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# (27 February – 4 March 2012)

* ***EUROPEAN COUNCIL***

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| **1 March** | President Van Rompuy elected for a second term [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.european-council.europa.eu/home-page/highlights/president-van-rompuy-re-elected-for-a-second-term?lang=en) |

* ***EU ENLARGEMENT***

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| **28 February** | Council conclusions on Enlargement and the Stabilisation and Association Process [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/genaff/128255.pdf) |
| **1 March** | Serbia is granted EU candidate status [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/128445.pdf) |

* ***EU – WIDER EUROPE***

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| **28 February** | [Council reinforces restrictive measures against the Belorussian regime](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/128246.pdf) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/128246.pdf) |
| **28 February** | [EU helps to mobilise investments for transport on the Europe-Caucasus-Asia corridor](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/195&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/195&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **29 February** | [EU increases its support to the criminal justice reform process in Georgia](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/198&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/198&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **ISS Report** | ‘Russia: Insight from a changing country’ [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.iss.europa.eu/uploads/media/Russia%E2%80%94Insights_from_a_changing_country_.pdf) |

* ***EU – MIDDLE EAST***

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| **27 February** | Council conclusions on Syria [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st06/st06943.en12.pdf) |
| **27 February** | Council conclusions on Yemen [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st06/st06944.en12.pdf) |
| **27 February** | Council conclusions on Egypt [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st06/st06946.en12.pdf) |
| **27 February** | Council conclusions on the South Caucasus [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st06/st06932.en12.pdf) |

* ***EU – ICC***

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| **3 March** | Statement by the Spokesperson of the High Representative on the on the ICC decision concerning the arrest warrants for Sudanese Defence Minister Abdelrahim Mohamed Hussein [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/128721.pdf) Warrant of arrest (ICC-02/05-01/12) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.icc-cpi.int/iccdocs/doc/doc1344965.pdf) |

* ***CFSP***

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| **27 February** | Council conclusions on Counter Piracy Operation EUNAVFOR Atalanta [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/128160.pdf) |
| **27 February** | **Council Decision 2012/121/CFSP in support of activities to promote EU-China-Africa dialogue and cooperation on conventional arms controls** [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:054:0008:0013:EN:PDF) |

* ***CSDP***

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| **28 February ISS** | From idea to experience: Syria and the responsibility to protect [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.iss.europa.eu/publications/detail/article/from-idea-to-experience-syria-and-the-responsibility-to-protect/) |

* ***TRADE***

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| **27 February** | EU assesses progress of its strategy to dismantle trade barriers[ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/185&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **28 February** | Parliament receives petition against ACTA [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20120227IPR39337/html/Parliament-receives-petition-against-ACTA) |
| **29 February** | Commissioner De Gucht’s exchange of views with INTA Committee on ACTA [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/12/136&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **29 February** | Commissioner De Gucht at the public hearing of the INTA Committee: EU-Columbia and Peru Trade Agreement [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/12/142&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **2 March** | Trade preferences: boost help for poorest countries, but safeguard EU textiles [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20120227IPR39357/html/Trade-preferences-boost-help-for-poorest-countries-but-safeguard-EU-textiles) |

* ***ECONOMIC AND MONETARY AFFAIRS***

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| **2 March** | Fiscal compact signed: Strengthened fiscal discipline and convergence in the Euro area [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/128454.pdf) Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://european-council.europa.eu/media/639235/st00tscg26_en12.pdf) |

* ***AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE***

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| **27 February** | Sanctioning employers of irregular migrants: Commission urges three member states to act [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/166&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **2 March** | Summary record of the meeting of the European Parliament Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), held in Brussels on 27 and 28 February 2012 [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st07/st07233.en12.pdf) |

* ***EVENTS***

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| **1 March** | 4th meeting of the ‘Eastern Partnership Integrated Border Management Panel’, Vilnius, LT [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.eeas.europa.eu/eastern/docs/2011_03_ibm_panel_en.pdf) |
| **8-9 March** | ‘National identities in a global Europe’ conference organised by Miami-Florida EU Center of Excellence, Miami, USA [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=522) |
| **13-14 March** | ‘International conference on social protection and migration’ conference organised by VU University Amsterdam and the Cross Border Welfare Research Group, NL [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=441) |
| **15 March** | ‘New territorial development model: Macro-regions and cross-border cooperation’ conference organised by Sciences PO, Paris, FR [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=501) |
| **15-16 March** | ‘Public action to address climate change’ conference organised by Centre Emil Durkheim, Bordeaux, FR [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=453) |
| **15-17 March** | ‘Reviewing the trends: The European Union from a regulatory institution to a post-national cosmopolitan order’ conference organised by Euroacademia, Paris, FR [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://euroacademia.eu/conference/reviewing-the-trends/) |
| **30 March** | ‘New challenges for the EU Internal Security Strategy’ conference organised by the University of Albertay, Dundee, UK [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=419) |
| **30 March** | ‘European public diplomacy: soft power at work’ conference organised by the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=437) |
| **30-31 March** | ‘Communicating European integration’ conference organised by HEIRS, Berlin, DE [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=383) |

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