06.pdf) |
| **European Defence Agency** | Annual Report 2011 [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.eda.europa.eu/Libraries/EDA_Annual_Reports/120404_RPAnnuel2011_DEF-web.sflb.ashx) Annual Conference Report 2012 [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.eda.europa.eu/Libraries/EDA_2012_Annual_Conference_Report_Refocusing_Defence/120314_CONF_8pages_web.sflb.ashx) |
| **EU Security and Defence news** | Newsletter issue 60 [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/esdp/129689.pdf) |

* ***DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION***

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| **16 April** | New partnership between the EU and UN Women to enhance gender equality worldwide [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/373&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **17 April** | Commissioner Piebalgs visits Ivory Coast to re-launch political dialogue and reinforce European aid [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/376&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **17 April** | Outcome of proceedings of the 36th session of the ACP-EU Cotonou Agreement, Council of Ministers [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/11/st02/st02124.en11.pdf) |
| **18 April** | Opinion of the Committee of the Regions on “Increasing the impact of EU development policy: an agenda for change” [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2012:113:0052:0055:EN:PDF) |
| **24 April** | Interim Agreement establishing a framework for an Economic Partnership Agreement between the Eastern and Southern African States, on the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, on the other part [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:111:0002:1172:EN:PDF) |

* ***EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF AFSJ***

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| **18 April** | High Representative Ashton on the Swiss government’s decision to re-establish quantitative restrictions for certain categories of residence permits as regards EU citizens who are nationals of eight of the EU Member States [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/12/260&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **23 April** | Slovak amendment to the Table of travel documents entitling the holder to cross the external borders and which may be indorsed with a visa [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st09/st09023.en12.pdf) |
| **25 April** | Schengen: internal border checks must be a last resort [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20120423IPR43740/html/Schengen-internal-border-checks-must-be-a-last-resort) |
| **26 April** | Biannual assessment of the Working Party for Schengen Matters Contact Persons Network [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st09/st09003.en12.pdf) |

* ***EU – MYANMAR***

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| **17 April** | High Representative Ashton in European Parliament on Myanmar [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/12/273&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **23 April** | Council conclusions on Myanmar [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st09/st09008.en12.pdf) |

* ***EU – CHINA***

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| **18 April** | EU and China take their cooperation to a new level with the launch of a “people-to-people” dialogue, covering education, culture, youth, research and multilingualism [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/381&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |

* ***EVENTS***

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| **23 April** | ‘The Future of the EU – moving forward together?’, Lecture organised by the Danish Presidency, lecturing: Barroso and Danish Prime Minister, Helle Thorning-Schmidt, Copenhagen University, Denmark [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eu2012.dk/en/NewsList/April/week-16/~/link.aspx?_id=E9733CD071BC4C79BF6060ADEBE305E9&_z=z) The Danish EU Presidency’s online university [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eu2012.dk/en/NewsList/April/week-16/~/link.aspx?_id=3BDBA349A6714064897E49B639B6CAA3&_z=z) |
| **9-10 May** | ‘The State of the Union’, Conference organised by European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://stateoftheunion.eui.eu/) |
| **10-11 May** | ‘One year after the Arab Spring: The European Union’s relations with the Southern-Mediterranean region’, Conference organised by CLEER, Universidad Pablo de Olavide and the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, Seville, Spain [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.asser.nl/events.aspx?id=291) |
| **14-16 May** | ‘Comparing and contrasting “Europeanization”: concepts and experiences’, Conference organised by the Institute of International Economic Relations (IIER/IDOS), Athens, Greece [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.idec.gr/iier/new/europeanization_for_site.pdf) |
| **17-18 May** | ‘International Conference on European Debt Crisis’, Annual conference organised by the Centre of European Studies (CES) of Kirklareli University, Kirklareli, Turkey [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://edc.kirklareli.edu.tr/) |
| **17-19 May** | ‘Re-Inventing Eastern Europe’, Conference organised by Euroacademia, Vienna, Austria [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://euroacademia.eu/conference/international-conference-re-inventing-eastern-europe/) |
| **25 May** | ‘Human rights and the EU crisis management operations: a duty to respect and to protect?’ Workshop organised by T.M.C. Asser Instituut, CLEER and NLDA, The Hague, NL [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.asser.nl/events.aspx?id=295) |
| **19 June** | ‘Legal Approximation and Application of EU law in the Eastern Neighbourhood of the European Union: Towards a Common Regulatory Space?’, Conference organised by Ghent University, Ghent, BE [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.asser.nl/events.aspx?id=299) |

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