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## EU UPDATE

### Council of the EU

The Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) met on 18-19 November, 12 December and 16 December in Brussels.

On 18-19 November, EU foreign ministers adopted conclusions on Libya, Syria and Tunisia. They also:

- took stock of preparations for the Eastern Partnership summit (28-29 November, Vilnius)
- took stock of the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- received a briefing on the state of play of preparations for the 16th EU-China summit (21 November, Beijing)
- exchanged views on the latest developments in Egypt
- debated migration issues
- exchanged views on the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) (see below)
- reached agreement on setting the 2014 budget of the European Defence Agency (EDA) at € 30.5 million
- decided to sign and conclude an agreement enabling the Republic of Chile to participate in EU crisis management operations
- agreed to sign and conclude an agreement establishing a framework for the participation of Georgia in EU crisis management operations
- noted the report by the Head of the EDA
- took note of the single progress report on the development of EU military capabilities November 2012 – October 2013
- endorsed a note on EU rapid-response capabilities and EU battlegroups
- approved the exercise specifications for the 2014 EU crisis management exercise (MILEX 14)
- approved the conclusion of a protocol to the Association Agreement with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the

general principles for the participation of Jordan in EU programmes

- adopted the EU priorities for co-operation with the Council of Europe in 2014-2015
- agreed to support the activities of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in the area of biosafety and biosecurity, in the framework of the EU strategy against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction
- established the EU position for the 12th meeting of the EU-Kyrgyz Republic Cooperation Council (21 November, Brussels)

On 3 and 6 December, they adopted conclusions on the ninth World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference.

On 12 December, EU foreign and development ministers adopted conclusions on policy coherence for development, financing poverty eradication and sustainable development beyond 2015, the 2013 annual report on the EU's development and external assistance policies and their implementation in 2012, and EU support for democratic governance. They also:

- exchanged views on how best to support lasting peace and development in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Great Lakes region
- adopted transitional management measures for the European Development Fund (EDF)
- approved a letter to the President of the Republic of Guinea announcing the full resumption of development co-operation between the EU and the Republic of Guinea
- adopted a partial general approach on the decision establishing the European Year of Development 2015.

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On 16 December, EU foreign ministers adopted conclusions on the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Great Lakes region, Lebanon, Myanmar and the Middle East peace process. They also:

- received a briefing on the latest round of talks with Iran on its nuclear programme (20-24 November, Geneva)
- debated the latest developments in the Syrian crisis
- discussed the follow-up to the Eastern Partnership summit
- took stock of relations with Russia
- took stock of recent developments in the Western Balkans and discussed foreign policy aspects of the European Commission's (EC) 2013 enlargement package regarding the region
- adopted the EU's position for the 11th EU-Morocco Association Council (16 December, Brussels)
- approved the EU's position within the EU-Morocco Association Council with regard to the adoption of a recommendation on the implementation of the EU-Morocco Action Plan implementing the advanced status (2013–2017)
- agreed on EU activities in support of the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), including the allocation of € 5.2 million from the EU budget for projects that aim to support states to strengthen their arms transfer control systems with a view to being able to implement the ATT as well as to increase awareness and ownership of the ATT by relevant national and regional authorities and civil society stakeholders
- authorised the High Representative to open negotiations in order to amend the existing agreement between Australia and the EU on the security of classified information
- took note of the 15th annual report in accordance with Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment.

The General Affairs Council (GAC) met on 19 November and 17 December in Brussels.

In November, EU foreign and European ministers took note of the EC work programme for 2014, examined a draft annotated agenda for the next European Council meeting (19-20 December, Brussels) and took note of the presidency report on the implementation of European Council conclusions.

In December, they adopted conclusions on the review of the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the enlargement strategy and main challenges 2013-2014. They also:

- examined draft conclusions for the next European Council meeting
- adopted the general EU position for the opening of accession negotiations with Serbia
- confirmed the agreement on the Joint Declaration establishing a Mobility Partnership between the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the EU and its participating Member States.

