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Dear CLEER Community members,

Please find below the collection of latest legal and policy developments in EU external relations from week 35-37/2015 (August 23 - September 13, 2015).

Kind regards,

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# **EU Enlargement**

## 26 August

EU supports cooperation between Western Balkan countries at the Summit in Vienna

## 27 August

EIB intensifies activity in Western Balkan countries

EU funds migration-related activities in the Western Balkans and Turkey

## 04 September

European Economic and Social Committee issues an Opinion on the role of civil society in EU-Albania relations

# **EU - Ukraine**

## 26 August

EU proposal for a position regarding the accession of Ukraine to the Agreement on Government Procurement

## 27 August

High Representative Mogherini meets with Ukrainian President Poroshenko to discuss the security situation in Ukraine

President Donald Tusk meets with President of Ukraine to discuss the Minsk ceasefire and the Association Agreement

EU-Ukraine conclude bilateral gas meeting in Vienna

## 01 September

'Foreigners in the Ukrainian Government: A Unique Solution for Challenging Times' (PISM Policy Paper No.28 by P. Kościński, K. Zasztowt)

## 07 September

EU Trade Commissioner Malmström holds trilateral talks on the Implementation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement

## EU - Iran

## 03 September

'Nuclear deal with Iran' (EPRS At a Glance by P. Pawlak)



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# **EU Trade and Investment**

#### 01 September

'Economic Partnership Agreements: What has Africa gained and what can it lose?' (ECDPM Publication by I. Ramdoo)

#### **09 September**

The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement gets the EU Parliament's green light

## **CFSP & CSDP**

#### 24-27 August

EU and Member States participate in the first Conference of States parties to the Arms Trade Treaty

#### 26 August





'EMSS: new and approaching 'hot-buttons' for maritime security' (Egmont - Royal Institute for International Relations Commentary by A. Gray)

## 27 August

European Union will cooperate with a range of organisations in order to prevent and counter terrorism

## 28 August

'U.S. and EU Engagement with Islamists in the Middle East and North Africa' (Transatlantic Academy Paper Series, Paper No.3 by S. Wolff)

## 02 September

'Global and operational: a new strategy for EU Foreign and Security Policy' (IAI Publication by S. Biscop)

#### 4-5 September

EU Ministers of Foreign and European Affairs meet for a Gymnich meeting

#### **09 September**

European Commission addresses the role of EU external action in handling the refugee crisis

'European countries edge towards war on terror' (ECFR Commentary by A. Dworkin )

# **External Dimension of AFSJ**

## 27 August

Europol and ING Group reinforce cooperation to combat cybercrime



## 31 August

European Commission in Calais: Advancing on a European approach to migration

#### 04 September

Frontex analyzes migratory pressures in the Western Balkans

'Enhancing the Common European Asylum System and Alternatives to Dublin' (CEPS Paper No.83 by E. Guild, C. Costello, M. Garlick and V. Moreno-Lax)

'The 2015 Refugee Crisis in the European Union' (CEPS Brief No.332 by E. Guild, C. Costello, M. Garlick and V. Moreno-Lax)

'EU migratory challenge: Possible responses to the refugee crisis' (EPRS Brief by P. Bakowski, D. Ivanov and E. Alexandrova Poptcheva)

#### 07 September

'EU home affairs diplomacy: why, what, where – and how' (EUISS Chaillot Paper No.135 by H. Bradyand and R. Parkes)

#### **08 September**

'Europe's Double Refugee Crisis' (CEPS Commentary by D. Gros)

#### **09 September**

European Commission identifies an Action Plan for the return of irregular migrants

#### **11 September**

'Treat the root causes of the asylum crisis, not the symptoms' (CEPS Commentary by S. Carrera and K. Lannoo)

EIB announces support for refugees

# **EU Energy and Climate Change**

## 26 August

European Commission agrees on a package of measures to boost investment in Energy Union

## 31 August

'The EU Gas Game: Time to Redefine the Rules? Case Studies of Russia and Norway and Lessons for the EU, Norway and Poland' (PISM Report by A. Gawlikowska-fyk, Z. Nowak and L. Puka)

#### **10 September**

'The EU's New Climate Target: Contribution to a Successful Deal in Paris' (PISM Policy Paper No. 29 by S. Dröge, T. Spencer, A. Deprez, L. Gallagher, A. Gradziuk, A. Marcu and S. Oberthür)

## EU assistance to third countries

#### 02 September

Commission reports on global partnership for principled and effective humanitarian action

## 09 September

EU Regional Trust Fund launches its first actions in support of Syrian refugees

European Commission puts forward a comprehensive package of proposals which will help address the refugee crisis



## **Events**

#### 17-18 September

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

#### **18 September**

'Tiptoeing to the TTIP: What Kind of Agreement for What Kind of Partnership?' (Roundtable organized by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, Amsterdam Centre for International Law, University of Amsterdam and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, The Hague, Netherlands )

## 29 September

'The experience of the Latvian Presidency of the EU Council in the field of external relations' (CLEER Presidency Lecture organized by the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations, The Hague, Netherlands)

## 01-02 October

'The European Union as an Actor in International Economic Law' (Conference organised by the Research Unit in Law of the University of Luxembourg and the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER) of the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, Luxembourg)

#### Deadline for proposal submission: 19 October

'The European Union in International Affairs' (Call for papers and panels: Conference organized by the Institute for European Studies at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (IES-VUB), the Institut d'Études Européennes at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (IEE-ULB), Egmont – the Royal Institute for International Relations, Brussels, Belgium, and the United Nations University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS), 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)

## 27-29 October

'EU Presidency Challenges - The Eight Steps to Successfully Manage and Chair Groups during the Rotating Presidency of the Council of the EU' (Seminar organized by the European Institute of Public Administration, Maastricht, the Netherlands)

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