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European Neighbourhood Policy

10 November

European Union to invest in new initiatives to support independent journalism, sustainable media outlets, and boost regional cooperation among public service media in the Western Balkans

15 November

EEAS Association Implementation Report on Ukraine published showing considerable progress on reforms but need to accelerate implementation

MEPs vote to set up trust fund for Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova, and to reward reforms made by Eastern partners by offering entry into the customs union



Trade and Investment

8 November

EIB lends EUR 120m to Banque de l'Habitat to boost financing of Tunisian businesses

9 November

EIB finances new suburban rail network in Tunisia

EU releases report assessing the implementation of its existing trade agreements

10 November

EIB signs largest ever loan in Pacific to support investment by the Water Authority of Fiji

Latest round of trade negotiations with Mercosur completed

11 November

Green Finance Committee of the China Society for Finance and Banking and the EIB launch White Paper to enhance consistency of green finance definitions and standards between China and EU

13 November

EIB and Caribbean Development Bank commit USD 24 million to post-disaster reconstruction in the Caribbean

14 November

European Economic Area Council adopts conclusions assessing the functioning of the EEA agreement

European Investment Bank approves EUR 9.2 billion of new financing for 38 projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America (and 16 EU countries) for climate action, broadband and business

15 November

Adoption of 2018 work programme for the promotion of EU agri-food products with focus on growth markets outside EU

MEPs vote for new rules to fight dumped and subsidised imports from third countries

EIB signs EUR 102.5 million (ZMK 11,5 billion) concessional loan with Zambian Ministry of Finance and the Lusaka Water & Sewerage Company (LWSC) in support of local sanitation infrastructure in Zambia

16 November

Euro area international trade in goods surplus EUR 26.4 billion for month of September

EIB Group and Ukrgasbank to support EUR 50 million of SME financing in Ukraine under EU4Business initiative

External Dimension of the AFSJ

14 November

Judgment in Case C-165/16 - Toufik Lounes v Secretary of State for the Home Department: A non-EU national may benefit from a right of residence in the Member State in which his EU citizen family member resided before acquiring the nationality of that Member State in addition to her nationality of origin

Development and Cooperation

14 November

Commission updates 2007 Joint EU Strategy on Aid for Trade

16 November

EU to provide EUR 400 million to support Guinea national economic and social development plan

MEPs pass resolution recommending new EU-Africa strategy aimed at strengthening the resilience of African countries

MEPs pass resolutions calling for action to be taken by national authorities in respect of human rights abuses in Sudan, Somalia and Madagascar, respectively, and EU action to ensure food security in Somalia

17 November

Three new EU-ASEAN cooperation programmes worth EUR 85 million launched (among other measures to further strengthen cooperation and to support ASEAN's efforts to implement the Sustainable Development Agenda and the Paris agreement on climate change)



Humanitarian Action

7 November

EU ready to use any means necessary (including restrictive measures) to support IGAD-led efforts to restore full implementation of Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan

8 November

EU to send team to assess damage and explore any assistance requested by the Vietnamese authorities in wake of typhoon

9 November

New contracts signed under EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey

11 November

EU in contact with Saudi authorities to reopen closed air, sea and land entry points to Yemen

15 November

Council of the EU endorses mandate for negotiations on a regulation establishing an EU resettlement framework for the admission of persons in need of international protection

16 November

MEPs endorse mandate in respect of reforming Dublin system to ensure asylum seekers are fairly shared among EU member states in advance of negotiations with Council of Ministers

17 November

Central Mediterranean Route factsheet

Competition

16 November

Commission and China start new dialogue on State aid control and discuss competition policy

CFSP and CSDP

6 November

EU fund for stability and peace to be provided additional EUR 100 million to support military's civilian tasks in third countries for first time

7 November

Italian Chief of Defence to take office as next permanent Chair of the EU Military Committee in November 2018

13 November

Member States sign common notification on Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO)

Council of the EU adopts conclusions on security and defence in the context of the EU Global Strategy

Council of the EU adopts conclusions on strategic approach to resilience in EU's external action

Council of the EU appoints new Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia

Foreign Affairs Council adopts conclusions on Venezuela and agrees targeted sanctions

EU Missions and Operations fact sheet

14 November

High Representative/Vice-President Mogherini agrees there should not be any external interference in Lebanon

15 November

Council of the EU adopts Decision extending existing restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea until 27 October 2018

Commission and High Representative issue consolidated progress report on European Agenda on Migration including next policy steps

EU to deploy high-level diplomatic mission to discuss EU support for efforts to achieve intra-Palestinian reconciliation in view of possible redeployment of the EU Border Assistance Mission

16 November

PESCO fact sheet

EU - Switzerland relations

10 November

Council authorises agreement linking EU and Swiss emissions trading systems

15 November

Commission asks Council for a mandate to negotiate with Switzerland an amendment of the 1999 bilateral Land Transport Agreement

EU - Chile relations

13 November

Mandate approved for EU to start negotiations with Chile for a modernised Association Agreement

16 November

EU and Chile start negotiations for a modernised Association Agreement

EU - Georgia relations

10 November

Release of 2nd Joint Association Implementation Report on Georgia by EEAS and Commission reveals implementation of reform commitments by Georgia

EU - Georgia relations fact sheet

EU - Armenia relations

14 November

EU - Armenia relations fact sheet

Events

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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