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

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# (10 – 16 December 2012)

* ***EU ENLARGEMENT***

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| **13 December** | MEPs back Albania’s candidate status but call for key reforms in the judiciary, public administration and the functioning of parliament [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121207IPR04413/html/Albania-yes-to-EU-candidate-status-but-under-certain-conditions) |
| **14 December** | Commission approves the last pre-accession and transition assistance programme for Croatia [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1372_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **14 December** | Commission renews a financial support to reforms in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1371_en.htm?locale=en) |

* ***EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY***

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| **13 December** | MEPs say elections failed to bring Ukraine closer to the EU [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121213IPR04603/html/Elections-failed-to-bring-Ukraine-closer-to-the-EU-say-MEPs) |
| **13 December** | MEPs say Egypt should not succumb to authoritarian reflexes and must protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all of its citizens [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121207IPR04420/html/Egypt-needs-a-strong-constitution-representing-all-its-citizens) |
| **13 December** | EU is increasing its support to Tunisia’s disadvantaged neighbourhoods [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1369_en.htm) |
| **EUROSTAT** | Pocketbook on Euro-Mediterranean statistics: 2012 edition [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-32-12-271/EN/KS-32-12-271-EN.PDF) |

* ***TRADE AND INVESTMENT***

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| **10 December** | EU welcomes Tajikistan's planned accession to the WTO [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1344_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **11 December** | Main results of the 3208th Council meeting on competitiveness [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/intm/134226.pdf) |
| **12 December** | EU takes step to provide legal certainty for investors outside Europe [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1362_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **12 December** | EU gives greater clarity to EU investment rules [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-12-977_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **16 December** | EU and Singapore agree on landmark trade deal [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1380_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **EP Library Briefing** | EU-US trade agreement: the issues of consumer protection and food safety  (by C.-C. Cîrlig) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/bibliotheque/briefing/2012/120393/LDM_BRI(2012)120393_REV1_EN.pdf) |

* ***CFSP***

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| **10 December** | Main results of the 3209th Foreign Affairs Council meeting [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/134152.pdf) |
| **10 December** | Council conclusions on the situation in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/134145.pdf) |
| **10 December** | Council conclusions on Syria [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/134149.pdf) |
| **10 December** | Council conclusions on Mali [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/134144.pdf) |
| **EP Study** | Threats to Sudan's stability mount (by M. Manrique Gil) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/studiesdownload.html?languageDocument=EN&file=79550) |

* ***CSDP***

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| **12 December** | Agreement between the EU and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia establishing a framework for the participation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in EU crisis management operations [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:338:0003:0010:EN:PDF) |

* ***DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION***

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| **10 December** | Commission is to provide additional humanitarian funding of EUR 30 million to help people affected by the Syrian crisis [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1343_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **11 December** | Commission provides EUR 3 million in rapid aid to victims of typhoon in Philippines [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1359_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **12 December** | EU scales up humanitarian aid for Sudan and South Sudan by EUR 30 million [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1360_en.htm) |
| **13 December** | MEPs say EU must do more to help Syrian refugees [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121207IPR04421/html/EU-must-do-more-to-help-Syrian-refugees-MEPs-say) |
| **EUROSTAT** | Workers' remittances in the EU27 nearly EUR 40 billion transferred by migrants to their country of origin in 2011 [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STAT-12-176_en.htm?locale=en) |

* ***EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF AFSJ***

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| **10 December** | Dublin Group Regional Report on Western Balkans [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st15/st15828-re01.en12.pdf) |
| **11 December** | European Court of Auditors: EU programmes for integration of third-country nationals are hampered by complex design and lack of coordination between funds [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_ECA-12-50_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **14 December** | Council and Commission statements - EU preparation for a possible influx of asylum seekers from Syria [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st17/st17832.en12.pdf) |
| **EP Library Briefing** | Transfer of asylum-seekers and fundamental rights (by E.-M. Poptcheva) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/bibliotheque/briefing/2012/120374/LDM_BRI(2012)120374_REV1_EN.pdf) |

* ***EU – Human Rights***

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| **10 December** | EU supports human rights promotion in Morocco [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1346_en.htm) |
| **12 December** | EU awards Sakharov Prize 2012 to two Iranian activists [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121207IPR04404/html/2012-Sakharov-Prize-a-cry-for-justice-and-freedom-in-Iran) |
| **13 December** | Press Release: Parliament is concerned with human rights situation in Congo and caste discrimination in India [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121207IPR04415/html/Human-rights-Democratic-Republic-of-Congo-India) |
| **13 December** | Press Release: Parliament calls for bans on EU exports of information technology that can be used by repressive regimes to censor information [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121207IPR04411/html/Ban-exports-of-information-technology-to-repressive-regimes) |

* ***EU – Middle East***

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| **10 December** | Council conclusions on the Middle East Peace Process [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/134140.pdf) |
| **13 December** | MEPs say Israel's plans to build 3 000 new settlement units in the West Bank and East Jerusalem would make a two-state solution impossible [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121207IPR04412/html/Plans-to-expand-settlements-on-West-Bank-threaten-two-state-solution-MEPs-warn) |
| **EP Study** | Israeli settler violence in Palestine (by M. Pahlmblad) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/studiesdownload.html?languageDocument=EN&file=79522) |

* ***EU – Russia***

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| **13 December** | MEPs say Putin's Russia not yet ready for genuine EU partnership [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121207IPR04416/html/Putin's-Russia-not-yet-ready-for-genuine-EU-partnership-say-MEPs) |

* ***EVENTS***

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| **19 December** | The Politics of the Muslim Brotherhood (Seminar organised by the Clingendael Institute and the Erasmus University, The Hague, NL) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.clingendael.nl/events/20121219/) |
| **7 – 9 January 2013** | Political Representation in the History of International Organisations and European Integration (Conference organised by Aarhus University, Aarhus, DK) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/termine/id=19747) |
| **13 – 23 January 2013** | 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 2013** | 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) |
| **31 January – 1 February 2013** | 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 2013** | 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 2013** | 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 2013** | 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/) |
| **22 February**  **2013** | 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) |
| **19 April 2013** | 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) |
| **5 – 8 June 2013** | New Approaches to Understanding Contemporary Global Energy Relations 5 – 8 June 2013 (Workshop organised by the European International Studies Association, Tartu, EE) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.sgir.eu/upcoming.php) |
| **Call for submissions: 21 December 2012** | Strategic Partnership? EU-China Relations under a New Leadership 4 – 5 March 2013 (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) |

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