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EU UPDATE

Council of the EU

The Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) met on 14-15 April in Luxembourg, and on 8 and 12 May in Brussels.

In April, EU foreign ministers adopted conclusions on Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Central African Republic, Syria, Ukraine and the European Court of Auditors' special report on EU development assistance to Central Asia. They also:

- received a briefing about the European Commission (EC) and European External Action Service (EEAS) joint communication 'For an open and secure global maritime domain: elements for an EU maritime security strategy' (see p. 3)
- received a briefing on the state of play concerning the EU military operation in the Central African Republic (EUFOR RCA) in the presence of the EU Operation Commander Major-General Philippe Pontières
- discussed the implications of the crisis in Ukraine on EU defence and security policy, in the presence of NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen
- reinforced EU restrictive measures targeting persons responsible for the misappropriation of Ukrainian state funds
- adopted a decision providing up to € 1 billion in macro-financial assistance to Ukraine to support its economic stabilisation and its structural reform agenda
- adopted a regulation granting unilateral trade preferences to Ukraine, providing for the temporary reduction or elimination of customs duties in accordance with a schedule of concessions set out in an annex to the EU-Ukraine association agreement
- adopted the EU position for the tenth Association Council with Tunisia (14 April, Luxembourg)
- amended the EU restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea
- amended the EU restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea so as to take account of changes agreed at the United Nations (UN)
- extended the EU restrictive measures against Myanmar until 30 April 2015
- adopted decisions on the signing, provisional application and conclusion of a protocol to the EU-Azerbaijan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement concerning a Framework Agreement between the EU and Azerbaijan on general principles for the participation of Azerbaijan in EU programmes
- approved, on behalf of the EU, the conclusion of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Partnership and Cooperation between the EU and its Member States and the Republic of Indonesia
- approved the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republics of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama, of the other part.
- adopted the legislative act establishing the European Year of Development 2015
- approved a renewal of the EU's guarantee for the European Investment Bank's (EIB) external operations for the 2014-2020 period

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On 8 May, EU foreign, trade and European ministers:

- discussed the EU's "post-Bali" agenda following the WTO ministerial conference held at the end of 2013
- received a briefing by the EC on progress in negotiations on economic partnership agreements (EPAs)
- adopted an amendment to Regulation (EC) No 2173/2005 on the establishment of a forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products (FLEGT) licensing scheme for imports of timber into the EU
- adopted a decision establishing the EU position for the 93rd session of the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), in relation notably to the adoption of amendments to several other regulations concerning safety of life at sea.

On 12 May, EU foreign ministers adopted conclusions on Ukraine, the Middle East Peace Process, the abductions in Nigeria, the Human Rights Dialogue with Myanmar, and the EU comprehensive approach. They also:

- discussed the future of the European Neighbourhood Policy
- adopted the EU's position for the sixth meeting of the Stabilisation and Association Council with Albania (12 May, Brussels)
- agreed to the conclusion of a protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with Georgia on a Framework Agreement between the EU and Georgia on the general principles for the participation of Georgia in EU programmes
- adopted the EU position for the eighth meeting of the EU-Algeria Association Council (13 May, Brussels)
- adopted EU human rights guidelines on freedom of expression online and offline
- made technical changes to the EU restrictive measures against Somalia so as to take account of UN Security Council Resolution 2142
- approved the annual review of EU restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire
- approved, on behalf of the EU, the conclusion of the Framework Agreement between the EU and its Member States and the Republic of Korea
- adopted the position of the EU and its Member States on the draft declaration of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) ministerial meeting on environment and climate change (13 May, Athens)
- established the EU's common position for the 41st meeting of the European Economic Area (EEA) Council (13 May, Brussels).

