# Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER)

# 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](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/153&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **21 February** | The EU and Jordan: long-standing relationship [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/12/124&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |

* ***EU - RUSSIA***

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| **20 February** | European Parliament closely monitors upcoming presidential elections in Russia [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/content/20120220STO38543/html/Parliament-keeps-an-eye-on-elections-in-Russia) |

* ***TRADE***

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| **20 February** | EU launches free trade negotiations with Armenia [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/150&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **21 February** | Report from the Commission to the European Council: Trade and Investment barriers Report 2012 (COM(2012) 70 final) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st06/st06802.en12.pdf) |
| **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](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st06/st06802-ad01.en12.pdf) |
| **22 February** | European Commission agrees to refer ACTA (Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement) to the European Court of Justice [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/12/128) |
| **22 February** | European Parliament rapporteur welcomes referral of ACTA to Court of Justice [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20120222IPR39135/html/European-Parliament-rapporteur-welcomes-referral-of-ACTA-to-Court-of-Justice) |
| **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](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st06/st06914.en12.pdf) |
| **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](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/commissions/afet/avis/2012/473976/AFET_AD(2012)473976_XM.pdf) |

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| **24 February** | EP representative: ‘Parliaments should play a larger role in global affairs’ [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/content/20120220STO38582/html/Parliaments-should-play-a-larger-role-in-global-affairs) |

* ***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](http://curia.europa.eu/juris/document/document.jsf?docid=118841&pageIndex=0&doclang=en&mode=lst&dir=&occ=first&cid=1148725) |

* ***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](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st05/st05560.en12.pdf) |

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

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| **22 February Frontex** | Frontex Programme of Work 2012 [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st06/st06514.en12.pdf) |
| **22 February** | Frontex signs Working Arrangement with Armenia [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.frontex.europa.eu/newsroom/news_releases/art121.html) |

* ***DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION***

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| **21 February** | The EU renews its commitment to foster peace and security in Somalia [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/154&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en) |
| **21 February** | Libyan crisis factsheet [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://ec.europa.eu/echo/files/aid/countries/20120202_factsheet_libya_en.pdf) |
| **22 February** | EIB funding helps launch Ethiopia’s largest cement plant [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.eib.org/projects/press/2012/2012-028-european-funding-helps-launch-ethiopias-largest-cement-plant.htm?media=rss&language=en?lang=en) |
| **EUISS Analysis** | Humanitarian crisis as a fresh justification for international action in Syria [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.iss.europa.eu/publications/detail/article/humanitarian-crisis-as-a-fresh-justification-for-international-action-in-syria/) |

* ***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](https://www.era.int/cgi-bin/cms?_SID=65b543060e163425aede43e9f54ea7f47821e05300181289667616&_sprache=en&_bereich=artikel&_aktion=detail&idartikel=122872) |
| **26 March** | ‘Family reunification procedures in European migration law’ conference organised by ERA, Riga, LV [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europa-nu.nl/id/viwm5p6s20zk/agenda/family_reunification_procedures_in?ctx=vh1am07dxtwk&tab=1&start_tab1=28) |

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