# Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER)

# News Service week 8/2013

# (18 - 24 February 2013)

* ***EU ENLARGEMENT***

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| **19 February** | MEPs say Croatia ready to become 28th member state ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **19 February** | Press Release: MEPs want accession talks with Iceland completed when both sides are ready ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY***

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| **18 February** | Council conclusions on the Eastern Partnership Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **19 February** | MEPs say Armenia's presidential elections were calm but the campaign lacked substantive political debate and real competition ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **19 February** | Press Release: EUR 50 million of Macro-Financial Assistance for Bosnia and Herzegovina, more concrete reforms expected ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **20 February** | EU-Belarus discussing ways to strengthen European Dialogue on Modernisation Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21 February** | Press Release: Revised visa agreement makes it easier for Ukrainians to travel to the EU Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***TRADE AND INVESTMENT***

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| **18 February** | Overview of the EU's free trade agreements ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21 February** | Press Release: MEPs excited at prospect of EU-US trade talks but warn of difficulties ahead ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **22 February** | Summary record of the meeting of the European Parliament Committee on International Trade ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **EP Library** | Overview of key sources on the EU-US future Free Trade Agreement ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***CFSP***

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| **18 February** | Council conclusions on Mali ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **18 February** | Council conclusions on Syria ArticlesIcon1.jpg  |
| **18 February** | Main results of the Foreign Affairs Council meeting ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **18 February** | The Third Ministerial Meeting of the Renewed Northern Dimension ArticlesIcon1.jpg  |
| **22 February** | MEPs say EU must use its existing foreign policy tools much more efficiently and it must devise a new security strategy ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **EU ISS Brief** | Strategic foresight – and the EU (by A. Missiroli) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***CSDP***

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| **18 February** | EU Training Mission in Mali launched ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **18 February** | Council Decision 2013/87/CFSP on the launch of a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21 February** | MEPs say the European defence industry's role in ensuring the EU's strategic independence must come before competitiveness ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **22 February** | Summary record of the joint meeting of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Subcommittee on Security and Defense ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **EP Opinion** | Opinion on the Recommendation to the Council on the UN principle of the ‘Responsibility to Protect’ (R2P) (by M. Cashman) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION***

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| **19 February** | Press Release: Post-crisis challenges in Mali and Syria discussed with Commissioner Georgieva ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **19 February** | EU allocates an extra EUR 22 million humanitarian aid to victims of conflict in Mali ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **20 February** | Commissioner Piebalgs to launch new food security and energy projects during his visit to Burundi ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **20 February** | Overview of the EU development work in Burundi ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF AFSJ***

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| **18 February** | New EU initiative to fight organised crime and human trafficking at EU borders ArticlesIcon1.jpg  |
| **20 February** | Frontex Programme of Work 2013 ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **ECJ Case-law**  | Opinion AG in case C-648/11, *MA and others* v. *Secretary of State for the Home Department* (Dublin II Regulation – Determining the Member State responsible for examining asylum applications lodged by unaccompanied minors who are third-country nationals – Several applications – Best interests of the minor) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **ECJ Case-law** | Judgment in case C-23/12, *Mohamed Zakaria* (Schengen Borders Code – Alleged violation of the right to respect for human dignity) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EU – Human Rights***

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| **18 February** | Council conclusions on EU priorities at the UN Human Rights Fora ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EU – China***

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| **EESC Opinion** | Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on ‘An emerging civil society in China: civil society’s contribution to the EU-China Year of Intercultural Dialogue and its enduring impact’ ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EU – North Korea***

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| **18 February** | Council reinforces EU sanctions against North Korea ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***VACANCIES & EVENTS***

