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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 10/2014 (3-9 March 2014).

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## EU Enlargement

### 3 March

Constitutional reform must be top priority for Turkey, say European Parliament MEPs



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### 6 March

EU-Albania: 2nd High Level Dialogue progress and commitment to EU integration

### 8 March

'Turkey: the 2013 progress report and beyond' (European Parliamentary Research Service Report)

## Eastern Partnership

### 4 March

Commissioner Füle on EU support for Georgia following meeting with Foreign Minister Maia Panjikidze

EU-Georgia: Financial support to strengthen democratic institutions

Commissioner Füle speech on EU-Georgia relations: myths and true benefits of the Association Agreement



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## Situation in Ukraine

### 3 March

EU condemns Russia's actions in Ukraine, calls for dialogue and remains ready for further measures

Foreign Affairs Council conclusions on Ukraine



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G7 Leaders Statement condemning the Russian Federation's violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine

Ukraine's Crimea envoy asks EU to move beyond expressing solidarity to action

Discussion on Ukraine with Pia Ahrenkilde Hansen: EU united in condemning Russia, claims European Commission (EU policy video by viEUws)

#### 4 March

'Ukraine: the way out of the crisis' (Discussion with K. Fleckenstein, chair of the delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, and P. Kowal, chair of the delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Cooperation Committee)

#### 5 March

EU freezes misappropriated Ukrainian state funds

Remarks by President Barroso on Ukraine

Commission's proposals for short & medium term economic & financial support for Ukraine

#### 6 March

Extraordinary meeting of EU Heads of State or Government on Ukraine sees Russia's actions condemned and actions agreed

Remarks by President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy following the extraordinary meeting of EU Heads of State or Government on Ukraine

EEAS Factsheet on EU-Ukraine relations

Council Decision concerning restrictive measures against Ukraine (Declassified)

Council Regulation (EU) No 208/2014 of 5 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine

#### 7 March

'Three scenarios for Ukraine' (EU-ISS Alert by N. Popescu)

### Trade and Investment

Annual Report from the European Commission on the Implementation of the EU-Korea Free Trade Agreement

#### 3 March

Trade Commissioner De Gucht on opportunities from globalisation for European companies



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The EU's trade policy, five years after the Lisbon Treaty (in-depth analysis by R. Bendini, EP Directorate-General for External Policies)522329\_EN.pdf)

#### 5 March

EU proposes responsible trading strategy for minerals from conflict zones

FAQ on the responsible sourcing of minerals originating from conflict-affected and high-risk areas: towards an integrated EU approach

Trade Commissioner De Gucht: Ensuring minerals from conflict zones are sourced responsibly

Proposal for a Regulation of the EP and the Council setting up a Union system for supply chain due diligence & certification for minerals originating from conflict affected and high-risk areas

Discussion on the TTIP with Susan Danger, Managing Director of the American Chamber of Commerce to the EU: American business confident no issue can derail talks (EU policy video by viEUws)

#### 6 March

Discussion on the TTIP with Anna Fielder, senior policy advisor of the Transatlantic Consumer Dialogue: EU & US consumers want ISDS out (EU policy video by viEUws)

### CFSP & CSDP

#### 4 March

Council authorises Member States to ratify the Arms Trade Treaty



Speech by President Barroso at high-level conference on

### 5 March

'South Sudan: The Roots and Prospects of a Multifaceted Crisis' (briefing by M. Manrique Gil, EP Directorate-General for External Policies) 522328\_EN.pdf

### 6 March

EU approach to global maritime security: new Joint Communication on an EU Maritime Security Strategy

Q&A on the European Union Maritime Security Strategy

EESC Opinion on the Communication 'Towards a more competitive and efficient defence and security sector'

### 7 March

EU to observe upcoming elections in Afghanistan

'CSDP: getting third states on board' (EU-ISS Brief by T. Tardy)

'Defence budgets: Europe's Maginot moment?' (EU-ISS Brief by O. de France)

### 9 March

Remarks by High Representative Catherine Ashton at the end of her visit to Iran

## Development and cooperation

### 4 March

European Parliament MEPs call for EU to pay its humanitarian aid bills

Commissioner Piebalgs announces new EU support for the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda



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### 6 March

Regulation of the EP and of the Council establishing the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps ("EU Aid Volunteers initiative")

EESC Opinion on 'The Involvement of the private sector in the post-2015 development framework' (exploratory opinion)

EESC Opinion on 'Sustainable change in transition societies' (exploratory opinion)

EESC Opinion on 'The European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps: enabling and encouraging citizens from across the Union's Member States to participate in EVHAC' (exploratory opinion requested by the Lithuanian presidency)

## External Dimension of AFSJ

### 3 March

Migratory pressures, Europol/Cepol and future developments among the issues discussed at the Justice and Home Affairs Council of the EU



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Main results of the 3298th Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting, 3-4 March

EU and Tunisia establish their Mobility Partnership

### 6 March

EESC Opinion on 'More inclusive citizenship open to immigrants' (own-initiative opinion)

EESC Opinion on 'Irregular immigration by sea in the Euromed region' (own-initiative opinion)

## EU-Switzerland

### 3 March

Greece's Minister of Home Affairs and President of the JHA Council Michelakis meets with Switzerland's Minister of Justice Sommaruga: EU's four fundamental freedoms form an integral part of EU-Switzerland relations



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## EU Institutions

### 3 March

EU Commission Agenda: Priorities for the week of 3 March 2014 discussed by Pia Ahrenkilde

Hansen (EU policy video by vEUws)

### 6 March

Partial Summary record of the meeting of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs held in Brussels on 3 March 2014

## Events

### 13 March

The Institutional Framework of European Diplomacy (Conference organised by University of Luxembourg in Luxembourg, LU)

### 14 March

Lessons of the Van Rompuy years: What kind of European Council for 2014-19? (Seminar organised by London School of Economics and Political Science European Institute in London, GB)

### 18 March

A New Challenge for the European Parliament in Trade Policy: Transforming power into influence (Event organised by CEPS in Brussels, BE)

### 20-21 March

The ENP in a Comparative Perspective: Key Challenges and Major Lessons (International conference organised by College of Europe in Bruges, BE)

### 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)

### 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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