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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 9-12/2017 (27 February 2017 - 28 March 2017).

Kind regards,

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EU Enlargement

28 February

Foreign Affairs MEPs encourage Serbia and Kosovo to do more to improve ties



Eastern Partnership

27 February

EEA publishes factsheet on EU-Armenia relations

Council decided to prolong the restrictive measures against Belarus for one year

Council adopts regulation on visa liberalisation for Georgians

28 February

MEPs and Council negotiators agree to waive EU visa requirement for Ukrainians

13 March

Further reform efforts needed from the Republic of Moldova to benefit citizens according to EU report

EU prolongs sanctions over actions against Ukraine's territorial integrity until 15 September 2017

16 March

EU restrictive measures in response to the crisis in Ukraine

EEA publishes factsheet on EU-Ukraine relations

European Neighbourhood Policy

2 March

EEA publishes factsheet on EU-Libya relations

14 March

The HR/VP and the European Commission adopt joint communication proposing a forward-looking EU strategy for Syria

17 March

EEA publishes factsheet on the EU non-recognition policy for Crimea and Sevastopol

20 March

EU imposes sanctions against 4 high-ranking military officials for use of chemical weapons in Syria

Trade and investment



2 March

Commission adopts updated EU-US agreement on mutual recognition of inspections of medicine manufacturers

MEPs approve recommendations on how to use EU trade tools to combat wildlife trafficking

6 March

Council decides to sign agreement on trade in organic products

7 March

EU and New Zealand move a step further in expanding trade links

8 March

EU and Singapore affirm commitment to putting free trade deal in place

Chile opens its market to EU beef exports

10 March

EU and ASEAN gear up for possible re-launch of trade talks

16 March

Commissioner Malmström welcomes Parliament's approval to stop trade in minerals financing armed conflicts

17 March

EU-Philippines trade negotiations

20 March

Commissioner Malmström discusses preparations of CETA's entry into force

21 March

EIB confirms new support for climate investment across eight Chinese provinces

22 March

The EIB and NAFIN strengthen cooperation in Mexico

EIB continues to support Azerbaijan's micro and SME sector

27 March

EIB signs extensive support for Kenyan energy and transport



Development and cooperation

27 February

EU expands sanctions against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) in line with UN Security Council resolution

1 March

EU development cooperation with El Salvador: consolidating past progress

4 March

EU strongly advancing renewable energies in Africa

6 March

The EU and the Kyrgyz Republic held their fifteenth Cooperation Council meeting

Council adopts conclusions on the Democratic Republic of the Congo

7 March

EEA publishes EU - El Salvador relations, factsheet

13 March

EU adopts €40 million projects to support Algeria's renewable energy, public finances reform and to facilitate trade

EU and Algeria adopt their Partnership Priorities

14 March

EEA publishes factsheet on the EU and the crisis in Syria

17 March

EU scales-up its response to famine and drought affected countries in Horn of Africa with an additional €165 million

EU reinforces cooperation with the African Union and announces new peace building support of €120 million

EEA publishes factsheet on EU Africa Key partners

20 March

EU deploys Election Observation Mission to The Gambia

27 March

Representatives of EU, EU Member States and Afghanistan held second meeting of joint working group for the implementation of joint way forward on migration issues

CFSP and CSDP

6 March

Council reviews progress and agrees to improve support for military missions

Council adopts conclusions on progress in implementing the EU Global Strategy in the area of Security and Defence

7 March

Council adopts regulation to reinforce checks at external borders

22 March

EEA publishes factsheet on EU actions to counter Da'esh

EU-Switzerland

28 February

Council conclusions on EU relations with the Swiss Confederation

Human Rights

27 February

EU adopts conclusions on EU priorities at United Nations human rights fora in 2017

27 March

EU supports regional Summit to deliver durable solutions for Somali refugees



Environment

6 March

The Council adopted conclusions on EU climate and energy diplomacy

21 March

Council adopts decision on improved transparency on international energy contracts

CJEU

28 March 2017

CJEU: The Court of Justice has jurisdiction to give preliminary rulings on the legality of restrictive measures against individuals or entities in the context of the Common Foreign and Security policy

Events and Vacancies

30 - 31 March 2017

'The Future of Trade Defence Instruments: Global Policy Trends and Legal Challenges' (a conference jointly organized by the University of Passau, the Europa-Institut Saarbrücken, the Institute of European and International Economic Law & the World Trade Institute - University of Berne, and Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP), Brussels, Belgium

6 April 2017

'A Taxonomy of the EU's Global Approach to Law-Making' (organized by the Utrecht Centre for Regulation and Enforcement in Europe (RENFORCE)), Utrecht, the Netherlands

11 April 2017

'Regional (Dis)order in the Middle East: Historical Legacies and Current Shifts' (organized by The Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) and The Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe), Bologna, Italy

Deadline for applications: 15 April 2017

10 doctoral positions and 1 post-doc position – research training group: 'World politics: The emergence of political arenas and modes of observation in world society' (at Bielefeld University, funded by the German Research Council (DFG))

Deadline for applications: 17 April 2017

Assistant - Research Unit in International and European Law, Institute for European Law (at KU Leuven)

Doctoral researcher - Research Unit in International and European Law, Institute for European Law (at KU Leuven)

1-6 July 2017

Annual summer seminar 'Strategy in the 21st Century' (26th annual summer seminar organized by the Institute of International Relations (I.I.R.) of Panteion University of Athens), Tinos, Greece

19-20 July 2017

Call for papers: Workshop on broadening the debate on EU-Africa relations – perspectives from Africa (organized by the European Studies Association of Sub Saharan Africa (ESA-SSA)), Pretoria, South Africa

6-9 September 2017

ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research) General Conference (organized by University of Oslo), Oslo, Norway

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