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The Center for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER) brings you a collection of the latest legal and policy developments in EU external relations from weeks 17-20/2016 (19 April - 22 May 2016).

Kind regards,

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EU Enlargement

Media Freedom in the Western Balkans: State of Play (EP Briefing, by V. Lilyanova)

EU - Turkey relations: what Think-Tanks are thinking (EP: At a Glance)



19 April

Commission delivers an additional €110 million under the implementation of EU-Turkey agreement

20 April

European Commission Communication, First Report on the progress made in the implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement



EU Neighbourhood Policy

The frozen conflicts of the EU's Eastern neighbourhood and their impact on the respect of human rights (EP study, by A. Racz)

EU strategic communication with the Arab world (EP Briefing, by P. Pawlak)

EU - EEA Relations

'Free trade agreements between EFTA and third countries' (EP Briefing, by K.A. Kocak)

3 May

New Norwegian financial mechanism for the period 2014-2021

Agreement on an European Economic Area financial mechanism for the period 2014-2021

EU - Hong Kong

25 April

European Commission Communication, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region: Annual Report 2015

EU - Macao

25 April

European Commission Communication, Macao Special Administrative Region: Annual Report 2015

Trade and Investment

TTIP and Jobs (EP Study, by G. Felbermayr)

The Russian ban on agricultural products (EP Briefing, by J. McEldowney)

Trade and Economic Relations with Asia (EP Study, Directorate General for External Policies)

European Economic Forecast, Spring 2016 (European Commission Institutional paper)

25 - 29 April

Thirteenth round of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations between the EU and the US: Final Statement

The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) – State of Play

28 April

Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/670 introducing prior Union surveillance of imports of certain iron and steel products originating in certain third countries

4 May

Seventeenth annual report according to Article 8(2) of Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment

13 May

European Commission launches new anti-subsidy investigation on Chinese steel products

19 May

European Commission increases transparency of its trade defence procedures

Energy and climate

Security of gas supply (EP Briefing, by V. Kononenko)581377_EN.pdf)

Chernobyl 30 years on. Environmental and health effects (EP Briefing, by D. Bourguignon and N. Scholz)Safeguarding biological diversity: EU policy and international agreements (EP In Depth Analysis, by D. Bourguignon)

27 April

New integrated EU policy for the Arctic

Development and Cooperation

19 April

EU provides €83 million to improve conditions for refugees in Greece: funded projects

26 April

European Commission Communication, Lives in Dignity: from Aid-dependence to Self-reliance Forced Displacement and Development

28 April

EU to tackle irregular migration and forced displacement in the Horn of Africa

12 May

Conclusions of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on the World Humanitarian Summit

Council conclusions on the Annual Report 2016 to the European Council on EU Development Aid Targets

13 May

EU provides €125 million incentive funding for Afghanistan

European Commission announces €55 million to support the people of Burundi

CFSP & CSDP



The EU as a terrorist target: why, where and how (EU ISS Brief Issue, by R. Parkes)

Radicalisation and counterradicalisation: a gender perspective (EP Briefing, by A. Orav *et al.*)

ISIL/Da'esh and 'non-conventional' weapons of terror (EP Briefing, by B. Immenkamp)

19 April

Council Conclusion on countering hybrid threats

Council Decision on a European Union CSDP Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA)

20 April

European Commission Communication delivering on the European Agenda on Security to fight against terrorism and pave the way towards an effective and genuine Security Union

27 April

European Parliament: Opinion of the Committee on Culture and Education on the implementation of the Common Foreign and Security Policy

3 May

European Parliament: Opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs on the fight against trafficking in human beings in the EU's external relations

12 May

Council conclusions on the EU approach to forced displacement and development

Council Conclusions on Afghanistan

External Dimension of AFSJ

On the Frontline: The Hotspot Approach to Managing Migration (EP Study, by D. Neville, S. Sy, A. Rigon)

Reception of Female Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the EU - Case Study Belgium (EP In-Depth-Analysis, by A. Rigon and E. Eriksson)