Click [here](#) to read the FAC conclusions from 18-19 November, [here](#) to read the FAC conclusions from 3 and 6 December, [here](#) to read the FAC conclusions from 12 December, [here](#) to read the FAC conclusions from 16 December, [here](#) to read the GAC conclusions from 19 November, and [here](#) to read the GAC conclusions from 17 December.

### European Council

The European Council met on 19-20 December in Brussels.

EU heads of state and government adopted conclusions on the Central African Republic, Syria, the Eastern Partnership,

the CSDP (see below) and migration flows. They also welcomed and endorsed the conclusions adopted by the GAC on enlargement and the stabilisation and association process, and welcomed the successful outcome of the ninth WTO ministerial conference.

Click [here](#) to read the European Council conclusions.

### Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)

On 18-19 November, EU foreign ministers exchanged views on the CSDP. They discussed preparations for the December European Council and took stock of the EU's current military operations: the EU's anti-piracy operation in the Gulf of Aden and off the coast of Somalia (EUNAVFOR Atalanta) and the EU training mission in Mali (EUTM Mali).

On 25 November, the Council of the EU adopted conclusions on CSDP: (1) increasing the effectiveness, visibility and impact of CSDP, (2) enhancing the development of capabilities, and (3) strengthening defence industry.

On 17 December, the EU's Political and Security Committee (PSC) approved the appointment of General Massimo Mingiardi (Italy) as the new mission commander for the EU training mission in Somalia (EUTM Somalia).

On 19-20 December, the European Council adopted conclusions on the CSDP: (1) increasing the effectiveness, visibility and impact of CSDP; (2) enhancing the development of capabilities; (3) strengthening Europe's defence industry; and (4) the way forward.

Click [here](#) to read the Council conclusions about the CSDP, [here](#) to read the press release about EUTM Somalia and [here](#) to read the latest issue of EU Security and Defence News.

### European Commission (EC)

On 26 November, the EC published a communication on a European terrorist finance tracking system (EU TFTS).

On 28 November, the EC published a report on the European Investment Bank's (EIB) external activity with EU budgetary guarantee in 2012.

Also on 28 November 2013, the EC and the EEAS published a joint proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria.

On 4 December, the EC and the EEAS published a joint proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 204/2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya.

On 5 December, the EC published a proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council providing macro-financial assistance to the Republic of Tunisia.

On 6 December, the EC published proposals for Council decisions on the signing, provisional application and conclusion of a protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Azerbaijan on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Azerbaijan in EU programmes.

On 11 December, the EC and the EEAS published a joint communication on the EU's comprehensive approach to external conflict and crises.

On 12 December, the EC published a proposal for a Council regulation amending Council Regulation (EC) No 617/2007 on the implementation of the tenth EDF under the ACP-EC

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Partnership Agreement for the implementation of the Bridging Facility.

On 18 December, the EC published a proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Partnership and Cooperation between the EU and its Member States, of the one part, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, of the other part.

It also published a proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the EU and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other part.

Also on 18 December, the EC and the EEAS published a joint communication on elements for the EU's strategic response to the challenges in the Gulf of Guinea.

Click [here](#) to read the documents which were published by the EC in November and December.

In December, they adopted resolutions on the development of statebuilding in South Sudan, the EU-Côte d'Ivoire Fisheries Partnership Agreement, the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition; the EU-Morocco Fisheries Partnership Agreement, autonomous trade preferences for Moldova, resilience and disaster risk reduction in developing countries, human rights in the world 2012 and EU policy on the matter, the EU's external financing instruments (2014-2020), EU donor coordination on development aid, the EU-Armenia agreement on the general principles for Armenia's participation in EU programmes, the situation in Sri Lanka, organ harvesting in China, the situation in the Central African Republic, the 2013 progress report on Albania, and the outcome of the Vilnius Summit and the future of the Eastern Partnership.

Click [here](#) to read the texts which were adopted by the EP in November and December.

### European Parliament (EP)

The European Parliament had plenary sessions on 18-21 November and 9-12 December in Strasbourg.

In November, members adopted resolutions on Bangladesh, the Nuclear Safety Cooperation Instrument, the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014–2020, macro-financial assistance to Jordan, fair justice in Bolivia, the implementation of the CSDP and the state of play of the Doha Development Agenda.