The General Affairs Council (GAC) met on 13 May in Brussels. EU foreign and European ministers:

- examined a draft annotated agenda for the next European Council meeting (26-27 June, Brussels)
- adopted a regulation establishing rules for the surveillance of the external sea borders in the context of operational cooperation coordinated by the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the EU (FRONTEX)
- adopted a decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the EU, of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the fisheries partnership agreement (FPA) between the EU and the Republic of Seychelles

- adopted a decision on the conclusion of the Protocol agreed between the EU and the Republic of Madagascar setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the FPA between the two parties currently in force
- adopted a decision on the conclusion of the Protocol between the EU and the Union of the Comoros setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the FPA between the two parties currently in force
- adopted a regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 as regards the technical implementation of the Kyoto Protocol to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Click [here](#) to read the FAC conclusions from 14-15 April, [here](#) to read the FAC conclusions from 8 May, [here](#) to read the FAC conclusions from 12 May, and [here](#) to read the GAC conclusions from 13 May.

European Council

On 27 May, EU heads of state and government issued a statement on Ukraine.

Click [here](#) to read the European Council statement on Ukraine.

Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)

On 1 April, the Council of the EU launched an EU military operation to contribute to a secure environment in the Central African Republic (EUFOR RCA), as authorised by the UN Security Council in Resolution 2134.

On 15 April, the FAC:

- took note of the revised exercise policy of the EU under the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)
- extended the EU Training Mission in Mali (EUTM Mali) for two years and refocused its activities
- approved an agreement on the participation of the Switzerland in EUTM Mali
- established a civilian CSDP mission to assist the internal security forces in Mali to ensure law and order as well as fight against terrorists, organised crime and cross-border trafficking (EUCAP Sahel Mali)
- authorised the opening of negotiations with the Republic of Mali for an agreement on the status of EUCAP Sahel Mali
- approved the signing and conclusion of an agreement between the EU and the Central African Republic concerning the detailed arrangements for the transfer to the latter of persons detained by EUFOR RCA in the course of carrying out its mandate, and concerning the guarantees applicable to such persons
- authorised the opening of negotiations with the Republic of Cameroon for an agreement on the status of the EU forces from EUFOR RCA in transit within the territory of Cameroon.

On 30 April, EUFOR RCA took responsibility from France's Operation Sangaris for the security and protection of Bangui Airport.

On 6 May, Mr Filip de Ceuninck (Belgium) was appointed new Head of Mission for the EU civilian CSDP mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger).

Click [here](#) to read the press release about the launch of EUFOR RCA, [here](#) to read the press release about the extension of EUTM Mali, [here](#) to read the press release about the establishment of EUCAP Sahel Mali, [here](#) to read the press release about EUFOR RCA taking control of Bangui airport, and [here](#) to read the press release about EUCAP Sahel Niger.

European External Action Service (EEAS)

On 8 April, High Representative (HR) Catherine Ashton announced the appointment of Mr Gábor Iklódy as Director for

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Crisis Management and Planning (CMPD). Mr Iklódy is currently NATO's Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges.

Also on 8 April, HR Ashton announced the appointment of Mr Silvio Gonzato as Director for Human Rights and Democracy. Mr Gonzato is currently Head of the Secretariat of the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the European Parliament (EP).

On 11 April, HR Ashton announced the appointment of Mr Alexander Baum as Head of the EU Delegation (EUD) to Botswana. Mr Baum is currently Head of the EUD to Malawi.

Also on 11 April, HR Ashton announced the appointment of Mr Jari Vilen as Head of the EUD to the Council of Europe. Mr Vilen is currently Finland's Ambassador to Poland.

On 2 May, HR Ashton announced the appointment of Mr Christian Manahl as Head of the EUD to Eritrea. Mr Manahl is currently a political counsellor in the EUD to South Sudan.

Also on 2 May, HR Ashton announced the appointment of Mr Michael Doyle as Head of the EUD to Lesotho. Mr Doyle is currently Deputy Head of the unit for the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace & Foreign Policy Regulatory Instruments in the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) in the European Commission (EC).

And finally on 2 May, HR Ashton announced the appointment of Mr Antonio Sánchez-Benedito Gaspar as Head of the EU EUD to Madagascar. Mr Sánchez-Benedito Gaspar is currently Spain's Ambassador at Large for the Sahel.

On 5 May, HR Ashton announced the appointment of Mr David O'Sullivan as Head of the EUD to the USA. Mr O'Sullivan has been the Chief Operating Officer of the EEAS since its creation.

On 8 May, HR Ashton announced the appointment of Mr Joaquín González-Ducay as Head of the EUD to Senegal. Mr González-Ducay is currently Head of the EUD to Guinea-Bissau.

