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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 18-22/May 2014**

**Enlargement**

**1 May**
European Parliament infographic on EU enlargement since the 1970s

**5 May**
Commissioner Füle on Serbia's progress in the EU accession process: three key future steps identified

**6 May**
EU-Kosovo: Formal negotiations for a Stabilisation and Association Agreement concluded

**8 May**
EU-Western Balkans Ministerial Conference Presidency Statement: reforms in the fields of rule of law, protection of fundamental rights & good neighbourly relations discussed

12 May
Sixth meeting of the Stabilisation and Association Council between Albania and the EU

**Eastern Partnership**

6 May
European Commission announces €60 million support package for Georgia and the Republic of Moldova

21 May
European Commission’s support to Georgia (Background memo)

Meeting between the European Commission and the Government of Georgia: Human rights, visa liberalisation and South Ossetia discussed

**Situation in Ukraine**

3 May
EU statement on the violence in Odessa, Ukraine

12 May
Council stands by Kiev for free and fair presidential elections

Foreign Affairs Council conclusions on Ukraine

Council broadens EU sanctions regarding the situation in Ukraine

13 May
Meeting between the European Commission and the Ukrainian Government

20 May
First tranche of €100 million in EU Macro-Financial Assistance disbursed in Ukraine

21 May
EEAS welcomes the adoption of the Memorandum of Peace and Concord by the Parliament of Ukraine

23 May
EU offers increased support for the OSCE’s work in Ukraine

Commissioner Malmström welcomes progress in the visa liberalisation process with Ukraine

26 May
Presidents Van Rompuy and Barroso welcome the Presidential elections in Ukraine on behalf of the EU

27 May
Statement of the Heads of State or Government on Ukraine

Ukraine moves to 2nd phase of visa liberalisation process

implementation by Ukraine of the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation

28 May
‘Ukraine: four crises, one country’ (EUISS Brief by N. Popescu)

29 May
Association Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part

**Energy Security**

6 May

27 May
External energy relations: Recent developments (Council of the EU information note)

28 May
Energy security: Commission puts forward comprehensive strategy to strengthen security of supply

**CFSP & CSDP**

Impetus - Magazine of the EU Military Staff, EEAS, Brussels (Spring/Summer 2014, Issue 17)

2 May
Joint Communication to the European Parliament and the Council: Elements for an EU strategy in Afghanistan 2014-16

8 May
EU High Representative Ashton appoints Bernardino León as Special Envoy for Libya to facilitate, coordinate and enhance the EU’s actions

12 May
Main results of the 3312th Foreign Affairs Council meeting: Ukraine, Middle East, Nigeria, ENP

14 May
EEAS factsheet on the EU and South Sudan: EU's response to the crisis

16 May
Somalia Piracy Contact Group holds its 16th Plenary session under EU Chairmanship

Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia - 16th Plenary Session: Communique

‘Breaking new ground: EU-US cooperation in crisis management’ (EUISS Brief by R. Domisiewicz and E. Gross)

‘Arab military spending: behind the figures’ (EUISS Alert by F. Gaub)

17 May
Conclusions of the Paris Summit for Security in Nigeria

19 May
Joint Communication to the European Parliament and the Council: Elements for an EU strategy on public security in Central America and the Caribbean

20 May
Fifteenth Progress Report on the implementation of the EU Strategy to Combat Illicit Accumulation and Trafficking of SALW 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)

21 May
Agreement between the EU and the Swiss Confederation on the participation of the Swiss Confederation in the EU military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali)

23 May
EUISS Yearbook of European Security 2014 by A. Missiroli et al.

29 May
EU economic sanctions against the Syrian regime extended until 1 June 2015

EUCAP Nestor concludes first basic training course for Somali Coast Guards and Port Police

Development and Cooperation

1 May
EU-Indonesia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement enters into force

6 May
European Commission announces €6 million increase in life-saving assistance to refugees fleeing violence in Central African Republic

8 May
EU-Central America Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement enters into force

14 May
EU aid to Mali: background, figures and new projects to be launched

First anniversary of the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC): place in existing EU civil protection legislation, benefits & more efficient disaster response

16 May
EU Civil Protection Mechanism activated to assist in response to floods in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina

17 May
EU coordinated assistance underway for flood victims in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina

Several hundreds of people rescued by EUFOR helicopters in Bosnia and Herzegovina

19 May
Council discussed EU's post-2015 development framework (key topics & video highlights)

EU fully resumes development cooperation with Madagascar

European Union committed to strengthening democracy in Morocco


20 May

EU steps up its efforts to improve the health of millions in developing countries: €25 million per year pledged in the period 2014-2020 to fund vaccines and immunisation programmes worldwide

EU and GAVI Alliance: Working together to save lives

EU to observe elections in Kosovo: Election Observation Mission (EOM) launched

EU steps up assistance for flood victims in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina as Commissioner Georgieva visits the region

21 May

Decision No 534/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 providing macro-financial assistance to the Republic of Tunisia

27 May

EU gives €65 million to help Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina with the aftermath of floods

28 May

EU announces €200 million in new support to the Palestinian Authority (PA) and UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) to provide basic services

EU mobilises additional €21 million in financial support for Lebanese communities hosting Syrian refugees

Commissioner Georgieva discusses the silent war: 200,000 Syrians have died due to lack of access to health care

Human Rights

2 May

World Press Freedom Day: European Commission supports pilot projects on media freedom

5 May

Joint Statement on the intensifying clampdown on human rights defenders in Azerbaijan

9 May

EU High Representative on the execution of Clayton Lockett in the US State of Oklahoma: proposed moratorium & EU opposition to capital punishment

12 May

Council Conclusions on the establishment of a Human Rights Dialogue with Myanmar/Burma: Endorsement & modalities

16 May
EU High Representative Ashton on EU action for LGBTI rights on the occasion of the International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia

19 May
Council conclusions on a rights-based approach to development cooperation, encompassing all human rights

21 May
EU and Laos hold Working Group on Human Rights and Governance

28 May
EEAS statement on the recent wave of arrests and detentions in China: EU cooperation towards release of detainees on humanitarian grounds

**External Dimension of AFSJ**

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7 May
Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Turkey on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation

13 May
Council adopts new rules for the surveillance of the EU external sea borders

14 May
European Asylum Support Office (EASO) starts new project with Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia

19 May
Dublin Group Regional Report on North Africa: Drug trafficking

20 May
Regulation No 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management

Opinion of Advocate General Szpunar delivered on 20 May 2014 in Case C‑202/13, Sean Ambrose McCarthy, Helena Patricia McCarthy Rodriguez and Natasha Caley McCarthy Rodriguez v Secretary of State for the Home Department (Right of entry and of short-term residence - Third-country national, member of the family of a Union national, in possession of a residence card issued by a Member State - National legislation making entry to the national territory subject to the prior obtaining of an entry permit)

26 May
Commission reports on the state of the Schengen area: External Schengen borders, rules, visa issuance & security procedure

27 May

Ministerial Forum for Member States of the Schengen Area with External Land Borders -
EU-Japan relations

5 May

Factsheet on EU-Japan relations and the 22nd EU-Japan Summit: History & background of topics to be discussed

7 May

European Council EU-Japan Summit overview & press conference

Presidents of the European Council and Commission Van Rompuy and Barroso and Mr Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan on the EU and Japan acting together for global peace & prosperity

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