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# News Service week 8/2012

# (20-26 February 2012)

* ***EU - MIDDLE EAST***

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| **21 February** | First meeting of EU-Jordan Task Force to support the ongoing reforms in Jordan ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21 February** | The EU and Jordan: long-standing relationship ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EU - RUSSIA***

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| **20 February** | European Parliament closely monitors upcoming presidential elections in Russia ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***TRADE***

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| **20 February** | EU launches free trade negotiations with Armenia ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21 February** | Report from the Commission to the European Council: Trade and Investment barriers Report 2012 (COM(2012) 70 final) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **Commission Staff Working Document** | Accompanying document to the Report from the Commission to the European Council: Trade and Investment barriers Report 2012 (COM(2012) 70 final) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **22 February** | European Commission agrees to refer ACTA (Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement) to the European Court of Justice ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **22 February** | European Parliament rapporteur welcomes referral of ACTA to Court of Justice ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **24 February** | 20th Session of WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (Geneva, 14-22 February 2012) - Final statements by the European Union and its Member States ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **EP Committee Opinion** | Trade for change: The EU trade and investment strategy for the Southern Mediterranean following the Arab Spring revolutions (2011/2113(INI)) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

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| **24 February** | EP representative: ‘Parliaments should play a larger role in global affairs’ ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***CFSP***

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| **AG Opinion** | *Case C‑130/10 European Parliament v. Council of the European Union* (Restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the Al‑Qaida network and the Taliban – freezing of funds and economic resources – choice of legal basis – Articles 75 TFEU and 215 TFEU – entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon – transitional provisions) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***AVIATION***

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| **22 February** | Council Decision on the conclusion of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the European Union and the International Civil Aviation Organisation providing a framework for enhanced cooperation, and laying down procedural arrangements related thereto ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

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

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| **22 February Frontex** | Frontex Programme of Work 2012 ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **22 February** | Frontex signs Working Arrangement with Armenia ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION***

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| **21 February** | The EU renews its commitment to foster peace and security in Somalia ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21 February** | Libyan crisis factsheet ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **22 February** | EIB funding helps launch Ethiopia’s largest cement plant ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **EUISS Analysis** | Humanitarian crisis as a fresh justification for international action in Syria ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EVENTS***

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| * 1. **March**
 | ‘Keeping the EU’s External Borders Secure: Frontex and the use of new technologies’ conference organised by ERA, Trier, DE ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **26 March** | ‘Family reunification procedures in European migration law’ conference organised by ERA, Riga, LV ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

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