Also on 8 May, HR Ashton announced the appointment of Mr Hidajet Bišćević as Head of the EUD to Tajikistan.

Click [here](#) to read the press release about the appointments of the new directors for CMPD and for Human Rights and Democracy, [here](#) to read the press release about the appointments of the heads of the EUDs to Malawi and the Council of Europe, [here](#) to read the press release about the appointments of the heads of the EUDs to Eritrea, Lesotho and Madagascar, [here](#) to read the press release about the appointment of the Head of the EUD to the USA, and [here](#) to read the press release about the appointments of the heads of the EUDs to Senegal and Tajikistan.

European Union Special Representatives (EUSRs)

On 9 April, HR Ashton appointed Janos Herman as Special Envoy to Central Asia. Mr Herman was most recently Head of the EUD to Norway.

On 9 May, HR Ashton appointed Mr Bernardino León as her personal Special Envoy for Libya. Mr León has been the EU Special Representative for the Southern Mediterranean region since June 2011.

Click [here](#) to read the press release about the appointment of the Special Envoy to Central Asia and [here](#) to read the press release about the appointment of the Special Envoy for Libya.

European Commission (EC)

On 5 March, the European Commission (EC) and the European External Action Service (EEAS) published a joint proposal on 'Responsible sourcing of minerals originating in conflict-affected and high-risk areas: Towards an integrated EU approach'.

Also on 5 March, the EC published a proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament (EP) and of the Council setting up an EU system for supply chain due diligence self-certification of

responsible importers of tin, tantalum and tungsten, their ores, and gold originating in conflict-affected and high-risk areas.

On 6 March, the EC and the EEAS published a joint commu-

nication on 'For an open and secure global maritime domain: elements for a European Union maritime security strategy'.

On 10 March, the EC published proposals for Council decisions on the signing and conclusion of association agreements between the EU and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia and the Republic of Moldova respectively, of the other part.

Also on 10 March, the EC published a proposal for a Council decision repealing Decision 2010/371/EU of 7 June 2010 concerning the conclusion of consultations with the Republic of Madagascar under Article 96 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement.

On 11 March, the EC published a communication on 'An open and secure Europe: making it happen'.

Also on 11 March, the EC published a proposal for a Regulation of the EP and of the Council on the reduction or elimination of customs duties on goods originating in Ukraine.

On 12 March, the EC published a report on 'Trade and Investment Barriers'.

On 19 March, the EC published a proposal for a Council decision providing macro-financial assistance to Ukraine.

On 24 March, the EC and the EEAS published a joint proposal for a Council regulation amending Council Regulation (EU) No 1284/2009 imposing certain specific restrictive measures in respect of the Republic of Guinea.

On 27 March, the EC and the EEAS published a joint communication on 'Neighbourhood at the Crossroads: Implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy in 2013'.

On 31 March 2014, the EC published proposals for Council decisions on the signing and conclusion, on behalf of the EU, of protocols to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing associations between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon and the Republic of Tunisia respectively, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the EU and those countries on the general principles for their participation in EU programmes.

On 1 April, the EC published proposals for Council decisions on the signing and conclusion of the protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the fisheries partnership agreement (FPA) between the EU and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe.

Also on 1 April, the EC published a recommendation for a Council decision to authorise the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the EU for the renewal of the protocol to the FPA with Mozambique.

On 7 April, the EC and the EEAS published a joint proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 147/2003 concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of Somalia.

On 8 April, the EC and the EEAS published a joint communication on 'The post 2015 Hyogo Framework for Action: Managing risks to achieve resilience.'

On 14 April, 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 15 April, the EC published a proposal for a Council decision establishing the position to be taken by the EU within the General Council of the World Trade Organization (WTO) on the accession of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the WTO.

On 30 April, the EC and the EEAS published a joint communication on 'Elements for an EU Strategy in Afghanistan 2014-16.'

On 5 May, the EC published a communication on 'A new EU approach to the detection and mitigation of CBRN-E risks'.

On 13 May, the EC published a communication on 'A Stronger Role of the Private Sector in Achieving Inclusive and Sustainable Growth in Developing Countries'.

