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‘Human security as a tool for a comprehensive approach to human rights and security linkages in EU Foreign policy’

(6 December 2013)

'Using Human Security as a legal framework to analyse the Common European Asylum System'

(4 July 2014)

**Weeks 23-27/June 2014**

**Enlargement**

**3 June**

Commissioner Füle on enlargement and the Western Balkans: what's next?

**7 June**


**23 June**

Summary of the 52nd meeting of the EU-Turkey Association Council: Syria, Iraq, negotiations with Iran, Southern Neighbourhood, Western Balkans & Ukraine discussed
General Affairs Council conclusions on Albania: Candidate status & need to make progress on key priorities, including fight against organised crime and corruption, protection of human rights and anti-discrimination policies

Fifth meeting of the Stabilisation and Association Council between the European Union and Montenegro

26 June

Commissioner Malmström on the ratification of the EU-Turkey readmission agreement by the Turkish Parliament

27 June

‘Bosnia 1914-2014: what lessons?’ (EUISS Alert by F. Trauner)

**Eastern Partnership**

11 June

Eastern Partnership Platform 1 on ‘Democracy, Good Governance and Stability’: Meeting convened in Brussels

23 June

The EU’s Association Agreements with Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine: overview of objectives, benefits & application

EU and Georgia adopt Association Agenda

27 June

EU Association Agreements with Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine: CORLEAP’s role and possible extension of Local Administration Facility (LAF) programme

**Situation in Ukraine**

7 June

Resolution of the Committee of the Regions: The development of the situation in Ukraine (2014/C 174/02)

10 June

EU raises €500 million for Macro-Financial Assistance to Ukraine

12 June

Frequently asked questions about Ukraine, the EU's Eastern Partnership and the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement (EEAS Factsheet)

13 June

EU releases €250 million of grants to support Ukraine

14 June

Ukraine: EU’s humanitarian assistance outlined & Commissioner Georgieva calls for the protection of civilians

Statement on the shooting down of a Ukrainian airplane close to the Luhansk airport: EU renews call for Russia to assist in de-escalation
17 June
Ukraine: €500 million of EU Macro-Financial Assistance disbursed

20 June
EU welcomes the peace plan announced by President Poroshenko of Ukraine

23 June
Foreign Affairs Council conclusions on Ukraine
EU prohibits imports of goods from Crimea and Sevastopol
EU prepares civilian mission to assist security sector reform in Ukraine
Technical preparations for signing the Association Agreement with Ukraine finalised

24 June
Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2014 of 23 June 2014 concerning restrictions on the import into the Union of goods originating in Crimea or Sevastopol, in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol

Energy Security

2 June
Commission confirms results of talks following the trilateral energy meeting between the EU, Russia and Ukraine

CFSP & CSDP

2 June
EU lists Boko Haram as a terrorist organisation

4 June
G7 Leaders’ Communique, June 2014 – Foreign Policy

EEAS statement on the Presidential elections in Syria: call for the regime to re-engage in genuine political negotiations

6 June
‘Somalia’s federal agenda: from fragility to fragmentation?’ (EUISS brief by D. Balthasar)

12 June
SSR Board meeting with the Head of Mission for EUSEC RD Congo mission: Presentation on results & follow-up
Commissioner Georgieva on Iraq: Another humanitarian crisis in the Middle East - EU support
EULEX Kosovo to gradually transfer activities to local institutions and other EU actors

EU High Representative Ashton on EU priorities & efforts at the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict

Fifteenth Progress Report on the implementation of the EU Strategy to Combat Illicit Accumulation and Trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SAWL) and their Ammunition - (2013/I)
Sixteenth Progress Report on the implementation of the EU Strategy to Combat Illicit Accumulation and Trafficking of SALW and their Ammunition - (2013/II)

The Implications of the G7’s Revival for the EU and Global Governance: Reflections from the 3-4 June 2014 Brussels Summit (European Parliament Study)

13 June
‘From West Point to Brussels – via Warsaw’ (EUISS Alert by E. Gross)

17 June
Council conclusions on Third Review Conference of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction (“Ottawa Convention”)

Council conclusions on EU financial support to the Palestinian Authority

20 June
‘Visions of North-East Asia – China, Japan, Korea and the EU’ (EUISS Brief by N. Casarini)

‘The South China Sea’s commons: behind and beyond sovereignty disputes’ (EUISS Alert by E. Pejsova)

23 June
Main results of the 3325th Foreign Affairs Council meeting: Ukraine, Iraq & Egypt

Council conclusions on Thailand

Council conclusions on Libya

Council conclusions on Iraq

Council conclusions on Afghanistan

EU strengthens sanctions against the Syrian regime

Removal of chemical weapons from Syria: EU’s contribution to the OPCW-UN mission & the way forward

