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After the UK's EU referendum: redefining relations between the two Europes

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With the Brexit the UK has brusquely leapt into the unknown, and probably protracted negotiations over the terms of its separation and its future relations with the European Union. Hence a task of rationalisation and clarification is now vital at various levels of integration within the European Union, meaning that the way the "two Europes", i.e. the euro zone and the single market function together has to be rethought.

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Financial Crisis :

French government debt rising



France's government debt lay at 2,137.6 billion € in the first quarter, up by 40.7 billion in comparison with the previous quarter, announced the National Statistics Institute for Economic Studies (INSEE) on 30th June... [Read more](#)

The UK loses its triple A status



The agencies Standard & Poor's and Fitch downgraded the debt rating of the UK on 27th June from "AAA" to "AA" as they confirmed the choice of the British electorate to leave the EU, with the former justifying their move by the uncertainty generated by the referendum result... [Read more](#)

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S&P downgrade the EU's rating after the British referendum



The agency Standard & Poor's downgraded the EU's long term debt rating on 30th June explaining that its decision was based on post-Brexit referendum uncertainty as the UK voted in support of leaving the EU... [Read more](#)

Migration :

Migrant trafficking is spreading and is to the benefit of more and more traffickers



Europol indicated on 27th June that 7000 further suspects connected to migrant trafficking had been identified between January and June 2016. The agency also reported the increasing profitability of this trafficking for criminals and that there has notably been an explosion in the prices paid by migrants... [Read more](#)

Strong decline in illegal migration in the Western Balkans



Frontex published an analysis on 1st July for the Western Balkans in the first quarter in 2016. The number of illegal border crossings by migrants from Turkey, Greece and Bulgaria dropped by 84% in comparison with the previous quarter to 215,000... [Read more](#)

European Council :

Conclusions of the European Council



On 28th June the 28 European heads of State and government discussed the result of the UK referendum. They also adopted conclusions on migration, external relations as well as employment, growth and investment... [Read more](#)

Declaration of heads of State and government following the British referendum



After the informal plenary meeting on 29th June the 27 heads of State and government published a joint declaration recalling that European legislation would continue to apply until the effective exit of the UK from the Union... [Read more](#)

Commission :

Draft EU budget for 2017



On 30th June the Commission presented the draft EU budget for 2017 which lies at 134.9 billion €... [Read more](#)

Protection of children in cross-border disputes



On 30th June the European Commission put forward an improvement in the rules designed to protect children in terms of cross-border disputes as far as parental custody, visiting rights and the kidnapping of children was concerned.. [Read more](#)

EU-Korea Agreement: positive impact on trade for the EU

On the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the entry into force of the EU-Korea free-trade agreement the Commission published a detailed report



on July 1st on the impact this agreement has made to trade. This report notes, amongst others, the conversion of a trade deficit into a trade surplus in the EU's favour and a 55% rise in EU exports to South Korea since 2011... [Read more](#)

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EU-Georgia and EU-Moldova Association Agreements



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Parliament :

Debate and vote over the British referendum



During an extraordinary plenary session on 28th June MEPs adopted a resolution on the UK referendum results and its impact on the European Union... [Read more](#)

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Council :

Extension of economic sanctions against Russia



On 1st July the Council of the European Union extended economic sanctions against Russia for a further six months until 31st January 2017... [Read more](#)

Ban on deep sea fishing at over 800m



On 30th June the European Union announced the ban on deep sea fishing at over 800m on the basis of an agreement found between the Member States, the Commission and European Parliament after years of negotiations... [Read more](#)

Diplomacy :

Overall strategy for the EU's foreign and security policy



On the occasion of the European Council of 28th June Federica Mogherini presented an overall strategy for the European Union regarding the foreign and security policy... [Read more](#)

Partnership between the USA and the EU



On 27th June on the occasion of a joint press conference with the American Secretary of State John Kerry, Federica Mogherini recalled that the partnership between the EU and the USA was still strong and vital... [Read more](#)

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Paris-Balkans Summit



The third summit on the Western Balkans took place on 4th July in Paris. Five Member States took part (Germany, Austria, Croatia, Italy and Slovenia) and six of the EU's neighbouring countries (Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Kosovo, FRYM, Montenegro, Serbia). The summit aimed to find joint answers to the region's problems. .. [Read more](#)

