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

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# (3 – 9 December 2012)

* ***EU ENLARGEMENT***

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| **5 December** | New EU scheme to facilitate access to financing for SMEs in the Western Balkans [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1323_en.htm?locale=en) |

* ***EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY***

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| **4 December** | MEPs express worries about the sweeping new powers that a recent presidential decree conferred on President Mursi in Egypt [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121203IPR04320/html/Egypt-MEPs-worried-about-President-Mursi's-sweeping-new-powers) |
| **6 December** | EU announces further support for reform of public services and economic growth in Lebanon [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1332_en.htm?locale=en) |

* ***EU PRESIDENCY***

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| **5 December** | Programme of the Irish presidency in the field of consular affairs [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st17/st17366.en12.pdf) |
| **7 December** | 18 month programme of the Council under the future Irish, Lithuanian and Greek presidencies (1 January 2013 - 30 June 2014) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st17/st17426.en12.pdf) |

* ***TRADE AND INVESTMENT***

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| **4 December** | 4th EU-US SME Workshop on small and medium sized enterprises in the EU and US [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item_id=6308&lang=en&tpa_id=0&title=EU/US-transatlantic-cooperation:-Help-SMEs-go-international) |
| **5 December** | Council Resolution on the EU Customs Action Plan to combat intellectual property rights infringements for the years 2013 to 2017 [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st17/st17311.en12.pdf) |
| **6 December** | EU requests WTO dispute settlement panel over Argentina’s import restrictions [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1328_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **6 December** | EU's challenge to Argentina's import restrictions at the WTO [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-12-958_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **6 December** | Development committee adopts a report setting out a plan how to protect genetic resources in developing countries [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/content/20121203STO04309/html/Biopiracy-protecting-genetic-resources-in-developing-countries) |

* ***AVIATION***

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| **6 December** | Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the EU and its Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:334:0003:0030:EN:PDF) |

* ***ENERGY***

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| **6 December** | Commission welcomes decision to grant Moldova more time for energy legislation [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1312_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **EP Study** | Proceedings of the workshop on the "Energy Roadmap 2050: EU External Policies for Future Energy Security" [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/studiesdownload.html?languageDocument=EN&file=79390) |

* ***CFSP***

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| **3 December** | Commission Implementing Regulation No 1142/2012 amending for the 182nd time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the Al Qaida network [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:332:0012:0015:EN:PDF) |
| **3 December** | Summary record of the meeting of the European Parliament Committee on  Foreign Affairs [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st17/st17382.en12.pdf) |
| **EP Study** | [Following-Up on Recommendations of EU Election Observation Missions](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/studies.html) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/studiesdownload.html?languageDocument=EN&file=79410) |

* ***CSDP***

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| **4 December** | CSDP e-newsletter no. 66 [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/134033.pdf) |
| **4 December** | Political and Security Committee Decision EULEX Kosovo/3/2012 on the appointment of the Head of Mission of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo, EULEX KOSOVO [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:334:0046:0046:EN:PDF) |
| **5 December** | European Union Military Experimentation Concept [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st17/st17293.en12.pdf) |
| **6 December** | Political and Security Committee Decision ATALANTA/4/2012 on the appointment of an EU Operation Commander for the European Union military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st16/st16561.en12.pdf) |
| **EU ISS Study** | EU engagement in the Sahel: lessons from Somalia and AfPak (by D. Helly) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.iss.europa.eu/uploads/media/PB__9.pdf) |
| **EU ISS Study** | After austerity: futures for Europe's defence industry (by A. Gilli) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.iss.europa.eu/publications/detail/article/after-austerity-futures-for-europes-defence-industry/) |

* ***DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION***

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| **3 December** | Council Decision extending the application period of Decision 2010/371/EU concerning the conclusion of the consultation procedure with the Republic of Madagascar under Article 96 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:333:0046:0047:EN:PDF) |
| **4 December** | Press Release: Foreign Affairs Committee backs first ever Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with Iraq [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121203IPR04318/html/Foreign-affairs-committee-backs-first-ever-cooperation-deal-with-Iraq) |
| **5 December** | The 7th meeting of civil society organisations from the EU and Latin America in Santiago de Chile [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.news.25374) |
| **6 December** | New regional programmes to support media, culture and private sector development in the Southern Mediterranean [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1331_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **8 December** | Commission increases its relief aid in Mali [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1336_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **EUROSTAT** | The EU in the world 2013 — A statistical portrait [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-30-12-861/EN/KS-30-12-861-EN.PDF) |

* ***EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF AFSJ***

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| **3 December** | Report on the annual accounts of the European Agency for the Management of  Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States for the  financial year 2011 together with the Agency's replies [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st16/st16790.en12.pdf) |
| **6 December** | European Asylum Support Office publishes its second country of origin information report on Afghanistan [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.easo.europa.eu/documents/EASO%20AfghanistanII%20PR.pdf) |
| **ICJ Case Law** | ICJ Judgment in case C-430/11, Sagor (Area of freedom, security and justice – Directive 2008/115/EC – Common standards and procedures for returning illegally staying third‑country nationals – National legislation providing for a fine which may be replaced by an order for expulsion or home detention) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://curia.europa.eu/juris/document/document.jsf?text=&docid=131495&pageIndex=0&doclang=EN&mode=lst&dir=&occ=first&part=1&cid=29799) |

* ***EU – Human Rights***

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| **4 December** | Press Release: Launch of the Global Alliance against child sexual abuse online [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.cy2012.eu/index.php/en/news-categories/areas/justice-and-home-affairs/press-release-launch-of-the-global-alliance-against-child-sexual-abuse-online) |
| **7 December** | 14th EU-NGO human rights forum: Promoting the universality of human rights [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1335_en.htm?locale=en) |
| **EP Study** | [The Death Penalty in the Middle East and North Africa](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/studies.html) (by A. Calvieri et al.) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/studiesdownload.html?languageDocument=EN&file=79350) |

* ***EU – China***

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| **EP Study** | China’s New Leadership (by X. Nuttin and L. Yan) [ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/studiesdownload.html?languageDocument=EN&file=79313) |

* ***EVENTS***

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| **13 – 14 December** | Exploring Turkey’s Educational Policy: What do the global trends suggest, what do the recent amendments really amend? (Conference organised by the Centre for Policy Analysis and Research on Turkey, Ankara, TR) [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://researchturkey.org/wp/wordpress/?p=1603) |
| **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) |
| **Call for papers**  **Deadline:**  **15 December** | 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: 17 December 2012** | The European Defence Agency (EDA) - Egmont Institute PhD Prize in Defence, Security and Strategy [Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg](http://www.eda.europa.eu/info-hub/news/2012/11/05/call-for-submissions-eda-egmont-phd-prize) |
| **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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