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On 19 May, the EC and the EEAS published a joint communication on 'Elements for an EU strategy on public security in Central America and the Caribbean'.

On 23 May, the EC published a proposal for a Council decision on the signing, on behalf of the EU, of the agreement between the EU and its Member States and Iceland concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments of the EU, its Member States and Iceland in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

On 26 May, the EC published a communication on 'The review of the list of critical raw materials for the EU and the implementation of the Raw Materials Initiative'.

On 27 May, the EC published a proposal for a Council decision concerning the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and Ukraine.

Click [here](#) to read the documents which were published by the EC in March, April and May.

European Parliament (EP)

The European Parliament (EP) had plenary sessions on 2-3 April in Brussels, and 14-17 April in Strasbourg. Members adopted resolutions on:

- the European Year for Development 2015
- the 69th Session of the United Nations General Assembly
- the 2012 discharge of the European Commission (EC), the European External Action Service (EEAS), executive agencies, and the eighth, ninth and tenth European Development Funds (EDF)
- the situation in Iran
- the EU comprehensive approach and coherence of EU external action

- the reduction or elimination of customs duties on goods originating in Ukraine
- the Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items
- macro-financial assistance to the Republic of Tunisia
- financial responsibility linked to investor-state dispute settlement tribunals established by international agreements to which the EU is party
- the EU-Georgia Framework Agreement on the general principles for the participation of Georgia in EU programmes
- fishing opportunities and financial contributions provided for in the EU-Seychelles, EU-Comoros and EU-Madagascar fisheries partnership agreements (FPA)
- the situation in North Korea
- the situation of certain vulnerable communities in Syria
- recent cases of persecution in Pakistan
- the EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement negotiations
- Eastern Partnership countries and in particular destabilisation of eastern Ukraine
- religious freedoms and cultural diversity
- the negotiation of the EU-Japan strategic partnership agreement
- criminal acts and penalties in the field of illicit drug trafficking.

Click [here](#) to read the texts which were adopted by the EP in March, April and May.

EU-Africa Summit

The fourth EU-Africa Summit took place on 2-3 April in Brussels. Heads of state and government from EU and African states and the leaders of the EU and African Union (AU) institutions discussed the future of EU-Africa relations and adopted two declarations and a roadmap for 2014-2017.

Click [here](#) to read the documents related to the fourth EU-Africa Summit.

UPCOMING EU EVENTS

European Council: 26-27 June 2014, Brussels

Foreign Affairs Council: 23 June 2014, Luxembourg

General Affairs Council: 24 June 2014, Luxembourg

European Parliament plenary sessions: 1-3 and 20-23 July 2014, Brussels

European Parliament committee meetings: Week beginning Monday 7 July 2014, Brussels

Hearings of Commissioners designate: Week beginning Monday 1 September, Brussels (TBC)

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EU PRESS RELEASES

President of the European Council

- 27 May 2014 – [Joint statement by President Herman Van Rompuy and President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso on the presidential elections in Ukraine](#)
- 14 May 2014 – [Speech by President Herman Van Rompuy at the Europe House, Tbilisi, Georgia](#)
- 13 May 2014 – [Speech by President Herman Van Rompuy at the Palace of the Republic, Chisinau, Moldova](#)
- 8 April 2014 – [Speech by President Herman Van Rompuy: 'Europe: a continent in a changing world'](#)
- 3 April 2014 – [Intervention du Président Herman Van Rompuy à l'issue du quatrième sommet UE-Afrique](#)
- 2 April 2014 – [Intervention du Président Herman Van Rompuy lors de la séance inaugurale du quatrième sommet Union européenne-Afrique](#)
- 2 April 2014 – [Allocution d'ouverture du Président Herman Van Rompuy lors de la réunion spéciale sur la République Centrafricaine](#)
- 31 March 2014 – [Speech by President Herman Van Rompuy at the third EU-Africa Youth Leaders' Summit](#)
- 25 March 2014 – [Statement by President Herman Van Rompuy at the Nuclear Security Summit in The Hague](#)
- 25 March 2014 – [Joint declaration by President Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso and Prime Minister John Key on deepening the partnership between New Zealand and the EU](#)
- 24 March 2014 – [Joint statement by President Herman Van Rompuy and President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso on the EU-Canada Strategic Partnership Agreement](#)
- 20 March 2014 – [Statement by President Herman Van Rompuy at the signing ceremony of the political provisions of the Association Agreement between the EU and Ukraine](#)
- 18 March 2014 – [Joint statement by President Herman Van Rompuy and President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso on Crimea](#)
- 16 March 2014 – [Joint statement by President Herman Van Rompuy and President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso on Crimea](#)

Click [here](#) to read all the latest press releases from the President of the European Council.

