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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 11/2014 (10-16 March 2014).

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EU Enlargement

10 March

Commission launches writing competition "What does an enlarged EU mean to you?" for young people from the EU and countries in the enlargement process



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11 March

Commissioner for Enlargement and ENP Füle discusses the 2013 Progress Report on Turkey

Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the EP and of the Council establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPAI)

12 March

Progress Report on Turkey: comments of the author, MEP Ria Comen-Ruijten

European Parliament MEPs express concern at allegations of corruption and call for credible commitment to democratisation in Turkey

Remarks by EU High Representative Ashton at the end of her visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina

European Neighbourhood Policy

11 March

Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the EP and of the Council establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument

Eastern Partnership

10 March

Commissioner for Enlargement and ENP Füle discusses the priorities for EU relations with Eastern Partnership countries



14 March

Council approves visa liberalisation for Moldova: citizens possessing biometric passports will be able to travel without a visa



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Situation in Ukraine

11 March

European Commission proposes temporary tariff cuts for Ukrainian exports to the EU (Overview & details of the proposal)

Statement by EU Trade Commissioner De Gucht on temporary tariff cuts for Ukrainian exports to the EU

12 March

Statement by President Barroso on Ukraine at the European Parliament Plenary Debate

Commissioner for Enlargement and ENP Füle on the Crimea referendum: major threat to the stability of borders in Europe

Invasion of Ukraine by Russia: extracts from the Council and Commission statements (Video by EC Audiovisual Services)

G-7 Leaders Statement calling on Russia to cease efforts to change the status of Crimea contrary to Ukrainian and International Law

13 March

European Parliament MEPs call on Russia to withdraw military forces from Ukraine

14 March

Statement by Co-chairs Valcarcel Siso and Abouladze of the Conference of the Regional and Local Authorities for the Eastern Partnership (CORLEAP) on the Crimea referendum

16 March

Joint statement on Crimea by Presidents of the European Council and Commission, Van Rompuy and Barroso

Trade and Investment

10 March

EU savings taxation rules and savings agreements with third countries: FAQs

Brussels Briefing on Trade: All you need to know for March 10 – 24 discussed by Trade Editor Lénaïc Vaudin d'Imécourt (EU policy video by vEUws)



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European Parliament approves proposal to facilitate trade of processed agricultural products between the EU and non-EU countries

12 March

European Parliament MEPs warn consent to the EU-US trade deal "could be endangered" if blanket mass surveillance by NSA does not stop

2014 Trade and Investment Barriers Report: key barriers faced by EU companies on the markets of the EU's strategic partners

14 March

EU-US trade negotiators explore ways to help small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) take advantage of the TTIP

EU Trade Commissioner De Gucht travels to South East Asia to boost trade ties with Vietnam, Cambodia and Myanmar

CFSP & CSDP

10 March

Council Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic



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11 March

Regulation (EU) No 230/2014 of the EP and of the Council establishing an instrument contributing to stability and peace

13 March

Statement by EU High Representative Ashton on rocket attacks from Gaza

14 March

'EU cyber-defence: a work in progress' (EU-ISS Brief by N. Robinson)

'The EU and its (cyber) partnerships' (EU-ISS Brief by P. Pawlak and C. Sheahan)

15 March

Statement by EU High Representative Ashton on the 3rd anniversary of the Syrian uprising

Development and Cooperation

10 March

Commission Vice President Tajani reaffirms EU-Chile cooperation on the occasion of the Chilean Presidential Inauguration Ceremony

11 March

EU provides €4 million to help refugees fleeing violence in Central African Republic



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Regulation (EU) No 233/2014 of the EP and of the Council establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020

Regulation (EU) No 234/2014 of the EP and of the Council establishing a Partnership Instrument for cooperation with third countries

12 March

Council approves new rules for EU solidarity fund providing financial assistance to member states and candidate countries in the event of natural disasters

EU pledges €3 million increase in humanitarian assistance to Iraq in response to an increase in the numbers of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

13 March

EU and Cambodian Government successfully conclude their eighth Joint Committee

Commissioner for Development Piebalgs announces €81 million of new EU support to the Central African Republic during a high-level visit

EU Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response Georgieva visits Syrian refugees in Iraq

14 March

European Commission pledges additional €1 million to UNICEF to fight polio in Syria

Human Rights

11 March

Regulation (EU) No 235/2014 of the EP and of the Council establishing a financing instrument for democracy and human rights worldwide



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Evaluation of the EU's Human Rights Policies and Engagement in Central Asia (by EP Directorate-General for External Policies)433788_EN.pdf

13 March

European Parliament passes three resolutions on human rights: Uganda and Nigeria; Russia; human trafficking in Sinai

External Dimension of AFSJ

11 March

The Impacts of Visa Liberalisation in Eastern Partnership Countries, Russia and Turkey on Trans-Border Mobility (Study by EP Directorate-General for Internal Policies)493050_EN.pdf



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12 March

Mediterranean Flows into Europe: Migration and the EU's Foreign Policy (In-depth analysis by EP Directorate-General for External Policies)522330_EN.pdf)

EU's General Court confirms the entry of Ms Bushra al-Assad on the list of persons subject to restrictive measures taken against Syria

Judgment of the General Court, Case T1202/12, Bouchra Al Assad v Council: CFSP - Restrictive measures against Syria - Freezing of funds - List of persons subject to those measures - Personal links to members of the regime (in French)

EU's Court clarifies the rules on the right of residence of third-country nationals who are family members of an EU citizen in the Member State of origin of that citizen

Judgment of the ECJ Grand Chamber, Case C-457/12, S v Minister voor Immigratie, Integratie en Asiel and Minister voor Immigratie, Integratie en Asiel v G: Right to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States – Right of residence of a third-country national who is a family member of a Union citizen.

13 March

European Parliament MEPs approve funds for asylum, migration and border surveillance until 2020

EU-Switzerland

12 March

Swiss out of EU funded innovation projects: "huge disadvantage for them", Commissioner Geoghegan-Quinn claims (EU policy video by vEUws)

EU-US Relations

10 March

Q&A on European Parliament's inquiry into mass surveillance of EU citizens

11 March

Vice-President of the Commission, Viviane Reding on the U.S. NSA surveillance programme and protecting EU citizens' data



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EU Institutions

10 March

EU Commission Agenda: Priorities for the week of 10 March 2014 discussed by Pia Ahrenkilde Hansen (EU policy video by vEUws)

11 March

Communication from the Commission to the EP, Council, EESC and Committee of the Regions: 'An open and secure Europe: making it happen'

Events

4 April (Registration: 1 April)

Eastern Partnership: challenges after the "Maidan" Revolution (International Seminar organised by National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" in Kyiv, UA)

Registration: 10 April

Academy of European Law Summer School on Human Rights Law and the Law of the European Union (Summer School organised by EUI in Florence, IT)

10 April

'Keeping the judges out! Three strategies for defending 'sporting autonomy' (Keynote Address by Professor Stephen Weatherill, University of Oxford organised by the T.M.C. Asser Institute in The Hague, NL)

11-12 April

Approaching EU-Russia Relations Differently (Workshop organised by the LLP Programme of the European Union in Mainz, DE)

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)

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)

22-24 May

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

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