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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 4/2014 (20-26 January 2014).

Kind regards,

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## EU Enlargement

### 20 January

EIB and Serbia sign EUR 150 million loan for SMEs



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### 21 January

First Accession Conference with Serbia

Foreign Affairs Committee MEPs Resolutions on progress of FYROM, Montenegro and Bosnia & Herzegovina

Statement by President Barroso following the meeting with Prime Minister Erdoğan of Turkey

## Eastern Partnership

Myths about the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement - Setting the facts straight (by EU Commission)

EESC says no to repression of the EuroMaidan movement in Kiev



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### 20 January

Foreign Affairs Council Conclusions on Ukraine

### 23 January

Commissioner Štefan Füle in Moldova on results of EU's support to agriculture and rural development

## EUROMED

### 20 January

Foreign Affairs Council Conclusions on Syria

L'Union européenne en faveur d'une meilleure gouvernance environnementale en Tunisie (in

French)

Additional €20 million to support Jordan in Syria refugee crisis

Supporting human rights-based migration management and asylum system in Libya

'EU, the Mediterranean and the Middle East – In Focus' (by E. Pichon, EPRS)

## Trade and Investment

### 20 January

'From bananas to solar panels: when trade conflicts turn bad' (Article by EP)

### 21 January

Commission to consult European public on provisions in EU-US trade deal on investment and investor-state dispute settlement

International trade EP MEPs back plans to beef up EU response to unfair imports

### 22 January

EU Trade Commissioner on TTIP: Where do we stand on the hottest topics in the current debate?

Summary record of the meeting of the EP Committee on International Trade (INTA)

### 23 January

'EU-US trade agreement (TTIP / TAFTA)' (Overview by EP Research Service)

### 24 January

EU in joint launch of WTO negotiations for green goods agreement

## Energy & Transport

### 24 January

Agreement between the EU and Macao Special Administrative Region of China on certain aspects of air services

## CFSP & CSDP

### 20 January

EU suspends certain sanctions on Iran as Joint Plan of Action enters into force

Foreign Affairs Council Conclusions on Afghanistan



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### 21 January

'Human rights applied to CSDP operations and missions' (Briefing by EP Research Service)

### 24 January

Results of the Informal Meeting of EU Defence Policy Directors in Athens

Terrorism, border security and future developments discussed in Informal Meeting of JHACouncil in Athens

'EUFOR RCA Bangui: "defence matters"' (EU-ISS Alert by Th. Tardy)

'Horizon 2014: sub-Saharan Africa' (EU-ISS Alert by T. Koepf and J. Daemers)

'Horizon 2014: the Arab world' (EU-ISS Alert by F. Gaub)

## Development and cooperation

### 20 January

Foreign Affairs Council Conclusions on South Sudan

First meeting of the Cooperation Council between the EU-Iraq: future commitments for development cooperation



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EU confirms its support for development, integration and promotion of peace and stability in Central Africa

## External Dimension of AFSJ

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Greek Presidency priorities on legal migration presented at EP LIBE Committee



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## Human Rights

**23 January**

EP Subcommittee on Human Rights concerns on human rights situation in Russia

## EU - Switzerland

**20 January**

Cooperation Agreement between the EU and the Swiss Confederation on the European Satellite Navigation Programmes

## EU in the World

**21 January**

EU Commission's General Report on the activities of the EU: Chapter 5 - Aspects of EU external relations

## Events

**30 January**

Eastern Partnership: In need of a re-boot in 2014? (Event organised by CEPS in Brussels, BE)

**30-31 January**

Crisis, Ideas and Policy Transformation: Experts and Expertise in European International Organisations, 1973-1987 (Conference organised by Maastricht University in Maastricht, NL)

**31 January**

NATO's Strategic Challenges: Peace, Perdurance and Transatlantic Unity (Conference organised by College of Europe in Bruges, BE)

CSDP Strategy CRN Workshop (Workshop organised by Maastricht University in Maastricht, NL)

**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)

**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)

**22-24 May**

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

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