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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 42-43/2017 (20 October 2017 – 3 November 2017).

Kind regards,

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**European Neighbourhood Policy**

## 27 October

The Eastern Partnership Civil Society Conference and Annual Assembly of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum take place in Tallinn

## 30 October

EU adopts Single Support Framework (SSF) with Egypt for the period 2017-2020



## Trade and Investment

### 23 October

China lifts trade obstacles for European cheeses

Commission report and proposal on enforcement of trade and sustainable development following negotiating round with Mercosur

### 26 October

European Parliament passes resolutions setting guidelines for trade talks with Australia and New Zealand

EIB provides its first local currency denominated loan in Ukraine to improve SME access to finance with support of EU grant

EIB Group signs guarantee agreements in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine through Neighbourhood Investment Facility under EU4Business initiative

### 27 October

EIB and the Republic of Belarus endorse financing by EIB of key infrastructure projects in Belarus

### 31 October

EIB provides USD 100 million loan to NAFIN to support climate action projects in Mexico

### 2 November

EIB provides USD 71m loan to the Argentina to finance investment in Argentine small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

## External Dimension of the AFSJ

### 25 October

Judgment in Case C-201/16 - Majid Shiri v Bundesamt für Fremdenwesen und Asyl: an applicant for international protection can rely, before a court or tribunal, on the expiry of the period laid down for his removal to another Member State

### 24 October

Advocate General's Opinion in Case C-353/16 - MP v Secretary of State for the Home Department: according to Advocate General Bot, the lack of appropriate psychological care in the country of origin of a person who was tortured there in the past is not sufficient

to allow that person to claim subsidiary protection

## Development and Cooperation

### 23 October

Commission announces €106 million support package for people affected by crises in Sudan

EU pledges additional €30 million for Rohingya crisis

### 24 October

Kosovo justice agreement reached in 2015 under EU-facilitated Dialogue now implemented

### 25 October

EU deploys Election Observation Mission to Nepal

Commission announces additional €5 million in humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan



## CFSP and CSDP

### 23 October

EU renews sanctions against Burundi until 31 October 2018

### 26 October

New Operation Commander appointed to EUNAVFOR Somalia Operation Atalanta

### 27 October

Council confirms deal with European Parliament on improvements to the EU's instrument for contributing to stability and peace (IcSP)

## EU - Cuba relations

### 1 November

Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement enters into force on 1 November 2017 (provisional application)

EU – Cuba relations factsheet

## EU - Mongolia relations

### 1 November

Partnership and Cooperation Agreement enters into force on 1 November 2017

## New Issue of CLEER Papers

2017/3

Eva Kassoti, 'The Legality under International Law of the EU's Trade Agreements covering Occupied Territories: A Comparative Study of Palestine and Western Sahara'

### Events

#### 10 November

Workshop: 'Resolving the Tensions between EU Trade and Non-Trade Objectives: Actors, Norms, and Processes' (organized by Utrecht Centre for Regulation and Enforcement in Europe - RENFORCE), Universiteit Utrecht, The Netherlands

#### 20 November

Meeting: 'Stakeholder Meeting on a Multilateral Reform of Investment Dispute Resolution including the Possible Establishment of a Multilateral Investment Court' (organised by European Commission), Brussels, Belgium

#### 21 November

Conference: 'The Future of Free Movement in Stormy Times' (organised by The Hague University of Applied Sciences and the University of Oslo), The Hague, The Netherlands

#### 24 November

Workshop: 'Modelling Convergence(s) and Divergence(s) of the EU in the World' (organised by City Law School), City University of London, United Kingdom

#### 5 December

Conference: 'European Trade Policy Day – "Trade Policy in a Turbulent World"' (organised by European Commission), Brussels, Belgium

#### 19 December

Conference: 'Export Control Forum' (organised by European Commission, the Presidency of the Council and European Parliament), Brussels, Belgium

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