### European Court of Auditors (ECA)

On 11 December, the European Court of Auditors published a special report on the EU's direct financial support to the Palestinian Authority.

Click [here](#) to read the documents which were published by the ECA in November and December.

## UPCOMING EU EVENTS

European Parliament plenary session: 3-6 February 2014, Brussels

Foreign Affairs Council: 10 February 2014, Brussels

European Council: 15-16 May 2014, Brussels

## UPCOMING CIVIL SOCIETY EVENTS

### The Development of Democracy and Institutional Reform in Southeast Europe: EU Enlargement in Practice

Wednesday 29 January 2014, Brussels

(Organisers: DG Enlargement - European Commission and Partners for Democratic Change International)

For more information about this event, please visit the [Partners for Democratic Change International website](#).

### Afghanistan's Region – 2014 and Beyond: Joint Declaration on Regional Peace and Stability

Thursday 30 January 2014, Brussels

(Organiser: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung)

For more information about this event, please visit the [Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung website](#).

### Eastern Partnership: In need of a re-boot in 2014?

Thursday 30 January 2014, Brussels

(Organiser: Centre for European Policy Studies)

For more information about this event, please visit the [Centre for European Policy Studies website](#).

### Post-2015: Taking our recommendations to the next level

30-31 January 2014

(Organisers: European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development (CONCORD) and Beyond2015 European Task Force)

For more information about this event, please visit the [Beyond2015 website](#).

Click [here](#) to visit the 'Civil Society Events' page of the EPLO website.

## EU PRESS RELEASES

### President of the European Council

- 29 December 2013 – [Statement by President Herman Van Rompuy on the terrorist attack in Volgograd](#)
- 13 December 2013 – [Speech by President Herman Van Rompuy: 'Dinner debate at the 6th World Policy Conference in Monaco'](#)
- 7 December 2013 – [Intervention du Président Herman Van Rompuy à l'issue du sommet de l'Élysée pour la paix et la sécurité en Afrique](#)
- 28 November 2013 – [Address by President Herman Van Rompuy during the signature ceremony with Azerbaijan, Moldova and Georgia at the Eastern Partnership summit in Vilnius](#)
- 26 November 2013 – [Speech by President Herman Van Rompuy at the Friends of Europe's third Europe-China Forum](#)
- 25 November 2013 – [Joint statement by President Herman Van Rompuy and President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso on Ukraine](#)
- 24 November 2013 – [Statement by President Herman Van Rompuy on the agreement on Iran's nuclear programme](#)
- 9 November 2013 – [Speech by President Herman Van Rompuy: 'Post-Wall Europe'](#)
- 4 November 2013 – [Speech by President Herman Van Rompuy at the International Peace Symposium: 'Peace in Europe and in the world'](#)

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### High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