High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

- 29 May 2014 – [Déclaration du porte-parole de la Haute Représentante Catherine Ashton sur les violences en Centrafrique](#)
- 28 May 2014 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the situation in Thailand](#)
- 27 May 2014 – [Declaration by High Representative Catherine Ashton on behalf of the EU on the alignment of certain third countries with the Council Decision 2014/214/CFSP amending Decision 2013/184/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Myanmar](#)
- 27 May 2014 – [Declaration by High Representative Catherine Ashton on behalf of the EU on the alignment of certain third countries with the Council Decision 2014/216/CFSP implementing Decision 2014/119/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine](#)
- 27 May 2014 – [Declaration by High Representative Catherine Ashton on behalf of the EU on the alignment of certain third countries with the Council Decision 2014/238/CFSP implementing Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine](#)
- 27 May 2014 – [Declaration by High Representative Catherine Ashton on behalf of the EU on the alignment of certain third countries with the Council Decision 2014/265/CFSP amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine](#)
- 27 May 2014 – [Declaration by High Representative Catherine Ashton on behalf of the EU on the alignment of certain third countries with the Council Decision 2014/212/CFSP amending Decision 2013/183/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea](#)
- 27 May 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the agreement between the Philippines and Indonesia on the boundary between their exclusive economic zones in the Mindanao Sea and Celebes Sea](#)
- 25 May 2014 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the terrorist attack in Djibouti](#)
- 25 May 2014 – [Déclaration du porte-parole de la Haute Représentante Catherine Ashton sur la signature d'un accord de cessez-le-feu au Mali](#)
- 24 May 2014 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the shooting at the Jewish Museum in Brussels](#)
- 24 May 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on today's attack against the Federal Parliament in Mogadishu, Somalia](#)
- 23 May 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton regarding the deadly attack in Xinjiang, China](#)
- 23 May 2014 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the upcoming presidential elections in Ukraine](#)
- 23 May 2014 – [Remarks by High Representative Catherine Ashton during her visit to the Republic of Korea](#)
- 23 May 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on military takeover in Thailand](#)
- 22 May 2014 – [Déclaration du porte-parole de la Haute Représentante Catherine Ashton sur les combats à Kidal, au Mali](#)
- 21 May 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the presidential election process in Guinea-Bissau](#)
- 20 May 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the situation in Thailand](#)
- 19 May 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton following the second round of the presidential election in Guinea-Bissau](#)
- 19 May 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the announcement of a provisional agreement on illicit drugs between the Government of Colombia and the FARC](#)
- 18 May 2014 – [Déclaration du porte-parole de la Haute Représentante Catherine Ashton sur les violences survenues à Kidal, au Mali](#)
- 16 May 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the floods in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)
- 16 May 2014 – [Declaration by High Representative Catherine Ashton on behalf of the EU on the occasion of the International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia](#)
- 16 May 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the arbitrary detentions of more than 30 civil society and political activists in Belarus](#)
- 15 May 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the death sentence passed for apostasy in Sudan](#)

