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# (4 - 17 February 2013)

* ***EU ENLARGEMENT***

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| **7 February** | MEPs say Kosovo needs to make rapid reforms in the rule of law, protection of minorities, administrative capacities and trade ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **7 February** | MEPs say accession talks with Serbia can start before June 2013 ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **8 February** | Report from the Commission on progress by Kosovo in fulfilling the requirements of the visa liberalisation roadmap ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY***

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| **13 February** | EU and Georgia signed financing agreement to support reform process Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***TRADE AND INVESTMENT***

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| **7 February** | Press Release: EU welcomes the re-opening of the Japanese market for EU beef after 12 years ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **11 February** | EU backs new transparency standards for investor-state dispute settlement ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **11 February** | Final report of the US-EU High Level Working Group on Jobs and Growth ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **13 February** | EU and the US to launch negotiations for a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **15 February** | Commission proposes to open plurilateral trade negotiations on services ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EU EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION***

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| **5 February** | High Representative Ashton announces an appointment of Vygaudas Usackas as the new Head of Delegation to the Russian Federation ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY***

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| **7 February** | Commission staff working document - Report on the protection and enforcement ofintellectual property rights in third countries ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***CFSP***

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| **6 February** | Summary record of the meeting of the European Parliament Committee on ForeignAffairs ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **9 February** | Six-monthly Progress Report on the implementation of the EU Strategy against the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (2012/II) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **ECJ Case Law** | Judgment in case T-494/10, *Bank Saderat Iran* v. *Council* (Restrictive measures against Iran with the aim of preventing nuclear proliferation – Freezing of funds) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***CSDP***

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| **5 February** | EU hosts a ministerial meeting of the Support and Follow-Up Group on the situation in Mali ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **5 February** | Press Release: Irish Minister for Trade and Development Costello presses for closer international cooperation in response to crisis in Mali ArticlesIcon1.jpg  |
| **8 February** | Advance party of EUTM Mali arrives in Bamako ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **11 February** | Press Release: Defence Ministers to focus Dublin discussions on Mali, the Horn of Africa and the EU-UN partnership ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **13 February** | Press Release: EU Defence Ministers renew their commitment to support UN Peacekeeping ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION***

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| **5 February** | MEPs approve EUR 40 million for banana producers in the EU outermost regions ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **6 February** | MEPs say slashing development aid would hurt world’s poorest ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **12 February** | EU resumes its development cooperation with Mali ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **13 February** | Commission Regulation No 127/2013 amending Annexes I and II to Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **14 February** | MEPs say EU and its member states should continue providing support to respond to the massive Syrian refugee crisis ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **15 February** | EU releases extra EUR 20 million crisis response and stabilisation support package for Mali ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **EU ISS** **Policy Brief** | Water as a stress factor in ­sub-Saharan Africa (by A. Freitas) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF AFSJ***

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| **EP Opinion** | Opinion on the proposal for a Council decision on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the EU (by P. Boulland) ArticlesIcon1.jpg  |
| **FRONTEX** | FRAN Quarterly 03/2012 ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***ASSESSMENT OF EU EXTERNAL ACTION IN 2012***

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| **ECFR****Scorecard** | European Council on Foreign Relations: European Foreign Policy Scorecard 2013 ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EU – Human Rights***

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| **7 February** | Parliament discusses human rights situation in Pakistan, Laos and Zimbabwe ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EU – Arab Spring***

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| **8 February** | EU's response to the Arab Spring: the state-of-play after two years ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***EU – Turkey***

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| **5 February** | MEPs support Turkish government's talks with former Kurdistan Workers' Party chief Abdullah Öcalan ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **14 February** | EU-Turkey: Commission for Enlargement Füle with Minister Şahin about progress on women's rights ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

* ***VACANCIES & EVENTS***

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| **21 – 22 February**  | Thinking out of the Box: Devising New European Policies to Face the Arab Spring (Conference organised by University of Minho, Braga, PT) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21– 23** **February**  | Europe Inside-Out: Europe and Europeaness Exposed to Plural Observers (Conference organised by Euroacademia, Athens, GR) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **22 February**  | The External Dimension of EU Counter-terrorism Policy (Conference organised by the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER) and the International Centre for Counter Terrorism (ICCT)-The Hague in cooperation with the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, Brussels, BE) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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** **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 |
| **Call for Papers:****Deadline** **24 February** | The politics of foreign aid 18 – 21 September (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 |
| **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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