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Please find below the collection of latest legal and policy developments in EU external relations from weeks 10-11/2015 (2-16 March 2015).

Kind regards,

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# **EU** Enlargement

Serbia's EU accession: need for greater efforts

Montenegro's EU accession: losing momentum?

Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: impasse?



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# **EU Neighborhood Policy**

## 4 March

Towards a new European Neighbourhood Policy: the EU launches a consultation on the future of its relations with neighbouring countries



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# **EU-Russia**

# 17 February

'Russia's military: the weak links' (EUISS Brief by N. Popescu)



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# EU - China

## 6 March

China: setting the agenda(s)? (By A. Ekman)

# Trade and Investment

## 3 March

European Commissioner for Trade Cecilia Malmström and Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation Alexey Ulyukayev discussions focus on EU-Russia trade relations



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# **Energy and Climate**

## 26 February

A Framework Strategy for a Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy

The Paris Protocol – A blueprint for tackling global climate change beyond 2020

# **Development and Cooperation**

## 3 March

EU mobilises efforts to end Ebola and alleviate its impact

14th Meeting of the Cooperation Council between the European Union and Kazakhstan



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## 5 March

EU welcomes progress shown on Disaster Risk Reduction by UN Report ahead of Sendai World Conference

# **CFSP & CSDP**

African-led counter-terrorism measures against Boko Haram

#### 2 March

Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/331 of 2 March 2015 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative in Afghanistan



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Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/332 of 2 March 2015 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia

European Defence Agency signs Cooperation Arrangement with Athena mechanism

#### 5 March

Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/363 of 5 March 2015 concerning the temporary reception by Member States of the European Union of certain Palestinians

# **Human Rights**

#### 4 March

EU framework renews its UN Disability Convention commitments to promote the rights of people with disabilities



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#### 5 March

EU agencies and the UNHCR discuss fundamental rights at borders

# **External Dimension of AFSJ**

European Asylum Support Office Newsletter - February 2015

#### 2 March

Europol: Massive Changes in the Criminal Landscape



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#### 4 March

Commission makes progress on a European Agenda on Migration

## **Events**

## 28-29 May

'Understanding the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)' (Seminar organized by the European Institute of Public Administration, Maastricht, the Netherlands)

#### 12-13 March 2015

'Assessing the performance of the European Union in Central and Eastern Europe and in its Neighbourhood' (workshop organized by Dimitris Papadimitriou (University of Manchester), Manchester, United Kingdom)

#### 18 March 2015

'TTIP and emerging market economies - Launching the debate' (debate organized by European Policy Centre, Brussels, Belgium)

#### 23 March 2015

'The Ukraine crisis and post-post-Cold War Europe' (workshop organized by the Centre for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies (CREES), University of Birmingham, Birmingham, United Kingdom)

#### 25 March 2015

'The experience of the Italian Presidency of the EU Council in the field of external relations' (lecture organized by T.M.C. Asser Instituut, Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER), Embassy of the Italian Republic in The Hague, The Hague, The Netherlands

#### 26-27 March 2015

'Justifying the European Border Regime and holding it to account: Ideational versus Material Dimensions?' (workshop organized by B/Orders in Motion at the European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, Germany)

## 27-28 March 2015

'Europe Inside-Out: Europe and Europeaness Exposed to Plural Observers' (conference organized by Euroacademia, Barcelona, Spain)

Deadline: 29 March 2015

'Call for papers: Annual EUSA AP Conference in June 2015 (conference organized by EUSA, Seul, Korea)

Deadline: 31 March 2015

'A PostDoc and a PhD position (full time, 4 years)(international research project The Choice for Europe since Maastricht, the Salzburg Centre of European Union Studies (SCEUS))

## 22 April 2015

'The Hague Conference on International Legal Diplomacy' (conference organized by The Hague Institute for Global Justice and British Embassy in The Hague, The Hague, The Netherlands)

#### 23 April 2015

'Better Regulation in the EU Revisited: Benefiting Business and Citizens' conference organized as part of the Asser Institute's 50 years celebrations, T.M.C Asser Institute, The Hague, NL

'Powers under External pressure' (conference organized by ACELG, UvA, Amsterdam)

## 27-28 April 2015

'The EU and the Emerging Powers 2015: Cooperation and Competition in Knowledge and Technology' (conference organized by Université Catholique de Louvain, KULeuven, University of Liège, Ghent University, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Saint Louis University Brussels, College of Europe, Brussels, Belgium)

## 4-5 May 2015

'The New EU Procedural Rights for Suspects, Accused Persons and Victims' (seminar organized by European Institute of Public Administration, Luxemburg)

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