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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 week 15/2014 (7-13 April 2014).

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EU Enlargement

10 April

EU-Turkey: Commissioner for Enlargement and ENP Füle emphasises the need to re-engage in reforms in line with EU standards



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Commissioner Füle on the mutual benefits of the EU-Turkey Customs Union

Commissioner Füle on the state of EU-Turkey relations: achievements and disappointments

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Commissioner Füle: New Europe and enlargement in a new political context

European Neighbourhood Policy

8 April

Joint Staff Working Document - Implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy in 2013 = Statistical Annex



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Eastern Partnership

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Joint Staff Working Document Implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy in 2013 = Regional report: Eastern Partnership

EU-Ukraine



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Statement by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative Ashton on the situation in Eastern Ukraine



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Joint Staff Working document - Implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy in Ukraine = Progress in 2013 and recommendations for action

9 April

Update on the EU's support to Ukraine: elections, macro financial assistance, development, mobility and energy security

European Commission creates a new support group for Ukraine

10 April

Paweł Kowal, Head of the European Parliament's delegation to Ukraine calls for tougher measures to be taken by the EU

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EU High Representative Ashton on the situation in Eastern Ukraine

Trade and Investment

7 April

Partial summary record of the meeting of the European Parliament Committee on International Trade (INTA), on 1 April 2014



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Brussels Briefing on Trade - April 7-28: EU-Morocco, EU-Thailand, Russia's ban on imports of EU pork and more (EU policy video by vEUws).

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EU challenges Russia in the WTO over pork import ban

'African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Countries' Position on Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) (Study by EP Directorate-General for External Policies)

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Trade Commissioner De Gucht on the future of TTIP: The benefits and how to achieve them



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CFSP & CSDP

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Summary record of the meeting of the European Parliament Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE), 1 April 2014: Maritime capacity in the Horn of Africa & strengthening the European defence industry

EEAS & EUMC Concept for Contractor Support to EU-led military operations

8 April

EU High Representative Ashton on the First Round of Presidential Elections in Afghanistan

Speech by President of the European Council Van Rompuy "Europe: a continent in a changing world" for the Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria

9 April

Joint Statement of EU High Representative Ashton and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif following the E3/EU+3 talks with Iran

'Defence matters – EU key documents 2013' (EU-ISS book)

10 April

EU High Representative Ashton, Commissioners Georgieva and Piebalgs on the escalation of violence in Darfur

'China's defence budget' (EP Research Service report)

11 April

'Afghanistan: the view from the US' (EU-ISS Alert by E. Gross)

Development and Cooperation

8 April

Commissioner Piebalgs calls on Member States to intensify efforts to increase development aid

9 April

EU High Representative Ashton appoints Special Envoy to Central Asia to secure continued high-level engagement

10 years of EU and FAO joint work on agriculture and food security: promotion of sustainable rural development

Development Commissioner Piebalgs announces new EU programme to strengthen land governance in ten African countries

'Financing for Development Post-2015: Improving the Contribution of Private Finance' (Study by EP Directorate-General for External Policies)

11 April

Ebola in West Africa: EU increases its immediate health assistance to €1.1 million

12 April

South Sudan: European Commission is ready to boost live-saving assistance by €45 million to prevent a humanitarian tragedy

'EU-Japan: forging strategic ties' (EP Research Service Report)



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Human rights

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Fifth round of the European Union-Kyrgyz Republic Human Rights Dialogue

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Spokesperson of EU High Representative Ashton on El Salvador's accession to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR aiming at the abolition of the death penalty

Spokesperson of EU High Representative Ashton on Gabon's accession to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR aiming at the abolition of the death penalty

EU High Representative Ashton on the execution of Ramiro Hernández Llanas

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EU High Representative Ashton on the sentencing of Dr Xu Zhiyong and the trials of other human rights activists in China

External Dimension of AFSJ

13 April

'Frontex and surveillance of the EU's external sea borders' (EP Research Service Report)



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EU-Africa Relations

10 April

'EU-Africa Summit: a blueprint for action?' (Information note by EP Directorate-General for External Policies)

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'Why Africa matters' (EU-ISS Alert by C. Barrios and A. Vines)

EU-US Relations

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'EU and US competition policies: Similar objectives, different approaches' (EP Research Service report)

TTIP: US calls for ambitious agricultural talks, underlines Darci Vetter – US Department of Agriculture (EU policy video by viEUws)



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Don't sacrifice EU environmental standards to get trade deal with US, warns Greenpeace policy director Marco Contiero (EU policy video by viEUws)

European Parliament

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Summary record of the meeting of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs on 31 March and 1 April 2014: ENP, Libya, Egypt, Turkey

Summary of the meeting of the European Parliament Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs on 31 March and 1 April 2014: Counter-terrorism, Internet governance, EU return policy, Task Force Mediterranean & FRONTEX

Events

28 April-2 May

International Disaster Law Course (Training organised by International Disaster Law Project and the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, in cooperation with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Sanremo, IT)

Application deadline: 30 April

Strategic Challenges for European Foreign and Security Policy (Call for Ph.D applications by the Institute for European Studies (IES) at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel in Brussels, BE)

Registration deadline: 2 May

'The EU's drive towards regulatory convergence in bilateral FTAs: the case of TTIP' (Roundtable debate organised by ALTIUS, AmCham Belgium, CEPS and CLEER, followed by the launch of 'EU External Relations Law: Text, Cases and Materials' by Bart Van Vooren and Ramses A. Wessel in Brussels, BE)

8 May

The European Union at the UN Human Rights Council: Multilateral Human Rights Protection Coming of Age? (Seminar organised by Leuven University's Centre for Global Governance Studies in Leuven, BE)

Application deadline: 8 May

Vacancy: Senior Lecturer in European Studies (Political Science) (at the Institute for European Studies (IES) at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) in Brussels, BE)

22-24 May

The European Union in International Affairs IV (Conference organised by Vrije Universiteit Brussel in Brussels, BE)

Registration deadline: 23 May

2nd CLEER Summer School on EU External Relations Law (Intensive one-week summer school from 23-27 June, hosted by UM Campus Brussels of Maastricht University, in Brussels, BE)

5-7 June

ECPR 7th Pan-European Conference on the European Union (Conference organised by ECPR Standing Group on the European Union 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 Salamanca, ES)

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