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Please find below the collection of latest legal and policy developments in EU external relations from week 7/2015 (9-16 February 2015).

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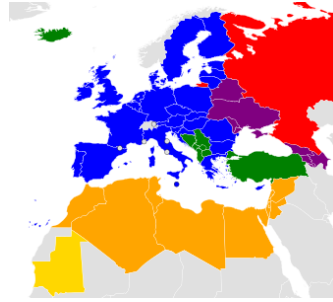
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## EU Neighborhood Policy

**9 February**

The seventh EU-Lebanon Association Council: Strengthened Partnership in Challenging Times



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## EU- Russia

**10 February**

MEPs from EP Foreign Affairs Committee met Duma Foreign Affairs Committee



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**13 February**

European Council: No changes regarding decisions on imposing sanctions against Russia

'Sanctioning Russia: the right questions' (EUISS Brief by F. Giumelli)

## EU- Ukraine

**9 February**

Directives for the negotiation of a new Enhanced Agreement between the EU and Ukraine



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**11 February**

Karas on Ukraine: 'If talks have no effect, risk of military escalation will increase'

## Trade and Investment

**10 February**

'TTIP & ISDS' (Brief by EP Research Service)



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**11 February**

Foreign Direct Investment stocks at the end of 2013 - EU was a net investor in the rest of the world - The United States, by far the main partner of the EU

**13 February**

EU regions eager to exploit TTIP potential but urge for guarantees on public services and protection standards

## Development and Cooperation

### 9 February

2013 Annual Report of the EU Governor of the EBRD to the European Parliament



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### 10 February

EU disburses €100 million in Macro-Financial Assistance to Jordan

European Investment Bank's largest ever private sector lending programme in Africa launched with PTA Bank

'Strengthening health systems in developing countries' (Brief by EP Research Service)

### 11 February

'The European year for development: Europe in the world' (Brief by EP Research Service)

### 12 February

Humanitarian crisis in Iraq and Syria: MEPs call for aid and donor conference

Palestine president Mahmoud Abbas visits the European Parliament

### 13 February

Afghanistan security situation

## CFSP & CSDP

European Defence Agency: Annual Report 2014

### 9 February

Council conclusions on elections in Nigeria

Council conclusions on Libya

Council conclusions on Mali

Council conclusions on the Central African Republic

Council conclusions on Yemen

### 11 February

Council Conclusions on Cyber Diplomacy



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## Fight against terrorism

### 9 February

Council conclusions on counter-terrorism

Council conclusions on the Boko Haram threat

'Foreign fighters' – Member States' responses and EU action in an international context' (Brief by EP Research Service)



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## Human Rights

### 9 February

Council Conclusions on EU priorities at UN Human Rights Fora in 2015

### 11 February

MEPs call for better monitoring of fundamental rights in the EU

Parliament to resume investigations into CIA-led operations in EU countries

### 12 February

Parliament passed three resolutions: Raif Badawi; mass graves in Cyprus; Bob Rugurika



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## External Dimension of AFSJ

### 10 February

Money laundering: Council endorses agreement with EP

### 11 February

MEPs to debate EU's border and asylum agencies

MEPs: Passenger Name Record and data protection talks should go hand in hand



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## Events

### 18 February 2015

'Exile, refuge and the Greek polis: between justice and humanity' (seminar organized by Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford, United Kingdom)

'Unexpected Constraints on Regulatory Autonomy from the Services Chapter of EU RTAs' (seminar organized by Mr. Bregt Natens organized by the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and Amsterdam Center for International Law, Amsterdam, the Netherlands)

### 19-20 February 2015

'Testing the boundaries of EU actorness in the Eastern Partnership: Mutual perceptions and influences' (workshop organized by The Global Europe Centre at the University of Kent, Canterbury, United Kingdom)

'The EU and International Dispute Settlement' (workshop organized by the European University

Institute, the ESIL Interest Group on The EU as a Global Actor and the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER), Florence, Italy

### **25-26 February**

'Medium-Term Market Outlook for EU Candidate Countries and selected European Neighbourhood Policy Partner Countries' (workshop organized by the European Commission, Zagreb, Croatia)

### **27 February 2015**

'China, the European Union and the World Order' (lecture organized by the Journal of Common Market Studies (JCMS) and the Centre of European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels, Belgium)

'The Power of the People: The dynamics and limits of social mobilization in South Eastern Europe' (symposium organized by University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom)

### **4 March 2015**

'Refugees - what's wrong with history?' (seminar organized by Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford, United Kingdom)

### **6-8 March 2015**

'New Perspectives in European Studies: Europeanisation in the EU and the Neighbourhood' (symposium organized by UACES CRN Centrifugal Europe, Belfast, United Kingdom)

### **Deadline: 10 March 2015**

'The ENP under Pressure: The EU and the Eastern and the Southern Neighbourhoods' (Ph.D. Summer School organized by College of Europe, Natolin campus, Warsaw, Poland)

### **12-13 March 2015**

'Assessing the performance of the European Union in Central and Eastern Europe and in its Neighbourhood' (workshop organized by Dimitris Papadimitriou (University of Manchester), Manchester, United Kingdom)

### **23 March 2015**

'The Ukraine crisis and post-post-Cold War Europe' (workshop organized by the Centre for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies (CREES), University of Birmingham, Birmingham, United Kingdom)

### **26-27 March 2015**

'Justifying the European Border Regime and holding it to account: Ideational versus Material Dimensions?' (workshop organized by B/Orders in Motion at the European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, Germany)

### **27-28 March 2015**

'Europe Inside-Out: Europe and Europeaness Exposed to Plural Observers' (conference organized by Euroacademia, Barcelona, Spain)

### **23 April 2015**

'Better Regulation in the EU revisited. Improving the European Union for the benefit of business and citizens' (European Law Symposium organized by T.M.C. Asser Instituut as a part of T.M.C. Asser Instituut's 50th anniversary celebrations, The Hague, The Netherlands)(registration will open soon)

**27-28 April 2015**

'The EU and the Emerging Powers 2015: Cooperation and Competition in Knowledge and Technology' (conference organized by Université Catholique de Louvain, KULeuven, University of Liège, Ghent University, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Saint Louis University Brussels, College of Europe, Brussels, Belgium)

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