Migration and the EU: A long-term perspective (EP Briefing, by E. Noonan)

Combatting migrant smuggling into the EU (EP Briefing, by M. Remáč and G. Malmersjö)

Schengen and the management of the EU's external borders (EP Briefing, by G. Malmersjö and M. Remáč)

FRONTEX: Risk Analysis for 2016

21 April

Council adopts EU Passenger Name Record (PNR) directive

24 April

Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the use of passenger name record (PNR) data for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of terrorist offences and serious crime

12 May

Council adopts recommendation for continuation of internal border controls

Council adopts Commission proposal on next steps towards lifting of temporary internal border controls

18 May

European Commission Communication: Third report on relocation and resettlement

19 May

European Commission 2015 Report on the Application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

European Commission 2016 report on the progress made in the fight against trafficking in human beings

Human Rights

20 April

EU-Georgia Human Rights Dialogue (ninth round): final remarks

5 May

EU supports UNICEF and WHO with €3 million in humanitarian aid for polio vaccinations in Syria

11 May

EU deploys medical experts to Angola to control yellow fever outbreak

17 May

EU-Turkmenistan Human Rights Dialogue (eighth round): final remarks

Events and Vacancies

24 May

ICC Performance Indicators – Debriefing on the Glion Retreat (Conference organised by The Hague Institute for Global Justice and the Embassy of Switzerland in the NL, hosted by The Hague Institute for Global Justice, The Hague, NL)

27 May

'Better Regulation and EU Lawmaking: One Year On' (Conference organised by the T.M.C. Asser Institute in collaboration with DG Translation/European Commission Representation in the Netherlands, hosted by the T.M.C. Asser Institute, The Hague, NL)

Application Deadline 31 May

Vacancy: Associate Professor on Transnational politics at the Istituto di Scienze Umane e Sociali in Florence, IT.

31 May

A. De Guttry, F.Capone, C. Paulussen (eds.), *Foreign Fighters under International Law and Beyond*(The Hague: Asser Press 2016) (Book launch hosted by the T.M.C. Asser Institute, The Hague, NL)

Euro-Mediterranean energy talks (Conference organised by Bruegel and the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, hosted by Bruegel, Brussels, BE)

1 June

Time for Peace – Europe's challenge in Africa and the Middle East (Conference organised by Friends of Europe, Brussels (BE))

Deadline 4 June

Call for applications: Part-time (25%) position in the rank of assistant professor in the field of globalization, Department of Conflict and Development Studies, University of Gent, BE

Call for applications: Part-time position (25%) in the rank of assistant professor in the field of the politics of the global south, Department of Conflict and Development Studies, University of Gent, BE

Deadline 5 June

Call for applications: 4 Ph.D. positions at the T.M.C. Asser Institute, The Hague, NL

10 June

A new strategy - implications for CSDP (EU Presidency seminar, organised by Clingendael, hosted Marine Establishment, Amsterdam, NL)

13 June

Protecting cultural heritage in times of conflict (Conference organized by the Europa Lecture, hosted at the Kloosterkerk, The Hague, NL)

Distinguished Speaker Series: Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO (Lecture organised by The Hague Institute for Global Justice, The Hague, NL)

Deadline 19 June

Call for applications: Chair in International Relations, School of Politics & International Relations, Queen Mary University of London

20 June

Critical legal approaches to TTIP: on method (Conference organised and hosted by the City University of London (UK))

Deadline 28 June

Call for applications: Position as Postdoc in Political Science, Department of Government, Uppsala University, SE

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)

7 - 8 July

EPPO Conference: 'State of Play and Perspectives' (Two-day symposium organized by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut and the Law Faculty of Leiden University, The Hague, NL)

4 - 15 July

'Summer School on EU Immigration and Asylum Law and Policy' (Organised by the Odysseus Network and Hosted by the Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, BE)

Deadline 16 August

Call for applications: Academic Assistants in the Department of European Interdisciplinary Studies, College d'Europe, Natolin, PL



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