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

- 14 May 2014 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the announcement of the resignation of Mr Brahimi from his post as the Joint Special Representative for Syria](#)
- 14 May 2014 – [Déclaration de la porte-parole de la Haute Représentante Catherine Ashton sur le meurtre de Camille Lepage, photjournaliste française, en République Centrafricaine](#)
- 14 May 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the new sentence to death penalty in Belarus](#)
- 13 May 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the introduction of the first stage of implementation of the 2013 Penal Code Order](#)
- 12 May 2014 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the death of migrants at sea off the Libyan coast](#)
- 9 May 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the recent escalation of tensions in the South China Sea](#)
- 5 May 2014 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the killing of a member of the team providing security to the EU Delegation in Yemen](#)
- 5 May 2014 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on elections in Iraq](#)
- 3 May 2014 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the release of the OSCE observers](#)
- 3 May 2014 – [Statement by the spokespersons of High Representative Catherine Ashton and Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid Kristalina Georgieva on the landslide in Afghanistan](#)
- 3 May 2014 – [Joint statement by the spokespersons of High Representative Catherine Ashton and Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy Stefan Füle on the intensifying clampdown on human rights defenders in Azerbaijan](#)
- 2 May 2014 – [Declaration by High Representative Catherine Ashton on behalf of the EU on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day](#)
- 30 April 2014 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the continuation of executions in Taiwan](#)
- 30 April 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the activation of the death penalty in the Maldives](#)
- 29 April 2014 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the court rulings in Egypt](#)
- 29 April 2014 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the EU response to the worsening security situation in Eastern Ukraine](#)
- 28 April 2014 – [Déclaration des porte-parole de la Haute Représentante Catherine Ashton et de la Commissaire européenne à la coopération internationale, à l'aide humanitaire et à la réaction aux crises Kristalina Georgieva, sur le meurtre de civils en République centrafricaine](#)
- 28 April 2014 – [Speech by High Representative Catherine Ashton at the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia](#)
- 28 April 2014 – [Remarks by High Representative Catherine Ashton together with the new Prime Minister of Serbia Aleksandar Vučić during her visit to Serbia](#)
- 27 April 2014 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the latest developments in the Middle East Peace Process](#)
- 26 April 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the attack against EULEX Kosovo](#)
- 24 April 2014 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the latest situation in Ukraine](#)
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- 18 April 2014 – [Déclaration de la Haute Représentante Catherine Ashton et du Commissaire européen au développement Andris Piebalgs sur le retour de Madagascar à l'ordre constitutionnel](#)
- 18 April 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on recent developments in the West Bank](#)
- 18 April 2014 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the legislative and presidential elections in Guinea-Bissau](#)
- 18 April 2014 – [Remarks by High Representative Catherine Ashton following the Geneva meeting on Ukraine](#)
- 16 April 2014 – [Declaration by High Representative Catherine Ashton on behalf of the EU on the alignment of certain third countries with the Council Decision 2014/157/CFSP amending Decision 2011/173/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)
- 15 April 2014 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on violent attacks in Nigeria](#)
- 15 April 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the start of a dialogue in Venezuela](#)
- 13 April 2014 – [Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the situation in Eastern Ukraine](#)
- 11 April 2014 – [Declaration by High Representative Catherine Ashton on behalf of the EU on the alignment of certain third countries with the Council Decision 2014/153/CFSP amending Decision 2011/172/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Egypt](#)
- 11 April 2014 – [Declaration by High Representative Catherine Ashton on behalf of the EU on the alignment of certain third countries with the Council Decision 2014/151/CFSP implementing Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine](#)
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- 10 April 2014 – [Joint statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton, Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response Kristalina Georgieva, and Commissioner for Development Andris Piebalgs on the escalation of violence in Darfur](#)
- 10 April 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on Gabon's accession to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR aiming at the abolition of the death penalty](#)
- 10 April 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on El Salvador's accession to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR aiming at the abolition of the death penalty](#)
- 9 April 2014 – [Joint statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif following the E3/EU+3 talks with Iran](#)
- 8 April 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the situation in Eastern Ukraine](#)
- 8 April 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton in reference to the killing of Father Frans Van der Lugt, SJ in Homs, Syria](#)
- 8 April 2014 – [Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the murder of two UN expert staff in Puntland, Somalia](#)
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- 6 April 2014 – [Declaration by High Representative Catherine Ashton on behalf of the EU on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the start of the genocide in Rwanda](#)
- 5 April 2014 – [Remarks by High Representative Catherine Ashton following the Gymnich meeting](#)
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SUPPORT FOR PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION IN THE EU'S EXTERNAL FINANCING INSTRUMENTS 2014-2020

By Ben Moore

Introduction

Throughout 2012 and 2013, EPLO undertook advocacy aimed at influencing the EU Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for the period 2014-2020 and the regulations establishing the EU's external financing instruments for the corresponding period.