EU Priorities for the 69th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations

24 June
EU Foreign Affairs Council: Support for Ukraine peace plan, condemnation of ISIS

EU maritime security strategy approved

Implementation of the solidarity clause invoked when a member state is the object of a terrorist attack or the victim of a natural or man-made disaster

Actions for a more competitive and efficient defence and security sector

Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the EESC and Committee of the Regions: A New Deal for European Defence Implementation Roadmap for Communication COM (2013) 542; Towards a more competitive and efficient defence and security sector

‘Re-mapping the Sahel: transnational security challenges and international responses’ (EUISS Report by C. Barrios and T. Koepf)

27 June
Development and Cooperation

2 June

European Commission presents proposal to address global poverty and sustainable development: follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the EESC and Committee of the Regions: A decent Life for all: from vision to collective action

3 June

Commissioner Georgieva on how can we do better for the world’s hungry: lessons learned from the EU-WFP partnership

4 June

EU reaffirms its support for Palestine refugees, pledging €246 million for the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) for the period 2014-2016

5 June

European Commission pledges additional €30 million to the Philippine Government to boost reconstruction assistance in the wake of Typhoon Yolanda/Haiyan

Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Korea establishing a framework for the participation of the Republic of Korea in European Union crisis management operations

10 June

Commissioner Piebalgs in Madagascar to resume EU development cooperation

11 June

Inauguration of EU-funded Crisis Management Center in Myanmar

16 June

EU Election Observation Missions – supporting democracy around the globe (EEAS overview)

19 June

Commission to increase humanitarian assistance to Iraq by €5 million for those fleeing the violence perpetrated by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)

20 June

Commissioners Georgieva, Piebalgs and Malmström discuss EU efforts to provide humanitarian aid and assistance to refugees on the occasion of World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day: more people being offered protection in the EU

Q&A on the Commission’s assistance to refugees

23 June

EU to mobilise additional support to Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina’s post-disaster recovery

24 June
New surge of Ebola cases in West Africa: European Union increases its emergency funding

EU signs new support for government reforms in Haiti

Human Rights

4 June

‘Caribbean slavery reparation claims against some European countries’ (EP Research Service Brief)

10 June

The Commission, Council and Parliament debate the future of the EU with religious leaders & adopt Joint Declaration on the death sentence of Meriam Ibrahim, the Sudanese Christian for apostasy

16 June

Declaration on behalf of the EU on violence against women in Pakistan condemning honour killings and calling for an end to impunity

18 June

EU-Tajikistan Human Rights Dialogue

20 June

EU-Georgia Human Rights Dialogue

21 June

EU statement on the release of Belarusian human rights defender Ales Bialiatski: Release of remaining political prisoners may improve relations between EU and Belarus

23 June


EU Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World in 2013 (full text)

Foreign Affairs Council conclusions on the 10th Anniversary of the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders

External Dimension of AFSJ

5 June

Case C-146/14 PPU, Bashir Mohamed Ali Mahdi (Directive 2008/115/EC - Return of illegally staying third country nationals - Article 15 - Detention - Extension of detention - Absence of identification - Refusal of the embassy of the third country concerned to provide an identification document permitting a return to that country) (in French)

6 June

EU strategy for combating terrorism, Task Force Mediterranean and "smart borders" discussed by JHA ministers

‘Schengen’s maritime border: another annus horriblis in the Med?’ (EUISS Alert by H. Brady)

11 June
Immigration: President of the Committee of the Regions Valcárcel calls for the EU to urgently step-up support to overstretched border regions and towns

Case T-293/12, *Syria International Islamic Bank v Council* (CFSP - Restrictive measures against Syria - Freezing of funds - Manifest error in interpretation) (in French)


**19 June**

Asylum decisions in the 28 EU Member States granted protection to 135 700 asylum seekers in 2013 Syrians main beneficiaries

**23 June**

Foreign Affairs Council conclusions on kidnap for ransom & counter-terrorism

**24 June**


**26 June**

Clearer EU rules for unaccompanied minors seeking international protection

**27 June**


**30 June**

Commissioner Malmström deplores the recent loss of life in the Mediterranean and calls for more EU action

**Euro-Arab Cooperation**

**11 June**

Third European Union - League of Arab States Foreign Affairs Ministerial Meeting: enhancing cooperation on political, economic & security challenges

Declaration adopted at the Third European Union–League of Arab States Foreign Affairs Ministerial Meeting

Joint Statement by the Third EU – LAS Ministerial meeting on the security situation in Iraq

**European Institutions**

**17 June**

18 month programme of the Council (1 July 2014 - 31 December 2015): Foreign Affairs and Justice & Home Affairs overview provided

**24 June**

Main results of the 3326th General Affairs Council meeting: Enlargement & Albania, Solidarity Clause, EU Maritime Security Strategy
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