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# (17 December 2012 – 13 January 2013)

* ***EU ENLARGEMENT***

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| **18 December** | 5th meeting of the Accession conference with Iceland at ministerial level [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/genaff/134419.pdf) |
| **21 December** | EU to invest EUR 84,8 million for reforms in Bosnia and Herzegovina [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1435_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **21 December** | Renewed EU funding to support on-going reforms in Serbia [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1398_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **10 January** | Commission allocates EUR 65 million to support Kosovo's efforts to implement its EU-reform agenda [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-13-19_en.htm?locale=en) |

* ***EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY***

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| **17 December** | EU-Armenia agreement on facilitating the issuing of visas [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/er/134402.pdf) |
| **17 December** | 13th EU – Azerbaijan Cooperation Council [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/er/134395.pdf) |
| **20 December** | Commission approves EUR 25 million package to support transition in Libya [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1431_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **21 December** | EU to support Ukraine for energy reform and local development [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1437_en.htm?locale=en) |

* ***TRADE AND INVESTMENT***

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| **17 December** | Strategy for the future customs law enforcement co-operation [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st17/st17778.en12.pdf) |
| **18 December** | Summary record of the meeting of the European Parliament Committee on International Trade [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st17/st17969.en12.pdf) |
| **18 December** | Commission proposes improved rules to enforce EU rights under international trade agreements [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1390_en.htm) |
| **19 December** | EU welcomes bilateral deal on Bosnia and Herzegovina’s WTO accession [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=858) |
| **19 December** | EU approves New Zealand’s data protection standards in step to boost trade [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1403_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **8 January** | Commission adopts a Communication on customs risk management and the security of the supply chain [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-13-7_en.htm?locale=en) |

* ***AVIATION***

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| **20 December** | Council conclusions on The EU's External Aviation Policy - Addressing future  challenges [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/trans/134518.pdf) |

* ***CFSP***

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| **18 December** | Opinion of the Committee of the Regions on ‘Global Europe: a new approach to financing EU external action’ [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2012:391:0110:0119:EN:PDF) |
| **EU ISS**  **Policy Brief** | UNSCR 1540 and the EU: reinforcing national responsibilities (by Ch. Beaucillon) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.iss.europa.eu/uploads/media/PolicyBrief_10.pdf) |
| **EU ISS Report** | Look East, Act East: transatlantic agendas in the Asia Pacific (by P. Pawlak et al.) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.iss.europa.eu/uploads/media/Final_Report_13LEAE.pdf) |

* ***CSDP***

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| **18 December** | Political and Security Committee Decision Atalanta/4/2012 on the appointment of an EU Operation Commander for the European Union military operation off the Somali coast (Atalanta) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:352:0046:0046:EN:PDF) |
| **10 January** | New EU initiative to combat piracy in the Gulf of Guinea [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-13-14_en.htm) |
| **EP Study** | The army consolidates its position in Bamako (by V. Ramet) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/studiesdownload.html?languageDocument=EN&file=79810) |

* ***DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION***

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| **17 December** | EU to join efforts with the World Bank to develop water and energy in Central Asia [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1402_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **17 December** | 150 million people benefitted from EU Food Facility, new evaluation report shows [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1384_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **18 December** | EU to start a new humanitarian project for children in Syria, Colombia, Pakistan, DRC and Ethiopia [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://ec.europa.eu/echo/news/2012/20121218_en.htm) |
| **18 December** | New European programme to give 1 million people improved access to water and sanitation in Côte d'Ivoire [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1365_en.htm) |
| **19 December** | EU announces support to renewable energy and water plant in Djibouti [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1405_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **20 December** | Commission releases additional EUR 2 million to provide emergency humanitarian assistance to Palestinian refugees arriving from Syria in Lebanon [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1443_en.htm) |
| **21 December** | EU launches new platform for blending funds in external cooperation [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/articles/financial_operations/pdf/2012-12-21-blending-funds_en.pdf) |
| **21 December** | EU resumes development cooperation with Guinea [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1401_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **1 January** | New Food Assistance Convention comes into force [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://ec.europa.eu/echo/news/2013/20130101_en.htm) |
| **10 January** | Commission adopts plan for the allocation of humanitarian aid funding for 2013 [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-13-15_en.htm) |
| **EP Study** | Down to the Wire in Bahrain: Last Chance for Real Political Reform (by P. Hakala) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/studiesdownload.html?languageDocument=EN&file=79690) |

