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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 8/2014 (17-23 February 2014).

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EU Enlargement

18 February

Commissioner for Enlargement Štefan Füle expresses his deep disappointment on Sejdić-Finci ECtHR ruling implementation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Evangelos Venizelos began visit to Western Balkan states and met with Serbia's President Tomislav Nikolić

19 February

Deputy PM and FME. Venizelos meets with Kosovo's Prime Minister Hashim Thaçi

21 February

Deputy PM and FME. Venizelos wrapped up visit to Western Balkans and met with Albania's Foreign Minister Ditmir Bushati

Eastern Partnership

20 February

EU Commission launches negotiations with Georgia to join the Energy Community

21 February

EESC president visits Gagauzia in Moldova following the referendum supporting integration into a customs union with Russia



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Situation in Ukraine

19 February

Statement by President Barroso on Ukraine



Statement on behalf of the European Council on the situation in Ukraine



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20 February

Background note of the Extraordinary Foreign Affairs Council on the situation in Ukraine

Foreign Affairs Council conclusions on Ukraine

21 February

Ukraine: EU agrees on targeted sanctions

Remarks by EU High Representative Ashton in reaction to the agreement signed between President of Ukraine Yanukovich and the opposition leaders

22 February

EU High Representative Ashton on the latest developments in Ukraine

Euro-Mediterranean Partnership

19 February

Overview of Euro-Mediterranean industrial cooperation in light of the ninth ministerial meeting

Commissioner Füle on the importance of working together in the Mediterranean



Trade and Investment

17 February

EU to chair plurilateral talks for the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) in Geneva

18 February

Council discusses draft regulation aimed at reforming the information and promotion policy of agricultural products in the EU and beyond

EU Trade Commissioner De Gucht taking stock of the progress made on the TTIP

21 February

Commissioner for Trade De Gucht on the EU's common commercial policy as a driver for growth

CFSP & CSDP

17 February

EU pledges €12 million to the OPCW trust fund to support the destruction of Syria's chemical stockpiles

EU HR Catherine Ashton at the UN Security Council: EU is committed partner for UN in search for international peace



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Declaration by the High Representative Catherine Ashton, on the review of EU-Zimbabwe relations

21 February

Statement by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative Ashton on the elections in Libya

EU Defence ministers support the way forward for CSDP and EU operations

Development and cooperation

EU report marks 10 years of the EU-UNDP Strategic Partnership: 'Towards a Life of Dignity for All'

18 February

EESC conference calls for a new global partnership for poverty eradication and sustainable development

20 February

7th EU-Brazil Summit: A Strategic Partnership

21 February

'Engaging Cuba' (EU-ISS Alert by S. Gratius)



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External Dimension of AFSJ

17 February

Council adopts a directive on third-country seasonal workers



20 February

Coreper approves new rules for the surveillance of the EU external sea borders

MEPs endorse search and rescue rules to prevent further deaths at sea

21 February

EDPS opinion: Enforcing EU data protection law essential for rebuilding trust between EU-US

EU's external migration policy: a bolder approach (by the EU Commission)

EU Commission's Report on the implementation of the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility 2012-2013

22 February

'Entry and residence of third-country nationals for research and study purposes' (Overview by EP Research Service)



Human Rights

19 February

Brussels Digital Agenda Briefing video: Overview of the latest policy developments (by J. Baker, vEUws)

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EU-Switzerland

17 February

EU punishes Switzerland: freezes research grants and Swiss involvement in Erasmus - discussion with Pia Ahrenkilde Hansen from the EU Commission (EU policy video by vEUws)



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EU Institutions

17 February

EU Commission Agenda: Priorities for the week of 17 Feb. 2014 discussed by Pia Ahrenkilde Hansen (EU policy video by vEUws)

21 February

Summary record of the meeting of the EP Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET) held in Brussels on 17 February 2014

Events

27-28 February

The Rule of Law: A Strategic Priority of the European Union's External Action (ROLA) (Conference organised by Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, Leuven, BE)

Call for papers: 1 March

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)

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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