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Please find below the collection of latest legal and policy developments in EU external relations from weeks 12-15/2015 (March 15 - April 12 2015).

Kind regards,

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## EU Enlargement

### 16 March

Council conclusions on Bosnia and Herzegovina

### March 17

Council Conclusions - Special Report No 19/2014 by the Court of Auditors 'EU Pre-accession Assistance to Serbia'

### 18 March

Serbia: EUR 80 million for SMEs and midcaps

### 20 March

'Bosnia and Herzegovina: back on an EU track?' EUISS Issue Alert No.19 by E.Gross

### 27 March

ECB and central banks in the Western Balkans complete EU-funded cooperation programme

### 30 March

Montenegro and EU open two more negotiating chapters in accession process



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## EU Neighborhood Policy

'When choosing means losing: The Eastern partners, the EU and the Eurasian Economic Union' Study by P. De Micco, European Parliament, DG for External Policies

### 25 March

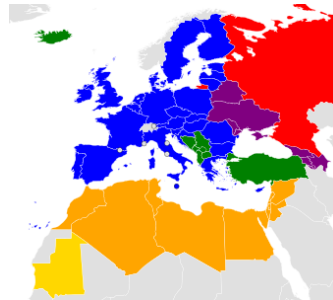
Implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy in 2014 Regional report : 'Eastern Partnership'

### 27 March

Implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy in 2014 Regional report : 'A Partnership for Democracy and Shared Prosperity with the Southern Mediterranean Partners'

### 31 March

Working document on the review of the European Neighbourhood policy, Committee on Foreign Affairs, Rapporteur: E. Kukan



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## EU - Ukraine

### 16 March

'Ukraine after Minsk II: the next level. Hybrid responses to hybrid threats?' EPRS Brief by N. Bentzen

### 20 March

Ukraine joins Horizon 2020 to work with EU in science and research

### 25 March

EP approves additional €1.8bn assistance to Ukraine



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## EU - China

### 26 March

Action Plan on Cooperation in the Customs Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the European Union and Hong Kong, China

## EU - Central America

### 20 March

Annual Report on the Implementation of Part IV of the EU-Central America Association Agreement

## Trade and Investment

### 17 March

Trade and Investment Barriers Report 2015



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### 25 March

Opinion on recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) by J. Buzek

### 26 March

Annual Report on the Implementation of the EU-Korea Free Trade Agreement

### 27 March

Partial summary of the meeting of the European Parliament Committee on International Trade (INTA)

Opinion on recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) by J. Kofod

### 14 April

EU-US trade deal: 14 EP committees have their say

## Development and Cooperation

### 15 March

EIB signs a €120m loan to support private sector companies in Egypt



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### 16 March

EIB supports high voltage interconnection of Armenia and Georgia

### 26 March

More than €1 billion pledged in support for fresh start of Guinea-Bissau

### 8 April

Official Development Assistance: preliminary 2014 data published

## CFSP & CSDP

'European Defence Cooperation: State of Play and Thoughts on an EU Army' EPRS Brief by C. Cîrlig



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### 16 March

Council conclusions on Libya

Council conclusions on the EU regional strategy for Syria and Iraq

Council conclusions on the Gulf of Guinea Action Plan 2015-2020

Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/442 of 16 March 2015 launching the European Union CSDP Military Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic (EUMAM RCA) and amending Decision 2015/78/CFSP

### 19-20 March

EU Military Concept Development Implementation Programme 2015-2016 (CDIP 15-16)

### 27 March

Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/528 of 27 March 2015 establishing a mechanism to administer the financing of the common costs of European Union operations having military or defence implications (Athena) and repealing Decision 2011/871/CFSP

### 2 April

'The EU in a Multiplex World' EUISS Brief N.7 by A. Missiroli

## EU Humanitarian Aid

### 16 March

Council conclusions on Ebola

### 31 March

EU continues its strong support for the victims of Syria's crisis

### 7 April

EU increases its emergency aid in Yarmouk, Syria

## EU - UN

### 19 March

European Committee of the Regions (CoR) has contributed to the UN's 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR)



## External Dimension of AFSJ

### 17 March

Joint operational team launched to combat irregular migration in the Mediterranean

### 19 March

Opinion AG in case C-153/14, *Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken v K and A* (Family reunification — Third-country nationals — Integration measures — Proof of basic knowledge of the official language and of knowledge of the country)



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### 23 March

EU drugs agency (EMCDDA) publishes first overview of the drug situation in the Western Balkans

### 25 March

Investing in an open and secure Europe: €1.8 billion to fund Asylum, Migration, Integration and Security

### 8 April

Partial summary of the meeting of the European Parliament Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

## Events

### 20 April

Conference on the Gulf region: 'Domestic Dynamics and Global-Regional Perspectives. Implications for the EU'(conference organized by the European University Institute, Florence, Italy)

### Deadline: 22 April

'Our World, our Dignity, our Future' (bread and brains lunch lecture by M. S. Gatta, Head of Politics in the European Commission Representation in The Netherlands, The Hague, The Netherlands)

### 22 April 2015

'The Hague Conference on International Legal Diplomacy' (conference organized by The Hague Institute for Global Justice and British Embassy in The Hague, The Hague, The Netherlands)

### 23 April 2015

'Better Regulation in the EU Revisited: Benefiting Business and Citizens' (conference organized as part of the Asser Institute's 50 years celebrations, T.M.C Asser Institute, The Hague, NL)

### 24 April 2015

'Powers under External pressure' (conference organized by ACELG, UvA, Amsterdam)

'Energy Transitions in Europe' (high-level policy conference of the European Energy Policy Chair of the College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium)

### 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)

### Deadline: 30 April

Renzo Imbeni Summer School "The European Union as global actor" (Summer school runs under the High Patronage of the European Parliament, the patronage of Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Committee of the Regions of the European Union, Regione Emilia-Romagna, the European Commission Representation in Italy and the Italian Council of European Movement.)

### 5 May

'Energy Union in the global energy perspective '(Event organized by the Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels, Belgium)

### 28-29 May

'Understanding the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)' (Seminar organized by the European Institute of Public Administration, Maastricht, the Netherlands)



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