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The Centre on the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER) brings you a collection of the latest legal and policy developments in EU External Relations from weeks 51/2024, 52/2024 and 1/2025 (9 December 2024 - 5 January 2025.)

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Neighborhood Policy and Enlargement

16 December

- Statement by President von der Leyen following her meeting with King Abdullah II of Jordan, in Amman

17 December

- Reform and Growth Facility for Moldova: Council agrees its negotiating position
- Council approves enlargement conclusions
- Third meeting of the Accession Conference with Albania at ministerial level
- Press statement by President von der Leyen with President of Türkiye Erdoğan

18 December

- Commission disburses second regular payment of €4.1 billion under the Ukraine Facility
- President von der Leyen visits Ankara and Amman to engage with the region in the wake of the collapse of the Assad regime

19 December

- European Council conclusions on EU in the world, resilience, preparedness, crisis prevention and response, migration and other items
- Statement by President von der Leyen at the joint press conference with President Costa following the EU-Western Balkans Summit

20 December

- Commission provides €1 billion in macro-financial assistance to Egypt
- Commission proposes to suspend visa-free travel for officials from Georgia

31 December

- Coming up for the EU in 2025

Trade and Investment

9 December

- Council approves EU-UK fishing deal for 2025

12 December

- [European Union and Greenland renew their sustainable fisheries partnership](#)

16 December

- [Council adopts new rules to ensure safer firearms trade](#)

17 December

- [Council conclusions on the future of European investment protection policy](#)
- [EU and Taiwan hold third Trade and Investment Dialogue](#)

20 December

- [September EU agri-food trade report: 15% trade surplus growth with rising exports and stable imports](#)
- [EU and Switzerland successfully conclude negotiations on Horizon Europe and Euratom](#)
- [Customs: Georgia to join the Common Transit Convention and the Convention on the Simplification of Formalities in Trade in Goods](#)

CFSP/CSDP

9 December

- [Syria: Statement by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on the fall of the Assad regime](#)

11 December

- [Statement by the High Representative on behalf of the EU on the alignment of certain countries with Council implementing Decision \(CFSP\) 2024/2933 concerning restrictive measures in Syria](#)

12 December

- [G7 Leaders' statement on Syria](#)
- [Fighting terrorism: Council approves conclusions on future priorities for countering terrorism](#)
- [Passenger information: EU adopts regulations to improve border security and fight terrorism](#)

16 December

- Russian hybrid threats: EU agrees first listings in response to destabilising activities against the EU, its member states and partners
- Fight against terrorism and violent extremism: Council approves conclusions on reinforcing external-internal links
- Horn of Africa and Somalia: Operation ATALANTA, EUTM and EUCAP Somalia's mandates extended for two years
- Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: EU adopts 15th package of restrictive measures

19 December

- European Council conclusions on Ukraine
- Remarks by President António Costa at the joint doorstep with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy

20 December

- European Council Leaders discuss the EU's role in the world, with emphasis on Ukraine and the Middle East

Humanitarian Action

9 December

- Human Rights Day: Statement by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union

13 December

- EU launches Humanitarian Air Bridge operation for Syria to deliver emergency supplies and boosts humanitarian funding

20 December

- Commission disburses additional €10 million payment to UNRWA
- EU mobilises support for Mayotte and African countries hit by Cyclone Chido

Partnerships

11 December

- Global Gateway: EU Endorses Roadmap for Strategic Partnership on Raw Materials with the Democratic Republic of Congo

20 December

- [First official Mission of EU Commissioner Síkela develops mutually beneficial cooperation with Mauritania](#)

1 January

- [EU-Japan strategic partnership: framework agreement enters into force](#)

CJEU Judgments

19 December

- [Joined Cases C-244/24 and C-290/24](#)

Events

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- [Ongoing Open Call for Submissions in CLEER Papers Series](#)

Vacancies

13 January

- [Funded traineeship for young graduates at the EU Delegation to Botswana and SADC - Political, Press and Information Section](#)
- [Funded traineeship for young graduates at the EU Delegation to the OECD and UNESCO in Paris](#)
- [Funded traineeship for young graduates at the EU Delegation to Panama - Section PPI](#)

17 December

- [Communication Officer](#)

20 December

- [Funded traineeships for young graduates at the EU Delegation to Singapore - PPI and Trade Sections](#)

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