The regulation laying down the MFF 2014-2020 was adopted by the Council of the EU on 2 December 2013 and the regulations establishing the EU's external co-operation programmes, including the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP), the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI), the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) and the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) were adopted on 15 March 2014.

The following abridged version of EPLO's latest briefing paper sets out some of the elements of the new regulations with relevance for the EU's ability to support peacebuilding and conflict prevention in its external actions.

Overall

The overall MFF 2014-2020 was set at € 959.988 billion. This is significantly lower than the level which the European Commission proposed in June 2011 (€ 1025 billion) and lower even than the level for the MFF 2007-2013 (€ 994.176 billion).

Despite the decrease in the overall MFF, the level of funding available for external actions (Heading 4) increased from € 56.815 billion in the MFF 2007-2013 to € 58.704. (NB/ When inflation is taken into account, this represents a real terms decrease.)

The level of funding for external actions also increased proportionally from 5.71% of the total in the MFF 2007-2013 to 6.12%.

Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace

The Instrument for Stability (IfS), which has been the main EU external funding instrument for supporting peacebuilding and conflict prevention, now includes an explicit reference to peace in its title: Instrument contributing to Peace and Stability' (IcSP).

The financial allocation for the IcSP is € 2.339 billion for the MFF 2014-2020, of which at least 70% has been earmarked for activities under Article 3 (Assistance in response to situations of crisis or emerging crisis to prevent conflicts) and 9% for activities under Article 4 (Assistance for conflict prevention, peace-building and crisis preparedness).

Development Cooperation Instrument

The financial allocation for the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) for MFF 2014-2020 is € 19.662 billion.

The DCI does not include any references to peacebuilding or conflict prevention in its overall objectives. However, conflict prevention is listed among the issues to be mainstreamed in all programmes together with: '(...) the promotion of dialogue, participation and reconciliation, as well as institution building (...)'.

The DCI Regulation also lists 'development and security, including conflict prevention' as one of the areas of co-operation to be

supported under the geographic programmes and it provides for funding to be left unallocated 'in particular in fragile, crisis and post-crisis situations'.

The DCI Regulation also provides for attention to be paid to 'conflict prevention, State and peace building, post-conflict reconciliation and reconstruction measures' in programming countries and regions in crisis, post-crisis or situations of fragility.

European Neighbourhood Instrument

The financial allocation for the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) for MFF 2014-2020 is € 15.433 billion.

The general objective of the ENI includes: 'developing a special relationship founded on cooperation, peace and security, mutual accountability and a shared commitment to the universal values of democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights in accordance with the TEU'.

One of the specific objectives of the ENI is: 'promoting confidence-building, good neighbourly relations and other measures contributing to security in all its forms and the prevention and settlement of conflicts, including protracted conflicts.'

Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance II

The financial allocation for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) for MFF 2014-2020 is € 11.699 billion.

The general objective of the IPA includes: 'contribute to stability, security and prosperity in the [candidate and potential candidate countries].

One of the specific objectives of the IPA II includes 'regional co-operation and good neighbourly relations' and 'promotion of reconciliation, peace-building and confidence-building measures'.

European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights

The financial allocation for the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) for MFF 2014-2020 is € 1.333 billion.

The EIDHR Regulation provides that the available funding will be allocated *inter alia* for 'supporting measures to facilitate peaceful conciliation between segments of societies, including support for confidence-building measures relating to human rights and democratisation' and 'promoting the peaceful outcome of electoral processes, the reduction of electoral violence and the acceptance of credible results by all segments of society'.

Conclusion

The references to peacebuilding and conflict prevention which are included in the abovementioned regulations provide the legal basis for the EU to support those activities in its external actions.

Whether or not it does so, depends largely on decisions made by those EU officials who are responsible for programming the assistance which is available under the various external financing instruments.

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- [An update on World Vision's commitments to the UN Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health 'Every woman, every child'](#)
- [Rapid Urbanisation, Economic Growth and the Well-being of Children](#)
- [Just Cities for Children: Developing an evidence-based framework through action research and learning](#)
- [Uncounted and Unreached: The unseen children who could be saved by better data](#)

*PAX is a member of EPLO member organisation Pax Christi International.