- 31 December 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the release of prisoners of conscience in Myanmar](#)
- 31 December 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the abduction of Syrian human rights activists](#)
- 30 December 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the terrorist attack in Volgograd](#)
- 29 December 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the terrorist attack in Volgograd](#)
- 28 December 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the killing of residents at Camp Hurriya](#)
- 27 December 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the terrorist attack in Beirut](#)
- 27 December 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the new sentence to death penalty in Belarus](#)
- 26 December 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the visit of Prime Minister Abe to Yasukuni Shrine](#)
- 24 December 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the car bombs in Mansoura, Egypt](#)
- 24 December 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the recent bombings in Aleppo](#)
- 24 December 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the situation in South Sudan](#)
- 23 December 2013 – [Déclaration du porte-parole de la Haute Représentante Catherine Ashton sur les élections présidentielles et législatives à Madagascar](#)
- 23 December 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the sentencing of political activists in Egypt](#)
- 20 December 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the adoption of the Anti-Homosexuality Bill in Uganda](#)
- 20 December 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the release of Mikhail Khodorkovsky and on amnesty resolution](#)
- 20 December 2013 – [Statement by the spokespersons of High Representative Catherine Ashton and Commissioner Štefan Füle on the detention of Mr Anar Mammadli, Chairman of the Election Monitoring and Democracy Studies Centre in Azerbaijan](#)
- 20 December 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on EU Election Observation Mission in Bangladesh](#)
- 20 December 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the new sentence to death penalty in Belarus](#)
- 19 December 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on EU support to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons \(OPCW\) Special Trust Fund for the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons](#)
- 18 December 2013 – [Opening remarks by High Representative Catherine Ashton at the meeting of the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee](#)
- 18 December 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the latest attacks in Iraq](#)
- 17 December 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the shooting across the Blue Line between Lebanon and Israel](#)
- 17 December 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the kidnapping of four human rights activists in Syria](#)
- 17 December 2013 – [Déclaration de Catherine Ashton, Haute Représentante de l'UE, sur la désignation de M. Mehdi Jomaa comme Premier ministre tunisien](#)
- 16 December 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on fighting in Juba](#)
- 16 December 2013 – [Déclaration de Catherine Ashton, Haute Représentante de l'UE sur le déroulement du second tour des élections législatives au Mali](#)
- 13 December 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on Guinea-Bissau](#)
- 13 December 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the recent events in Thailand](#)
- 12 December 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on LGBTI persons' rights in India](#)
- 11 December 2013 – [Remarks by High Representative Catherine Ashton at the end of her visit to Ukraine](#)
- 11 December 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on recent events in Ukraine on Kiev's Maidan Square](#)
- 11 December 2013 – [Message of High Representative Catherine Ashton to Maidan protestors](#)
- 10 December 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the ceremony awarding the 2013 Nobel Peace Prize to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons \(OPCW\)](#)
- 10 December 2013 – [Declaration by High Representative Catherine Ashton on Human Rights Day](#)
- 9 December 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on forcible entry into Batkivshchyna office in Kyiv](#)
- 6 December 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the attack on the Ministry of Defence in Sana'a](#)
- 5 December 2013 – [Déclaration du porte-parole de Catherine Ashton, Haute Représentante de l'UE, sur les violences en République centrafricaine et l'adoption par le Conseil de sécurité de la Résolution 2127 \(2013\)](#)
- 5 December 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton after today's meeting in the framework of the EU-facilitated dialogue](#)
- 3 December 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on elections in Kosovo](#)
- 1 December 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the recent events in Egypt](#)
- 30 November 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the preparation for general elections in Bangladesh](#)
- 30 November 2013 – [Joint statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton and Commissioner Štefan Füle on last night's events in Ukraine](#)
- 29 November 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the outcome of the discussions at the 12th Session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court](#)

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### High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy – continued

