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# **EU Enlargement**

EU Candidate and Pre-Accession Countries' Economies Quarterly– CCEQ No. 4/2013 (by EU Commission)

The EESC and the Western Balkans



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## 14 January

Regulation concerning certain procedures for applying the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the EU and Serbia - Statement of the Council's reasons

#### 15 January

Commissioner Štefan Füle on Iceland's accession negotiation process

Commissioner for Enlargement on Serbia's and Kosovo's progress reports and European future

#### 16 January

EU - Kosovo Structured Dialogue on the Rule of Law

## 17 January

Declaration updating the EU-Western Balkans commitment to fight against drugs

# **Eastern Partnership**

## 18 January

Agreement between the EU and Georgia establishing a framework for the participation of Georgia in EU crisis management operations



# **European Neighbourhood Policy**

## 14 January

EU pledges additional funding of €165 million for humanitarian aid in Syria as needs continue to rise

# **Trade and Investment**

## 17 January

EU and Vietnam hold sixth round of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) talks

## **CFSP & CSDP**

Impetus - Magazine of the EU MIitary Staff latest issue (by EEAS)

## 15 January

EU Commission adopts Communication to strengthen the EU's response to radicalisation and violent extremism



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## **Development and cooperation**

## 14 January

'European Union development assistance to Central Asia' - EU Court of Auditors Special Report 13/2013

#### 17 January

EU Commission Fact sheet - Central African Republic

# **External Dimension of AFSJ**

## 16 January

ECJ Judgments in Cases C-378/12 and C-400/12 -Periods in prison cannot be taken into account for the purposes of the acquisition of a permanent residence permit or with a view to the grant of enhanced protection against expulsion



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ECJ Judgment in Case C-423/12 Reyes v Mgrationsverket - Concept of a third-country national dependent of an EU citizen

#### 17 January

17th Meeting of the EU-Russia PPC on Freedom, Security and Justice in Moscow



# **Human Rights**

## 16 January

EP Resolutions on activists in Cambodia, Somphone case in Laos, elections in Bangladesh, LGBTI rights

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# EU - US

## 15 January

EU Justice Commissioner on the future of the Safe Harbour Agreement in the light of the NSA affair

## 17 January

Statement by EU Commission Spokeswoman on U.S. President Obama's remarks on the review of U.S. intelligence programmes

# **Events**

# 24 January

Russian growth: Stifled by structural challenges (Event organised by CEPS in Brussels, BE)

#### 28 January

Seminario sobre Estrategia Global Europea (Seminar organised by ECFR in Madrid, ES)

## 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 T.M.C. Asser Instituut, CLEER 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: AStrategic Priority of the European Union's External Action (ROLA) (Conference organised by Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, Leuven, 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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