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Please find below the latest issue in the Centre's News service, collecting legal and policy developments from EU external policies in weeks 24-25/2014 (9 - 22 June 2014).

Kind regards,

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EU Enlargement

17 June

Commissioner Füle following meeting with representatives of civil society and the EU-Turkey working group on Chapter 23

Eastern Partnership

11 June

Eastern Partnership Platform 1 on 'Democracy, Good Governance and Stability: Meeting convened in Brussels

12 June

European Investment Bank pledges DCFTAsupport measures at EU-Moldova Investment Conference



President Barroso on his meeting the President of Georgia, Giorgi Margvelashvili: The Association Agreement & progress made towards EU integration

13 June

President Barroso on his meeting with the Prime Mnister of Georgia, Irakli Garibashvili: Association Agreement & EU assistance

EIB continues to support the upgrade of Georgia's water infrastructure

16 June

Council clears way for signing Association Agreements with Georgia and the Republic of Moldova: Technical preparations concluded



19 June

EU-Moldova Parliamentary Cooperation Committee 18th meeting: Final Statement and Recommendations Pursuant to Article 89 of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement



© Mission of Ukraine to the FU

EU-Ukraine

10 June

EU raises €500 million for Macro-Financial Assistance to Ukraine

12 June

Frequently asked questions about Ukraine, the EU's EasternPartnership and the EU-Ukraine Association

Agreement (EEAS Factsheet)

13 June

EU releases €250 million of grants to support Ukraine

14 June

Ukraine: EU's humanitarian assistance outlined & Commissioner Georgieva calls for the protection of civilians

Statement on the shooting down of a Ukrainian airplane close to the Luhansk airport: EU renews call for Russia to assist in de-escalation

17 June

Ukraine: €500 million of EU Macro-Financial Assistance disbursed

20 June

EU welcomes the peace plan announced by President Poroshenko of Ukraine

Trade and Investment

10 June

Brussels Briefing on Trade June 11-23: EU-Ecuador trade talks, TTIP Advisory Group & EU-China Investment Agreement negotiations (EU policy video by viEUws)



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12 June

Members of the EESC vote in favour of opinion supporting TTIP negotiations and calling for benefits to be spread evenly among businesses, workers, consumers & the public

Member of the European Commission, responsible for Internal Market and Services Barnier on 'Strengthening the Transatlantic Partnership Beyond TTIP: Astrategic vision for the EU and US'

20 June

Foreign Direct Investment USA, with 313 billion euro, by far the largest investor in the EU28 in 2013 and Brazil second with 21 billion euro (Eurostat Commission news release)



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Energy and Transport

13 June

'Energising TTIP: diversification through trade?' (EUISS Brief by I. Dreyer)

20 June

'Energy supply in the EU28' (Analysis by the European

Parliamentary Research Service)

CFSP & CSDP

12 June

SSR Board meeting with the Head of Mission for EUSEC RD Congo mission: Presentation on results & follow-up

Commissioner Georgieva on Iraq: Another humanitarian crisis in the Middle East - EU support



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EULEX Kosovo to gradually transfer activities to local institutions and other EU actors

EU High Representative Ashton on EU priorities & efforts at the Global Summit to End Sexual

Violence in Conflict

Fifteenth Progress Report on the implementation of the EU Strategy to Combat Illicit Accumulation and Trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SAWL) and their Ammunition — (2013/I)

Sixteenth Progress Report on the implementation of the EU Strategy to Combat Illicit Accumulation and Trafficking of SALW and their Ammunition — (2013/II)

The Implications of the G7's Revival for the EU and Global Governance: Reflections from the 3-4 June 2014 Brussels Summit (European Parliament Study)

13 June

'From West Point to Brussels - via Warsaw' (EUISS Alert by E. Gross)

17 June

Council conclusions on Third Review Conference of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mnes and on their Destruction ("Ottawa Convention")

Council conclusions on EU financial support to the Palestinian Authority

20 June

"Visions of North-East Asia - China, Japan, Korea and the EU" (EUISS Brief by N. Casarini)

The South China Sea's commons: behind and beyond sovereignty disputes' (EUISS Alert by E. Peisova)



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Development and Cooperation

10 June

Commissioner Piebalgs in Madagascar to resume EU development cooperation

Examples of EU cooperation with Madagascar: Education, rural development & infrastructure

