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The Center for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER) brings you a collection of the latest legal and policy developments in EU external relations from weeks 4-5/2017 (23 January - 6 February 2017).

Kind regards,

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# **EU Enlargement**

## 31 January

Foreign affairs MEPs assess reform efforts in Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina

# **Eastern Partnership**

## **1 February**

EU and Denmark launch Euro 16 million EU anti-corruption initiative in Ukraine

## 2 February

European Parliament approves visa waiver for Georgia

# **European Neighbourhood Policy**

## 25 January

EEA publishes fact-sheet on EU-Libya relations

# **Trade and investment**

## 23 January

European Parliament publishes EU trade agreements that are in the pipeline

## 24 January

Trade Committee MEPs approve EU-Canada trade agremeent

## **1** February

EU and Mexico agree to accelerate trade talks

## 2 February

MEPs approve rules to protect EU banana growers against surge in imports from Ecuador

## **Development and cooperation**

## 21 January

EU Trust Fund project launched to help develop cross-border areas in the Horn of Africa

## 25 January

EIB Group and its staff mobilise to help Haiti



## **Customs and taxation**

#### 27 January

WTO rules in favour of the EU in dispute on Russian duties on light commercial vehicles

European Commission imposes anti-dumping duties on steel products from China and Taiwan





# **External Dimension of AFSJ**

## 3 February

European Council adopts 'Malta declaration' on the external aspects of migration

# **Human Rights**

## 2 February

MEPs condemn election-related violence perpetrated in Gabon and in the Democratic Republic of Congo



# **CJEU Case-Law**

## 25 January

The General Court upholds freezing of funds of Russian state-owned anti-aircraft manufactor

# **Events and Vacancies**

## 6 February 2017

'Brexit and trade: what EU and WTO rules imply' (organized by Bruegel in collaboration with Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies) Brussels, Belgium

## 13 February 2017

'The International Law of Peacetime Cyber Operations' (The Hague launch of the Tallinn manual 2.0 on the International law applicable to cyber operations and a panel discussion, organized by Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, T.M.C. Asser Instituut and the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence), Spaansche Hof, The Hague, Netherlands

## Application deadline: 19 February 2017

Call for applications: 'Digital Community: Security, Information and Economy', Warsaw Euro-Atlantic Summer Academy (WEASA) (to be held 2 - 15 July 2017)

## 30 - 31 March 2017

'The Future of Trade Defence Instruments: Global Policy Trends and Legal Challenges' (a conference jointly organized by the University of Passau, the Europa-Institut Saarbrücken, the Institute of European and International Economic Law & the World Trade Institute - University of Berne, and Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP), Brussels, Belgium

## 6 April 2017

'A Taxonomy of the EU's Global Approach to Law-Making' (organized by the Utrecht Centre for Regulation and Enforcement in Europe (RENFORCE)), Utrecht, the Netherlands

## 19-20 July 2017

Call for papers: Workshop on broadening the debate on EU-Africa relations – perspectives from Africa (organized by the European Studies Association of Sub Saharan Africa (ESA-SSA)), Pretoria, South Africa

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