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Dear CLEER Community members,

Please find below the collection of latest legal and policy developments in EU external relations from weeks 4-5/2016 (January 25th - February 7th, 2016).

Kind regards,

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## Enlargement

**27 January**

Reports on Progress under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism in Bulgaria and Romania



## European Neighbourhood Policy

**26 January**

'Associating with Ukraine: Just free trade or unjust policy?' (Leiden Law Blog entry by J. de Kort)

## EU Trade and Investment

**28 January**

Report outlines that trade policy promotes sustainability and human rights



**29 January**

European Commission Takes Action to Open Up International Procurement Markets

**01 February**

EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement Now Available Online

**04 February**

Assessment of the effectiveness of the existing system of European public financing institutions in promoting investment in Europe and its neighbourhood

## EU - US

**01 February**

Speech: Commissioner Jourová's remarks on the state of play of the Safe Harbour negotiations



**02 February**

EU-US Privacy Shield: EU Commission and United States agree on new framework for transatlantic data flows

## EU- Africa

**01 February**

European Commission and African Union agree deal to further administrative cooperation

## External Dimension of AFSJ

### 27 January

Commission discusses draft Schengen Evaluation Report on Greece



### 29 January

State of Play: Measures to Address the Refugee Crisis

'Implementing the Lisbon Treaty: Improving the Functioning of the EU on Justice and Home Affairs' (CEPS study by S. Carrera and E. Guild)

### 02 February

Commission proposes recommendations to address deficiencies in external border management of Greece

### 03 February

EU-Turkey Cooperation: member States agree on Refugee Facility for Turkey

## CFSP & CSDP

### 02 February

EU Action Plan for strengthening the fight against terrorist financing



### 03 February

'Austria and the Fight Against the "Islamic State": Whither Neutrality?'(EJIL: Talk blog entry by R. Janik)

### 05 February

'Free at last? Detention, the European Arrest Warrant and Julian Assange' (EU Law Analysis Blog entry by S. Peers)

## EU assistance to third countries

### 04 February

EU pledges more than €3 billion for Syrians in 2016 at the London conference

Factsheet: EU support in response to the Syrian crisis



## Events

### Deadline 21 February

CLEER internship opportunity: CLEER is looking for an intern, starting April 1st, for at least 3 month

### 15 February: Registration opens for the 3rd CLEER Summer School (27 June - 01 July, 2016)

3rd CLEER Summer School in EU external Relations Law (organized by CLEER and the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, hosted by Maastricht University in Brussels. Belgium

### 25 February

'The experience of the Luxembourg Presidency of the EU Council in the field of external relations' (CLEER Presidency Lecture, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague, The Netherlands)

### Deadline 26 February

Call for Abstracts: 'More or less Europe: The Future of European Law & Policy ', 5th Conference on European Law & Policy in Context, organised by the University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK, 23th – 24th June 2016)

### 08 March

Call for Participation: 'Internet Policy in Eastern Partnership Countries', Workshop organized by , European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder), Germany

### 14-15 March

'The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership' (Interdisciplinary Conference organized by the Centre for European Research at the University of Gothenburg (CERGU), Gothenburg, Sweden)

### 18 - 19 March

'Post-soviet space between the EU and Russia. The state of the crisis: winding down or going global?' (Seminar organized by the Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies and the Centre for EU-Russia Studies (CEURUS) of the University of Tartu, Estonia, in cooperation with Eastern Platform-Platform Ukraine, University College London)

### 11-13 May

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

### 2-7 July

'Europe and its neighbourhoods: Geopolitics and human flows' (Summer Seminar organized by The Institute of International Relations of Panteion University of Athens in cooperation with SEESOX of Oxford University and the University of Piraeus, Aegean island of Tinos, Greece)



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