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Dear CLEER Community members,

Please find below the collection of latest legal and policy developments in EU external relations from week 39-41/2015 (September 20 - October 11, 2015).

Kind regards,

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## EU Enlargement

### 21 September

Presidency and the Commission hold an EU-Western Balkans expert meeting on drugs



## EU Neighbourhood Policy

### 22 September

Committee of the Regions delivers its opinion with regard to the revised ENP

### 09 October

EIB and World Bank join forces with new agreement to support Ukraine

## EU Trade and Investment

### 22 September

Committee of the Regions pronounces itself on the outcome of the negotiations on the partnership agreements and operational programmes



'Investment rules in trade agreements: Developments and issues in light of the TTIP debate' (EPRS Briefing by L. Puccio)

### 23 September

'Gazprom: seeking a rapprochement with the EU?' (BRUEGEL Blog entry by S.Tagliapietra)

### 28 September

Investment Plan for Europe goes global: China announces its contribution to #investEU

## EU Data Protection

### 23 September

'American Mass Surveillance of EU citizens: Is the End Nigh?' (EU Law Analysis Blog entry by S. Peers)



### 06 October

Judgement in Case C 362/14 *Maximillian Schrems v Data Protection Commissioner* (US Safe Harbour Decision)

'The party's over: EU data protection law after the Schrems Safe Harbour judgment' (EU Law Analysis Blog entry by S.Peers)

## EU - ACP

### 06 October

Launch of public consultation on the future of the EU's partnership with African, Caribbean and Pacific countries

## EU - China

### 25 September

'China's slowdown: When the dragon catches the flu, Europe sneezes' (CEPS Commentary by M. Barslund and C. Alcidi)

### 28 September

The EU and China signed a key partnership on 5G, our tomorrow's communication networks

### 07 October

'China's parade: mixed messages' (EUISS alert by A. Ekman and E. Pejsova)



## External Dimension of AFSJ

### 22 September

Council Decision establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece



European Commission states that apart from the relocation of 120,000 refugees the root causes of migration must be addressed

CoR Resolution for a sustainable EU approach to migration

'The Italian Job: the CJEU strengthens criminal law protection of the EU's finances' (EU Law Analysis Blog entry by S. Peers)

'The refugee crisis: Schengen's slippery slope' (EPC Commentary by A. Ghimis)

### 23 September

Managing the refugee crisis: Immediate operational, budgetary and legal measures under the European Agenda on Migration

More Responsibility in managing the refugee crisis: European Commission adopts 40 infringement decisions to make European Asylum System work

### 24 September

EU heads of state or government hold an informal meeting to discuss migration

'Relocation of Asylum-Seekers in the EU: Law and Policy' (EU Law Analysis Blog entry by S. Peers)

### 06 October

Draft Action Plan: Stepping up EU-Turkey cooperation on support of refugees and migration

management in view of the situation in Syria and Iraq

'The CJEU's Ruling in Celaj: Criminal penalties, entry bans and the Returns Directive' (EU Law Analysis Blog entry by I. Majcher)

### **07 October**

Syria, Turkey, Kunduz bombing and Libya: MEPs call for greater EU engagement

### **08 October**

Council approves more money to tackle refugee crisis

Commissioner Avramopoulos and Minister Asselborn in Italy: First Relocation Flight and Hotspot visit

EU approves additional €17 million to help Serbia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia cope with refugee influx

Council emphasizes the need to strengthen international cooperation to combat trafficking of firearms

### **09 October**

Commission proposal on new data protection rules in law enforcement area backed by Justice Ministers

Frontex and the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), Italian authorities and EUNAVFORMED cooperate to rescue more than 370 people off the Libyan coast this week

## **CFSP & CSDP**

### **21 September**

Working Report on the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 7/2015: The EU police mission in Afghanistan: mixed results



### **24 September**

'On target? EU sanction as security policy tool' (EUISS report by I. Dreyer & J. Luengi-Cabera (eds.))

'UNSC Resolution 1325 fifteen years on' (EUISS brief by M.Martinelli)

### **28 September**

Political and Security Committee Decision agrees to start the active phase of EUNAVFOR MED

### **01 October**

Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1763 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi

## EU and Human Rights

### 22 September

Anti-torture rules: Trade MEPs call for bans on goods marketing and EU transit

### 25 September

'A quest for accountability? EU and Member State inquiries into the CIA Rendition and Secret Detention Programme' (CEPS Commentary by D. Bigo, S. Carrera, E. Guild and R. Radescu)

### 24 September

Eliminating torture and the death penalty: EU funds "must be better targeted", say auditors

### 8 October 2015

MEPs pass resolutions on Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Central African Republic and Thailand

## EU Energy and Climate Change

### 21 September

'EU Emissions Trading System: cost-effective emission reductions and low-carbon investments: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment' (EPRS Briefing by S. Dossi)



### 09 October

EIB sets new 35% target for climate lending in developing countries

## EU Environmental Policy

### 25 September

European Commission welcomes new 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development

Sustainable Development Goals and the Agenda 2030

### 01 October

Fighting illegal fishing: Commission warns Taiwan and Comoros with yellow cards and welcomes reforms in Ghana and Papua New Guinea

## EU assistance to third countries

### 22 September 2015

New framework for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Transforming the Lives of Girls and Women through EU External Relations (2016-2020)

EU deploys Election Observation Mission to Tanzania

### 30 September

The European Union Provides Additional €30 million to Support Palestine Refugees through United Nations Relief and Works Agency

### 01 October

EU-UNICEF: Safer learning for more than 2 million children caught in Syrian conflict

## Events

### 12 October

'Constitutionalization of International Economic Law and the Role of the European Union' (Lecture Series 'The European Union as a Global International Actor' organized by the University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg)

### 13 October

'The EU comprehensive approach to security: a practitioner's guide' (Meeting organized by CEPS, Brussels, Belgium)

### Deadline for proposal submission: 19 October

'The European Union in International Affairs' (Call for papers and panels: Conference organized by the Institute for European Studies at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (IES-VUB), the Institut d'Études Européennes at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (IEE-ULB), Egmont – the Royal Institute for International Relations, Brussels, Belgium, and the United Nations University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS), Bruges, Belgium)

### 19 October

'Worldly Ambitions: On the Constitutional Mandate for EU External Action' (Lecture Series 'The European Union as a Global International Actor' organized by the University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg)

### 19-20 October

'Liberal Internationalism and European Security: Challenges and Contradictions' (Conference organized by ACCESS EUROPE and the University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands)

### 20 October

'The EU's 2015 Enlargement Strategy and Progress Reports' (Meeting organized by CEPS, Brussels, Belgium)

### 22-23 October

'A Guide to the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)' (Seminar organized by the



European Institute of Public Administration, Maastricht, the Netherlands)

### **27-29 October**

'EU Presidency Challenges - The Eight Steps to Successfully Manage and Chair Groups during the Rotating Presidency of the Council of the EU' (Seminar organized by the European Institute of Public Administration, Maastricht, the Netherlands)

### **06 November**

'Framing the subjects and objects of contemporary EU law' (Workshop organized by the City Law School, City University London and Kent Centre for European and Comparative Law, London, United Kingdom)

### **15 November**

Job opening: Assistant Professor of International Relations at Leiden University, Leiden, the Netherlands

### **7 December 2015**

'International Migration Governance and the EU' (Lecture Series 'The European Union as a Global International Actor' organized by the University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg)

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