EPLO PUBLICATIONS

- [Support for peacebuilding and conflict prevention in the EU's external financing instruments 2014-2020](#) – Briefing Paper 1/2014

TRAINING COURSES

ESDC Course on Peacebuilding

13-20 June 2014

Stadtschlaining, Austria

(Organiser: [Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution](#))

Developing and Applying Early Warning and Early Response Systems: Challenges and Response

16-20 June 2014

Cluj Napoca, Romania

(Organiser: [Peace Action Training and Research Institute of Romania - International Peace and Development Training Centre](#))

Summer Academy on OSCE

22 June - 4 July 2014

Stadtschlaining, Austria

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

JOB VACANCIES AND INTERNSHIPS

There are job vacancies in the following EPLO member organisations:

- [Berghof Foundation](#)
- [ESSEC IRENÉ](#)
- [International Alert](#)
- [International Center for Transitional Justice](#)
- [International Crisis Group](#)
- [Interpeace](#)
- [Oxfam International](#)
- [Quaker Council for European Affairs](#)
- [Saferworld](#)
- [Search for Common Ground](#)
- [World Vision International](#)

There are internship opportunities and/or open voluntary positions in the following EPLO member organisations:

- [Berghof Foundation](#)
- [Budapest Centre for the International Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities](#)
- [Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue \(HD Centre\)](#)
- [Crisis Management Initiative](#)
- [Democratic Progress Institute](#)
- [International Crisis Group](#)
- [Interpeace](#)
- [Life & Peace Institute](#)
- [Nonviolent Peaceforce](#)
- [Oxfam International](#)
- [Pax Christi International](#)
- [Search for Common Ground](#)
- [swisspeace](#)
- [World Vision International](#)

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CIVIL SOCIETY DIALOGUE NETWORK

The Civil Society Dialogue Network (CSDN) is a mechanism for dialogue between civil society and EU policy-makers on issues related to peace and conflict. It is co-financed by the European Union (Instrument for Stability) and managed by EPLO in co-operation with the European Commission (EC) and the European External Action Service (EEAS).

Next Event

Policy Meeting

The Global Peace Index 2014: Peace, Institutions and Assessing Conflict Risk

Monday 23 June 2014, Brussels

For more information about this meeting, please contact [Josephine Liebl](#).

Recent Events

Policy Meeting

Strategic Review of EUTM Somalia

Tuesday 6 May 2014, Brussels

For more information about this meeting, please contact [Josephine Liebl](#).

Policy Meeting

Towards an EU Policy on Transitional Justice

Thursday 3 April 2014, Brussels

For more information about this meeting, please contact [Josephine Liebl](#).

Funding Instruments Meeting

Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace:

Updates on programming; building links to other EU external financing instruments

Friday 11 April 2014, Brussels

For more information about this meeting, please contact [Ben Moore](#).

For more information about these and other CSDN events, click [here](#) to visit the 'Civil Society Dialogue Network' section of the EPLO website.

THE EU AND PEACEBUILDING: FROM EUROPEAN PEACE-BUILDING PROJECT TO GLOBAL ACTOR

The EU and Peacebuilding: From European Peace Project to Global Actor is an 18-month project co-financed by the European Commission (Europe for Citizens Programme). Its aim is to engage a broad range of actors, including European citizens, European civil society organisations, academic institutions, research centres and think tanks, as well as national and EU-level decision-makers in a dialogue on the EU's role in conflict prevention and peacebuilding, and its history as a peace project.

Recent Events

Italy's role in EU peacebuilding and civilian CSDP

Wednesday 4 June 2014, Rome

For more information about this meeting, please contact [Nabila Habbida](#).

Réponse aux crises et fragilité des Etats: Les leçons de l'engagement français

Thursday 24 April 2014, Paris

For more information about this meeting, please contact [Nabila Habbida](#).

For more information about this and other events in the framework of the EU and Peacebuilding: From European Peace Project to Global Actor' project, click [here](#) to visit the dedicated page on the EPLO website.