11 June

Inauguration of EU-funded Crisis Management Center in Myanmar

Mssion for Growth: enhancing economic ties between Panama and the EU

Vice-President of the European Commission Reding on EU - Brazil cooperation: working together towards a gold standard in privacy protection

12 June

Mssion for Growth to Argentina: building business links, industrial & strategic cooperation - SMEs, tourism and space

16 June

Landmark agreement between the European Commission and South Korea on 5G mobile technology. Joint Declaration on Strategic Cooperation in Information Communications Technology (ICT) and 5G adopted

EU Election Observation Mssions – supporting democracy around the globe (EEAS overview)

17 June

Agreement between the EU and the State of Israel on the participation of the State of Israel in the Union programme 'Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)'

19 June

National Indicative Programmes signed with 16 ACP countries under the European Development Fund (EDF)

Commission to increase humanitarian assistance to Iraq by €5 million for those fleeing the violence perpetrated by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)

20 June

Commissioners Georgieva, Piebalgs and Malmström discuss EU efforts to provide humanitarian aid and assistance to refugees on the occasion of World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day: more people being offered protection in the EU

Q&Aon the Commission's assistance to refugees



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Human rights

10 June

The Commission, Council and Parliament debate the future of the EU with religious leaders & adopt Joint Declaration on the death sentance of Meriam Ibrahim, the Sudanese Christian for apostasy

Joint statement on Meriam Yahya Ibrahim, a Sudanese believer

sentenced to death for apostacy

16 June

Declaration on behalf of the EU on violence against women in Pakistan condemning honour killings and calling for an end to impunity

18 June

EU-Tajikistan Human Rights Dialogue

20 June

EU-Georgia Human Rights Dialogue

21 June

EU statement on the release of Belarusian human rights defender Ales Bialiatski: Release of remaining political prisoners may improve relations between EU and Belarus

External Dimension of AFSJ

11 June

Immigration: President of the Committee of the Regions Valcárcel calls for the EU to urgently step-up support to overstretched border regions and towns



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Case T-293/12, *Syria International Islamic Bank v Council* (CFSP - Restrictive measures against Syria - Freezing of funds - Manifest error in interpretation) (in French)

Case C\(\frac{1377/12}\), European Commission v Council of the European Union (Action for annulment - Council Decision 2012/272/EU - Choice of legal basis - Readmission of third-country nationals)

16 June

Customs: Tackling smuggling and fraud in excise goods - results of operation DISMANTLE

19 June

Asylum decisions in the 28 EU Member States granted protection to 135 700 asylum seekers in 2013 Syrians main beneficiaries



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Euro-Arab Cooperation

11 June

Third European Union - League of Arab States Foreign Affairs Mnisterial Meeting: enhancing cooperation on political, economic & security challenges

Declaration adopted at the Third European Union–League of Arab States Foreign Affairs Mnisterial Meeting

Joint Statement by the Third EU - LAS Ministerial meeting on the security situation in Iraq

European Institutions

17 June

18 month programme of the Council (1 July 2014 - 31 December 2015): Foreign Affairs and Justice & Home Affairs overview provided

Programme of the Italian Presidency in the field of Consular Affairs (COCON) Working Group

20 June

European Council follow-up - Presidency Report on the implementation of EC conclusions: Justice & Home Affairs, Trade, Defence, Enlargement and Neighbourhood overview

Vacancies & Events

Application deadline: 27 June

Postdoctoral Fellowships at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Centre for Social Sciences and the National University of Public Service (Call for applications for a full-time joint postdoctoral research fellowship programme with the HAS CSS and the NUPS in Budapest, HU)

30 June

The Rule of Law as a Strategic Priority in the EU's External Action' (Conference organised by Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies in Brussels, BE)

30 June - 4 July

Barcelona Summer School in International Politics (Organised by the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) in Barcelona, ES)

4 July

'Using Human Security as a legal framework to analyse the Common European Asylum System' (Conference organised by CLEER and the T.M.C. Asser Institute in The Hague, NL)

Application deadline: 5 July

CLEER Vacancy. Senior Researcher in EU Law (Full-time (38 hours per week) for a period of one to a maximum of six years at the T.M.C. Asser Institute in The Hague, NL)

25-26 September

The European External Action Service and the new institutional balance in EU external action: reconciling autonomy and cooperation' (Conference organised by the University of Salamanca in cooperation with CLEER in Salamanca, ES)

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