- 29 November 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the earthquake in Iran](#)
- 29 November 2013 – [Joint statement between the EU and the Republic of Armenia as agreed by High Representative Catherine Ashton and Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian](#)
- 28 November 2013 – [Declaration by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the establishment by China of an 'East China Sea Air Defence Identification Zone'](#)
- 26 November 2013 – [Joint statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton and Israeli Minister of Justice Tzipi Livni on Israel's participation in the Horizon 2020 Programme](#)
- 26 November 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the general elections in Honduras on 24 November 2013](#)
- 26 November 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the announcement by the UN Secretary-General of the date for the Geneva 2 conference on Syria](#)
- 26 November 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the deadly attack against a UNAMID peacekeeper](#)
- 26 November 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the political situation in Thailand](#)
- 26 November 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the second anniversary of the publication of the Report of the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry](#)
- 25 November 2013 – [Déclaration de Catherine Ashton, Haute Représentante de l'UE, sur l'issue du premier tour des élections législatives au Mali](#)
- 24 November 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the latest execution in Indonesia](#)
- 24 November 2013 – [Joint Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton and Iran Foreign Minister Zarif](#)
- 22 November 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the outcome of the Plenary Meeting of the Kimberley Process in Johannesburg](#)
- 21 November 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on Ukraine](#)
- 21 November 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the elections to the Constituent Assembly of Nepal](#)
- 21 November 2013 – [Declaration by Representative Catherine Ashton on the presidential elections in the Maldives on 16 November 2013](#)
- 21 November 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton following the adoption of 2013 UNGA resolution on human rights situation in Myanmar](#)
- 21 November 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the Meeting on 19 November in Vienna of the Presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan through the mediation of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs](#)
- 20 November 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the occasion of the Universal Children's Day](#)
- 20 November 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the consultations for an International Code of Conduct for Outer Space Activities](#)
- 19 November 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the terrorist attack in Beirut](#)
- 15 November 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the shooting of peaceful demonstrators in Libya](#)
- 15 November 2013 – [Declaration by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the alignment of certain third countries with the Council Decision 2013/534/CFSP amending Council Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Belarus](#)
- 15 November 2013 – [Joint statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton and U Soe Thane, Union Minister from the Ministry of the President's Office, on the EU-Myanmar Task Force](#)
- 13 November 2013 – [Declaration by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the first round of presidential elections in the Maldives on 9 November 2013](#)
- 13 November 2013 – [Remarks by High Representative Catherine Ashton during her visit to Thailand](#)
- 12 November 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the re-election of UNESCO Director General Irina Bokova](#)
- 11 November 2013 – [Remarks by High Representative Catherine Ashton at the Asia-Europe meeting \(ASEM\) in New Delhi](#)
- 11 November 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the signing of the UN Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment by Vietnam](#)
- 11 November 2013 – [Joint statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton and Foreign Minister Zarif following the meeting of the E3/EU+3 with Iran](#)
- 10 November 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the tropical cyclone in the Philippines](#)
- 7 November 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the elections in the Republic of Tajikistan](#)
- 7 November 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the latest Israeli announcement on settlements](#)
- 6 November 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton following today's meeting in the framework of the EU-facilitated dialogue](#)
- 6 November 2013 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on violence in the area of Sada'a, Yemen](#)
- 5 November 2013 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the elections in Kosovo](#)
- 3 November 2013 – [Déclaration du porte-parole de la Haute Représentante après l'assassinat de deux journalistes français au Mali](#)

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### European External Action Service

- 23 December 2013 – [EU to lead international counter piracy efforts in 2014](#)
- 13 December 2013 – [Joint statement by the Special Envoys for the Great Lakes on the conclusion of the Kampala Dialogue](#)
- 11 December 2013 – [EU enhances its comprehensive approach to external conflicts and crises](#)
- 6 December 2013 – [The fight against impunity and economic, social and cultural rights: 15th EU-NGO Human Rights Forum](#)
- 5 December 2013 – [Speech by Deputy Secretary General Helga Schmid at the OSCE Ministerial Council](#)
- 26 November 2013 – [EU-Kazakhstan Human Rights Dialogue](#)
- 23 November 2013 – [16th EU-China Summit: EU-China 2020 Strategic Agenda for Cooperation](#)
- 8 November 2013 – [EU-Uzbekistan Human Rights Dialogue](#)
- 7 November 2013 – [EU-Thailand Partnership and Cooperation Agreement initialled today in Brussels](#)
- 6 November 2013 – [Joint statement by the Great Lakes Envoys on the announcement of the end of the M23 rebellion](#)
- 4 November 2013 – [Joint statement by the Great Lakes Envoys on the M23 situation](#)

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- 18 December 2013 – [Third meeting of the Accession Conference with Montenegro at ministerial level: Key rule of law chapters opened among others](#)
- 16 December 2013 – [Conseil d'Association UE-Maroc](#)
- 12 December 2013 – [14th Cooperation Council between the EU and Georgia](#)
- 12 December 2013 – [The EU resumes full cooperation with the Republic of Guinea](#)
- 9 December 2013 – [14th Cooperation Council between the EU and the Republic of Azerbaijan](#)
- 9 December 2013 – [14th Cooperation Council between the EU and the Republic of Armenia](#)
- 2 December 2013 – [Council adopts the multiannual financial framework 2014-2020](#)
- 29 November 2013 – [Joint declaration of the Eastern Partnership Summit, Vilnius, 28-29 November 2013 - Eastern Partnership: the way ahead](#)
- 21 November 2013 – [12th meeting of the Cooperation Council between the EU and the Kyrgyz Republic](#)
- 19 November 2013 – [Lithuanian Presidency welcomes European Parliament consent to EU multiannual financial framework](#)
- 19 November 2013 – [21st EU-Japan summit](#)
- 8 November 2013 – [EU-Republic of Korea summit](#)
- 8 November 2013 – [Joint declaration in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the EU and the Republic of Korea](#)
- 5 November 2013 – [Accession conference at ministerial level opens negotiations with Turkey on Chapter 22: Regional Policy and Coordination of Structural Instruments](#)