* ***EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF AFSJ***

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| **18 December** | MEPs say the EU needs strict rules on use of asylum seekers' fingerprint database [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/content/20121213STO04617/html/MEPs-call-for-strict-rules-on-use-of-asylum-seekers'-fingerprint-database) |
| **9 January** | European Court of Auditors Special report No 22/2012 “Do the European Integration Fund and European Refugee Fund contribute effectively to the integration of third-country nationals?” [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/13/st05/st05119.en13.pdf) |
| **ECJ Case Law** | Judgment and Opinion AG in case C-364/11, *Mostafa Abed El Karem El Kott* and other v. *Bevándorlási és Állampolgársági Hivatal* (Minimum standards for determining who qualifies for refugee status or subsidiary protection status) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://curia.europa.eu/juris/document/document.jsf?text=&docid=131971&pageIndex=0&doclang=EN&mode=lst&dir=&occ=first&part=1&cid=1456620) |

* ***EU – Human Rights***

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| **9 January** | Jerzy Pomianowski appointed as the Executive Director of European Endowment for Democracy [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-13-17_en.htm?locale=en) |

* ***EU – China***

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| **20 December** | Committee on Foreign Affairs Report on EU-China relations [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+REPORT+A7-2012-0434+0+DOC+PDF+V0//EN) |

* ***EU – Russia***

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| **21 December** | 30th EU and Russia bilateral summit[ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.european-council.europa.eu/home-page/highlights/30th-eu-russia-summit-a-way-forward?lang=en) |
| **21 December** | Working Arrangement between the European Police College (CEPOL) and the "Academy of Management of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation" [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st18/st18004.en12.pdf) |

* ***EU – EFTA***

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| **20 December** | Council conclusions on EU relations with EFTA countries [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/trans/134523.pdf) |

* ***EVENTS***

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| **13 – 23 January** | MATRA Pre-Accession Training Programme (MATRA PATROL) – Strengthening Institutional capacity in the Rule of Law - Quality, implementation and enforcement of legislation (Training Programme organised by T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague, NL) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.asser.nl/Default.aspx?site_id=1&level1=13692&level2=15352) |
| **18 – 19 January** | Doing Law beyond the State: Exploring Research Methodologies in EU and International Law (Workshop organised by the University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.shef.ac.uk/law/research/clusters/sciel/scielevents/method) |
| **21 January** | Transatlantic Relations. The Nature of Rule-Making. Perspectives on Law and Policy (Workshop organised by the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance, University of Amsterdam, NL) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://acelg.uva.nl/news-events/events/content/workshops/2013/01/transatlantic-relations.html) |
| **31 January** | The Role, Powers and Limitations of the EU institutions: And How to Impact the Decision-Making Process (Seminar organised by Commeunic@te, Brussels, BE) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.supportbase.eu.com/commeunicate.html) |
| **31 January –**  **1 February** | How to Set Up and Implement a Successful Twinning Project in EU Candidate, Potential Candidate and Neighbourhood Countries (Seminar organised by the European Institute of Public Administration, Maastricht, NL) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.eipa.eu/files/repository/product/20121107135348_info_1334101.pdf?utm_source=European+Institute+of+Public+Administration+(EIPA)+List&utm_campaign=65c1498509-Twinning11_7_2012&utm_medium=email) |
| **1 February** | CSDP Strategy: A Reality or Wishful Thinking? (Workshop organised by University of Surrey, UK) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://csdpstrategy.wordpress.com/events/) |
| **8 – 9 February** | Europe’s Vision Twenty Years after Maastricht (Conference organised by **Georgetown University** in **Washington, DC, US)** [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=729) |
| **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](http://nepas-project.net/call-for-papers/) |
| **21– 23**  **February** | Europe Inside-Out: Europe and Europeaness Exposed to Plural Observers (Conference organised by Euroacademia, Athens, GR) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://euroacademia.eu/conference/third-europe-inside-out/) |
| **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](http://www.asser.nl/events.aspx?id=334) |
| **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](https://sites.google.com/site/eurchine/home/events/forthcoming-events/upcomingeu-chinacrnworkshopinbeijing) |
| **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](http://www.euroiccees2013.org/) |
| **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](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=747) |
| **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](http://www.asser.nl/events.aspx?id=341) |
| **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](http://events.uaces.org/events/evolvingeurope/impact/) |
| **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](http://www.sgir.eu/upcoming.php) |
| **21 June** | European Union: Solidarity in Question (Conference organised by the Centre of European Law, King’s College London, UK) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=727) |
| **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](http://acelg.uva.nl/news-events/events/content/workshops/2013/07/phd-postdoc---european-and-transnational-rulemaking.html) |
| **14 – 18 October** | EU Diplomacy (Training course organised by College of Europe, Bruges, BE) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.uaces.org/events/calendar/event.php?recordID=751) |

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