Dear CLEER Community members,

Please find below the collection of latest legal and policy developments in EU external relations from week 28-29/2015 (July 06 - July 19, 2015).

Kind regards,

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**EU Enlargement**

16 July
EU says Serbia should focus on implementing reform agenda rather than holding a referendum on the state of judiciary

**EU Neighborhood Policy**

09 July
EP says EU Neighbourhood Policy must go back to basics

14 July
EU-Ukraine Association Committee discusses implementation of reforms

16 July
EU drugs agency steps up cooperation with National Security Council of Armenia

**EU - Iran**

09 July
‘Sanctions against Iran: the role of pivotal rising powers’ (EUISS Brief No.25 by J. Luengo-Cabrera and E. Moret)

14 July
‘Engaging with Iran: A European agenda’ (ECFR Policy Brief by E. Geranmayeh)

‘What does the Iran nuclear / sanctions agreement say?’ (European Sanctions Law and Practice Blog entry by M. Lester)

‘Those “Snap-Back” Sanctions in the Iran Deal Have a Pretty Big Loophole’ (Opinio Juris Blog entry by J. Ku)

16 July
‘The nuclear deal with Iran: Le moment suprême?’ (CEPS Commentary by S. Blockmans)

‘EU-Iran relations post-Vienna: the way forward’ (EPC Commentary by E. Mamedov and A. Paul)
EU Trade and Investment

07 July

‘Trade Promotion Authority: An Opportunity to Invigorate the TTIP Negotiations’ (PISM Bulletin No.68 by C. Buchanan Ponczek and M. Wąsiński)

08 July

MEPs say an EU-US trade deal must open up US market access for EU firms, but must not undermine EU standards

17 July

‘Telecommunications and Internet Services: The digital side of the TTIP’ (Paper No. 8 in the CEPS-CTR project ‘TTIP in the Balance’ and CEPS Special Report No. 112)

CFSP & CSDP

08 July

EUPOL Afghanistan is partly effective in delivering on its mandate

09 July

‘India and the EU: what opportunities for defence cooperation?’ (EUISS Brief No.24 by K. Lisbonne de Vergeron)

11 July

PSC adopts decision to appoint the Head of Mission of EU BAM Rafah

13 July

EU will dispatch an Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) to monitor the upcoming elections in Haiti

14 July

EU deploys an Election Observation Mission (EOM) to Sri Lanka to observe the Parliamentary Elections

15 July

‘The U.S.-Cuba Thaw: an Opportunity and a Challenge for the EU’ (PISM Bulletin No.73 by O. Nowicka and D. Wnukowski)

16 July

‘EU sanctions: exit strategies’ (EUISS Alert No.35 by J. Luengo-Cabrera and C. Portela)

17 July

‘EU sanctions in context: three types’ (EUISS Brief No.26 by C. Portela and T. Biersteker)
External Dimension of AFSJ

15 July
Frontex will support the return of irregular migrants

16 July
MEPs want a binding and permanent scheme to distribute asylum seekers in the EU

EU Energy and Climate Change

13 July
‘Pushing the Limits of Algeria’s Gas Exports to the European Union’ (PISM Bulletin No.72 by L. Puka)

14 July
‘EU Climate and Energy Governance: There’s more to it than meets the eye’ (CEPS Commentary by C. Egenhofer, A. Marcu, J. Núñez-Ferrer, F. Genoese and M. Elkerbout)

EU Development Cooperation

08 July
ACP-EU Seminar in Yaounde calls for stronger civil society involvement in the future Sustainable Development Goals and their financing schemes

13 July
EU leads in mobilising resources for sustainable development
EU assistance to third countries

07 July
European Commission commits to increase financing for education in humanitarian emergencies

10 July
EU pledges €450 million to Ebola affected countries

13 July
Local firms will benefit from first European backed lending programme with Access Bank Ghana

15 July
European development finance institutions invest 81 million Euro to improve water services in Ethiopia

16 July
EIB opens first office in Addis Ababa

EU boosts humanitarian support for Syria crisis by €64 million

17 July
EU boosts humanitarian aid for Sudan by €4 million

Events

Deadline for application: 24 July
Summer School 'European Union and the Law of the Sea (EULoS)' (Event organized by the Università di Genova, Genova, Italy)

Deadline for application: 07 August
Summer Course on EU and WTO Trade Law (Event organized by the Academy of European Law, Trier, Germany)

14-15 September
'European Perspectives on China’s New Silk Road' (Workshop organized by the EU-China Research Centre and the InBev-Baillet Latour Chair of EU-China Relations at the College of Europe, Brussels, Belgium)

17-18 September
'Theorizing the European Neighbourhood Policy' (Conference organized by the College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium)

22-23 October
'A Guide to the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)' (Seminar organized by the European Institute of Public Administration, Maastricht, the Netherlands)

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