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### EU Delegations

- 27 December 2013 – [Statement by the Delegation of the EU to Ukraine on the 15 December repeat elections in five single-mandate districts](#)
- 26 December 2013 – [Déclaration de la Délégation de l'UE: Elections législatives et municipales en Mauritanie 2013](#)
- 25 December 2013 – [Statement by the Delegation of the EU to Ukraine](#)
- 20 December 2013 – [Local EU statement on the current conflict in South Sudan](#)
- 20 December 2013 – [EU Delegation statement issued in agreement with the EU heads of mission in Georgia](#)
- 19 December 2013 – [Local EU statement in Jerusalem on demolitions](#)
- 10 December 2013 – [The EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah condemn the death sentence issued in Gaza](#)
- 10 December 2013 – [Local EU statement in Iraq on the occasion of International Human Rights Day](#)
- 10 December 2013 – [Local EU statement in Sri Lanka on World Human Rights Day](#)
- 2 December 2013 – [Statement issued by the EU Delegation in agreement with the EU heads of mission in Thailand](#)
- 27 November 2013 – [Déclaration locale de la Délégation de l'UE concernant le procès des accusés des violations graves des droits de l'Homme commises en novembre 2012 à Minova, République démocratique du Congo](#)
- 25 November 2013 – [Local EU statement in Yemen on recent targeted attacks against Houthi members](#)
- 6 November 2013 – [Local EU statement on the start of the electoral campaign for local elections in Mozambique](#)

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### European Commission

- 30 December 2013 – [Central African Republic: only concerted international action can prevent an appalling tragedy from spiralling further out of control](#)
- 23 December 2013 – [EU to lead international counter piracy efforts in 2014](#)
- 23 December 2013 – [EU support to rural development in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia](#)
- 23 December 2013 – [EU to grant € 178.7 million to support key reforms in Serbia](#)
- 23 December 2013 – [EU to grant € 41.9 million to Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)
- 23 December 2013 – [Additional € 30 million to boost aid for victims of Syria crisis](#)
- 23 December 2013 – ["We must do everything to prevent a humanitarian tragedy in South Sudan" – Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva announces € 50 million for urgent humanitarian action](#)
- 20 December 2013 – [New funding to support economic development, civil society and institution building in Armenia](#)
- 20 December 2013 – [Additional funding to support the normalisation between Kosovo and Serbia](#)
- 19 December 2013 – [Luxembourg joins EU Children of Peace initiative](#)
- 18 December 2013 – [EU-Montenegro: Inter-governmental Conference](#)
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- 12 December 2013 – [Central African Republic: EU flies in emergency aid relief](#)
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- 10 December 2013 – [Speech by Commissioner Štefan Füle: 'Albania has delivered and so should the EU'](#)
- 10 December 2013 – [Speech by Commissioner Štefan Füle: 'IPA and ENI reflecting EU's support to closest neighbours'](#)
- 10 December 2013 – [Speech by Commissioner Štefan Füle: 'Time to get stronger in our commitment to EaP and reforms in Ukraine'](#)
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- 9 December 2013 – [EU-Armenia: New context but same resolve to take partnership forward](#)
- 9 December 2013 – [Statement by President José Manuel Barroso on the current situation in Ukraine](#)
- 8 December 2013 – [Central African Republic: EU steps up relief effort, launches humanitarian air bridge](#)
- 8 December 2013 – [Syria: A thousand days of crisis](#)
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Democratic Republic of Congo  
18 March 2014, Kinshasa (TBC)**

*For more information about this meeting, please contact [Anna Penfrat](#).*

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### Upcoming Events

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Wednesday 5 February 2014, Helsinki**

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**Statebuilding and Peacebuilding  
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