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| **24 – 28 February** | The Future of EU Foreign Policy: Responsibility to Engage at a Time of Global Crisis (Seminar organised by the Montesquieu Instituut, Institute for Cultural Diplomacy, Brussels, BE) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **4 – 5 March** | Strategic Partnership? EU-China Relations under a New Leadership (Workshop organised by EU-China Collaborative Research Network, Beijing, CN) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **7 – 8 March** | 40 years since the First Enlargement (Conference organised by the Academic Association for the Contemporary European Studies (UACES), London, UK) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21 – 22 March** | The Neighbours of the EU's Neighbours: Legal, Political, Security and Socio-Economic Challenges beyond the ENP (Conference organised by the **Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies**, College of Europe, Bruges, BE) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **26 – 27 March**  | **‘Don't Stop Me Now’ Europe: A Progressive Continent? (7th Annual conference organised by the University of Birmingham, UK)** Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **5 – 8 April**  | Europe: Crisis and Renewal (Conference organised by the **British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies** and the **International Council for Central and East European Studies, Cambridge, UK)** Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **15 – 16 April**  | Russia and the EU: The Future of Europe and Eurasia (Conference organised by the **Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Europe, Moscow, RU)** Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **17 April** | Enhancing the Intercultural Dialogue between Europe and Africa to Promote the Stability and Economic Development within the two Continents (Seminar organised by the Montesquieu Instituut, Institute for Cultural Diplomacy, Brussels, BE) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **19 April**  | EU environmental norms and third countries: the EU as a global role model? (Workshop organised by the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER), T.M.C. Asser Instituut and the European Environmental Law (EEL) Network, The Hague, NL) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **22 April** | The EU-Ukraine Association Agreement: Towards a New Era of Integration without Membership (Conference organised by National University of ‘Kyiv-Mohyla Academy’ in cooperation with Ghent University and University of Groningen, Kyiv, UA) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg  |
| **25 – 26 April** | What is a Workable Immigrant Integration Policy? And How Can It be Measured? (Seminar organised by the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), Maastricht, NL) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **29 – 30 April** | The EU and Emerging Powers (Conference organised by College of Europe, Ghent University, Université Catholique de Louvain, Université de Liège, the Institute for European Studies, the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and the Institute for European Studies, European Parliament, Brussels, BE) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **6 May** | How to Legally Accommodate Variable Geometry in EU External Action? (Conference organised by Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), the Centre for European Constitutionalization and Security (CECS), the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, the Amsterdam Centre for Euro-pean Law and Governance (ACELG) and the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER), Brussels, BE) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **13 May**  | The Impact of EU Membership since 1973 (Conference organised by the Academic Association for the Contemporary European Studies, London, UK) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **22 May**  | The EU and the Global Crisis: Challenges to EU Governance, Policy Responses and the Legitimacy Gap (Workshop organised by Sciences Po Paris, the Jean Monnet Chair of the University of Cologne, the Trans European Policy Studies Association and the Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Paris, FR) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **5 – 8 June**  | New Approaches to Understanding Contemporary Global Energy Relations (Workshop organised by the European International Studies Association, Tartu, EE) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21 June** | European Union: Solidarity in Question (Conference organised by the Centre of European Law, King's College London, UK) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **25 – 27 June** | Analyzing the Evolution of Policy Agendas: In Europe and North America (Mini-symposium organised by the Montesquieu Instituut in cooperation with the University of Barcelona and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Amsterdam, NL) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **1 – 5 July** | European and Transnational Rulemaking (Workshop organised by the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance, University of Amsterdam, NL) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **18 – 21 September** | The politics of foreign aid (8th Pan-European Conference on International Relations organised by the ECPR Standing Group on International Relations and EISA, the Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw and the Polish Association for International Studies, Warsaw, PL) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **Call for Papers: Deadline** **1 March** | The EU as a model of soft power in the Eastern neighbourhood (Conference organised on 15-17 May by Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iaşi, Centre for European Studies, Iaşi, RO) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **Call for Papers:** **Deadline** **8 March** | Greening Economics, Greening Society: What is the Role of the EU? 9 – 10 May (Conference organised by the Centre for Research on the European Matrix (CRonEM), Guildford, UK) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **Call for Papers: Deadline** **15 March** | EU Emergency Policies 6 – 7 June (ReSHAPE annual workshop organised by the Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Catania, IT) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **EIB Internship:****Deadline** **28 February** | The Eastern Partnership Internship Programme (The European Investment Bank) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **PhD Vacancy:****Deadline****1 March** | PhD position for project on 'External Action in a Multi-Tier European Union’, at the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance (ACELG), University of Amsterdam, NL Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

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