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Please find below the collection of latest legal and policy developments in EU external relations from week 16/2015 (April 13 - 19 2015).

Kind regards,

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# **EU Enlargement**

#### 13 April

'The Worsening Crisis in Macedonia - Waiting for EU leadership' (CEPS Commentary by E. Fouéré)

#### 14 April

MEPs underline that political commitment is key to path towards EU for Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina



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#### 16 April

Serbia set to join the EU Civil Protection Mechanism

# **EU Neighborhood Policy**

#### 15 April

Armenian genocide centenary: MEPs urge Turkey and Armenia to normalize relations

EU approves disbursement of EUR 100 million in Macro-Financial Assistance to Tunisia



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#### 16 April

EU and Eastern European partner countries will establish a closer cooperation in the area of agricultural advisory system

# **EU - Ukraine**

#### 15 April

How to help Ukraine's Economy Reform and Grow

Decision (EU) 2015/601 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 April 2015 providing macro-financial assistance to @EC Ukraine



#### 16 April

'The Long Road to Dismantling Ukraine's Oligarchic Democracy' (*Strategic Europe* Blog entry by J.Dempsey)

#### **EU - Central America**

### 17 April

'EU-LAC: the other transatlantic partnership' (EUISS Brief No.8 by J. Luengo-Cabrera)

# **Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)**

#### 20 April

SMEs stand to make significant gains from the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) between the EU and the US



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## **CFSP & CSDP**

#### 13 April

'EU Implements UN Al-Qaida Sanctions Listings' (*European Sanctions: Law and Practice* Blog entry by M. O'Kane)

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#### 14 April

EU takes steps towards a Comprehensive Approach to external conflict and crises - Action Plan 2015

#### 15 April

EUISS publishes the Yearbook of European Security 2015

Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/598 of 15 April 2015 appointing the European Union Special Representative for Central Asia

Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/599 of 15 April 2015 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process (MEPP)

#### 16 April

PSC decides to establish a Committee of Contributors for the European Union CSDP Military Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic (EUMAM RCA)

# **External Dimension of AFSJ**

#### 15 April

The EU and the United Arab Emirates sign Agreement on the short stay visa waiver

'EU's approach to migrants: humanitarian rhetoric, inhumane treatment' (*Open Democracy* Article by J. Sunderland and B. Frelick)



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#### 19 April

'Trivialising migrant deaths: why words matter' (EU Law Analysis Blog entry by S. Peers)

#### **EU Humanitarian Aid**

#### 18 April

European Commission allocates €25 million for Yemen to assist the victims of conflict

#### **Events**

#### 20 April

Conference on the Gulf Region: 'Domestic Dynamics and Global-Regional Perspectives.

Implications for the EU' (Conference organized by the European University Institute, Florence, Italy)

#### Deadline: 22 April

'Our World, our Dignity, our Future' (Bread and brains lunch lecture by M. S. Gatta, Head of Politics in the European Commission Representation in The Netherlands, The Hague, The Netherlands)

#### 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)

#### 24 April 2015

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

'Energy Transitions in Europe' (High-level policy conference of the European Energy Policy Chair of the College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium)

#### 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)

#### Deadline: 30 April

Renzo Imbeni Summer School 'The European Union as global actor' (Summer school runs under the High Patronage of the European Parliament, the patronage of Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Committee of the Regions of the European Union, Regione Emilia-Romagna, the European Commission Representation in Italy and the Italian Council of European Movement.)

#### 30 April

'Public Trust in Judicial Institutions in the Eastern Partnership Countries' (Event organized by The Hague Institute for Global Justice, The Hague, The Netherlands)

#### 5 May

'Energy Union in the global energy perspective' (Event organized by the Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels, Belgium)

#### 11 May

'Upgrading the EU – Mexico Free Trade Agreement' (Conference organized by the Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels, Belgium)

#### **13 May**

'The External Effects of EU Law' (Launch of a new project organized by RENFORCE, Utrecht Centre for Regulation and Enforcement in Europe in cooperation with the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER))

#### 28-29 May

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

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