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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 9/2014 (24 February - 2 March 2014).

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EU Enlargement

24 February

Commissioner Füle advocates for a new approach to investments in the Western Balkans



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European Neighbourhood Policy

27 February

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument

Eastern Partnership

27 February

European Parliament gives green light to visa-free travel for Moldovan citizens



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Commissioner Malmström welcomes EP vote on visa-free travel with Moldova

Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Azerbaijan on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation

Situation in Ukraine

24 February

Joint proposal from the EU Commission & High Representative for a Council Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Ukraine



25 February

© Mission of Ukraine to the EU

Civil Society Platform for a democratic Ukraine launched (by EESC)

Remarks by EU High Representative Ashton at the end of her visit to Ukraine

26 February

EU high Representative Ashton holds a high level meeting on Ukraine

European Parliament MEPs urge support for democracy in Ukraine

EU efforts for political and financial support to Ukraine discussed by EU High Representative Ashton and President of the EU General Affairs Council Venizelos

Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy Füle on the EU's response to events in Ukraine

27 February

European Parliament MEPs urge the EU to assist in the financial rescue of Ukraine and to enact targeted sanctions

28 February

Statement by Trade Commissioner De Gucht: "The EU is ready when Ukraine is ready"

2 March

Statement by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Venizelos concluding his visit to Ukraine

Trade and Investment

24 February

Brussels Briefing on Trade Feb. 24 - Mar. 10. (EU policy video by vEUws)

26 February

New action plan for monitoring the functioning of preferential trade arrangements

28 February

Informal Foreign Affairs Council (Trade): Ensuring transparency in transatlantic transactions a top priority for the EU

Statement by Trade Commissioner De Gucht on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership following the Informal Foreign Affairs Council (Trade)

Energy & Transport

25 February

Remarks by Commissioner Maria Damanaki at the Plenary Panel 'The Ocean as the New Economic Frontier' at the World Ocean Summit



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'EU and sub-Saharan Africa: an energy partnership?' (EU-ISS Report by G. Stang and S. Bössner)

CFSP & CSDP

24 February

'EU response to Iraq's degenerating situation' (Overview by European Parliamentary Research Service)



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EU's military training mission for Somalia (EUTM Somalia) starts training activities in Mogadishu

Six-monthly progress report on the implementation of the EU Strategy against the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

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President Barroso meets African Heads of State while in Nigeria

Speech delivered by President Barroso on the centenary of the unification of Nigeria: EU-Nigeria and EU-Africa relations

Venezuela: European Parliament MEPs call for peaceful and respectful dialogue as the only way

out of the crisis

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an instrument contributing to stability and peace

Development and cooperation

25 February

EU Aid Volunteers: the initiative takes shape

Commission ECHO detailed factsheet: EU Aid Volunteers



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Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Partnership Instrument for cooperation with third countries

External Dimension of AFSJ

26 February

European Parliament backs EU-Turkey deal to return clandestine migrants



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Migration deal with Turkey: "It won't affect refugees in need of real protection" (Q&A with Renate Sommer, member of the EPP group who wrote the resolution)

27 February

Commissioner Malmström on the European Parliament vote: visa-free travel for the nationals of 19 third countries moves one step closer

ECJ press release on the Judgment in Case C-79/13 *Federaal agentschap voor de opvang van asielzoekers v Selver Saciri and Others*

ECJ Judgment in Case C-79/13 *Federaal agentschap voor de opvang van asielzoekers v Selver Saciri and Others*: Directive 2003/9/EC – Minimum standards for the reception of asylum seekers in the Member States - Time-limits for material reception conditions - Size of the aid granted

28 February

Migratory pressures, border security, data protection and the European Public Prosecutor on the Justice and Home Affairs Council agenda



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Human Rights

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Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financing instrument for democracy and human rights worldwide

EU-Switzerland

25 February

EU cannot accept cherry-picking by Switzerland, European Parliament debate concludes



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Statement by Commissioner Andor to the European Parliament plenary session on developments following the Swiss Referendum on 9th February

EU-Brazil

24 February

7th EU-Brazil Summit looks at economic issues & global challenges



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The 7th EU-Brazil Summit in Brussels (video by the European Council)

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'The EU and Brazil: a natural partnership?' (EU-ISS Report by D. Edler and E. Lazarou)

EU Institutions

24 February

EU Commission Agenda: Priorities for the week of 24 Feb. 2014 discussed by Alejandro Ulzurrun de Asanza y Muñoz (EU policy video by viEUws)

27 February

Summary report of the extraordinary meeting of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)

Events

Seminar & workshops on the rights of Third Country Nationals under EU bilateral treaties (Seminar organised by Research Centre Immigration & Asylum Law of the University of Konstanz and Özyeğin University in Istanbul, TR)

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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