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Please find below the collection of latest legal and policy developments in EU external relations from weeks 1-3/2016 (January 4th - January 24th, 2016).

Kind regards,

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# Enlargement

# 20 January

Situation in the South East of Turkey

# 21 January

MEPs ratify EU-Kosovo Association Agreement



# **EU Neighbourhood Policy**

# 20 January

Association Agreements/DCFTAs Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

# **EU Trade and Investment**

# 13 January

College orientation debate on the treatment of China in anti-dumping investigations

# 15 January

Draft rule paves the way for EU exports of apples and pears to the US

# 21 January

Commission priorities on the agenda in Davos



# **External Dimension of AFSJ**

# 07 January

EU to invest €1 billion in regions along its external borders

### 08 January

Progress following Western Balkans Route Leaders' Meeting

#### 12 January

'Ne bis in idem in the EU: Two important questions for the CJEU' (European Law blog by M. Simonato)

### 13 January

Refugee crisis: Commission reviews 2015 actions and sets 2016 priorities

#### 14 January

New measures adopted to tackle the root causes of irregular migration and displaced persons in Africa

#### 19 January

State of Play: Measures to Address the Refugee Crisis

#### 20 January

Commission issues Proposal for a Directive to upgrade the European Criminal Records Information System (ECRIS)

# **CFSP & CSDP**

#### 07 January

The Establishment of a Special Court against Terrorism (EJIL: Talk! Blog Post by L. Pantaleo and O. Ribbelink)

#### 17 January

The draft EU Directive on Combating Terrorism: Much Ado About What? (EU Law Analysis blog by C. C. Murphy)

#### 18 January

Council Decision in support of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) in the framework of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

# EU assistance to third countries

#### 20 January

EU announces €29 million in humanitarian aid for Somalia

#### 21 January

EU announces €77 million in humanitarian aid for the Horn of Africa for 2016







# **Events**

## 25 February

'The experience of the Luxembourg Presidency of the EU Council in the field of external relations' (CLEER Presidency Lecture, T.C.M. Asser Instituut, The Hague, The Netherlands)

## 14-15 March

'The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership' (Interdisciplinary Conference organized by the Centre for European Research at the University of Gothenburg (CERGU), Gothenburg, Sweden)

# 11-13 May

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

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