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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 5/2014 (27 January-2 February 2014).

Kind regards,

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Eastern Partnership

28 January

Council conclusions on customs cooperation with Eastern Neighbouring Countries



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'Horizon 2014: eastern Europe' (EU-ISS Alert by Nicu Popescu)

Trade and Investment

The future of free trade agreements in the Euromed region after the Arab Spring

27 January

Expert group to advise European Commission on EU-US trade talks

28 January

Brussels Trade Briefing video: overview of the EU's most pressing trade issues (by L. Vaudin d'Imécourt)

29 January

Trade priorities of the Greek EU Presidency, discussed by Greek Deputy Minister for Development and Competitiveness Mtarachi (video)

30 January

EU-US revised Memorandum of Understanding on importation of beef from animals not treated with certain growth-promoting hormones and increased duties applied by the US to certain EU products

CFSP & CSDP

Regional Briefing on East Africa by the EP Directorate-



General for External Policies

29 January

EU chairs meeting of international Contact Group on Piracy



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Summary record of the meeting of the EP Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE)

The Arms Trade Treaty: ratification and beyond (Overview by EP Research Service)

31 January

EU to announce new support for security and elections in the Central African Republic

2 February

Crisis in Central African Republic: the EU response (Overview by EP Research Service)

Development and cooperation

27 January

EU released €140 million to support development in Guinea



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External Dimension of AFSJ

29 January

Commissioner Malmström on achievements and future challenges in AFSJ

Summary of the meeting of the EP Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)



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ECJ judgment in Case C-285/12 *Diakité*: Directive 2004/83/EC – 'Internal armed conflict' – Interpretation independent of international humanitarian law

Human Rights

28 January

Declassified Draft Council Decision authorising the Commission to negotiate the Accession Agreement of the EU to the ECHR



EU - Russia

28 January

EU-Russia summit focuses on Eastern Partnership and combatting terrorism

Statement by President Barroso following the EU-Russia Summit

Events

6 February

EEAS 2.0: Recommendations for the amendment of Council Decision 2010/427/EU on the European External Action Service (Event organised by CEPS in Brussels, BE)

20 February

The experiences of the Lithuanian Presidency of the EU Council in the field of external relations (Special lecture organised by CLEER, T.M.C. Asser Instituut and the Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in The Hague, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague, NL)

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)

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 organized by EUI in Florence, IT)

22-24 May

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

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