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Austria :

Austrian presidential election invalidated



On July 1st the Austrian Constitutional Court invalidated the second round of the presidential election that took place on 24th May 2016 following the discovery of irregularities in the counting of voting slips... [Read more](#)

Luxembourg :

Verdict in LuxLeaks whistleblower trial



On 29th June the Luxembourg courts found Antoine Deltour and Raphaël Halet guilty of "theft, infringement of professional confidentiality and trade secrets" but also "of access or maintenance of a fraudulent IT system, of laundering and the infringement of trade secrets.".. [Read more](#)

The Netherlands :

The Netherlands ends its Presidency of the Council



On 30th June the Netherlands ended its six monthly presidency of the Council, which was notably devoted to the management of the migratory crisis and also to innovation, growth and employment... [Read more](#)

UK :

New British Prime Minister on 9th September



The name of the successor to British Prime Minister David Cameron will be revealed on 9th September; the candidates declared their intentions on 29th and 30th June. Boris Johnson relinquished the contest. The Conservatives will have to decide between five candidates: Theresa May, Michael Gove, Stephen Crabb, Liam Fox and Andrea Leadsom... [Read more](#)

Speech by David Cameron at Westminster



The British Prime Minister spoke to parliament on 29th June giving account of the discussions that he held with European leaders the day before. He notably indicated that the latter did not want the UK all of the advantages of membership without certain costs and that this would be "a challenge for the next Prime Minister.".. [Read more](#)

George Osborne speaks of the referendum



Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne spoke on 27th June to announce that following the speech by David Cameron and his decision not to trigger the procedure linked to article 50 immediately he will not launch any emergency measures for the British economy and will wait for the arrival of a new Prime Minister in the autumn before revising the budget... [Read more](#)

Nicola Sturgeon wants to start preparations for a Scottish referendum



Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon spoke to the Scottish parliament on 28th June to call on Scotland to remain united and for the British government to take a decision following the results of 23rd June. On 29th June she travelled to Brussels to meet the leaders of Europe and to discuss the future of the Scottish situation... [Read more](#)

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Oliver Robbins responsible for relations with the EU



Oliver Robbins, a former leading civil servant responsible for immigration policy at the Home Affairs Ministry was appointed on 29th June as the head of the new unit for relations with the EU following the British referendum... [Read more](#)

Jeremy Corbyn refuses to resign in spite of the no-confidence motion

The Labour leader announced on 28th June that he refused to resign in spite of the no-confidence motion adopted by 172 MPs of the Labour Party against 40. Several of the party's senior leaders have resigned... [Read more](#)



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Resignation of Nigel Farage as leader of UKIP



Nigel Farage announced on 4th July that he was resigning as leader of the Europhobic anti-immigration party UKIP... [Read more](#)

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Slovakia starts its Presidency of the Council



On July 1st Slovakia's Presidency of the Council of the European Union started for a 6 month period. On 30th June the country put forward its programme for the presidency... [Read more](#)

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Council of Europe :

Discrimination against Roma in the Czech Republic



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Eurostat :

Unemployment: downward trend



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According to Eurostat in a press release dated 1st July the unemployment rate in the EU totalled 8.6% in May. In the euro zone it totalled 10.1% in comparison with 9.6% and 11% in May 2015... [Read more](#)

Eurobarometer :

European citizens' views and expectations of the EU

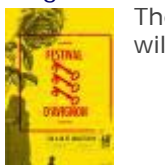


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The European Parliament published the results of a Eurobarometer survey on July 1st on the views and expectations of Europe's citizens vis-à-vis the EU. The poll was undertaken between 9th and 18th April 2016. According to the survey the fight to counter terrorism should be the priority, ahead of the fight to counter unemployment, tax evasion, immigration, the protection of the borders and the environment... [Read more](#)

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Avignon Festival



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Foreign Affairs Festival Berlin



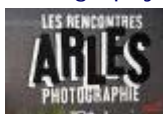
From 5th to 17th July the "Foreign Affairs" international festival of contemporary performing arts will be taking place in Berlin... [Read more](#)

Bospop Festival Netherlands



On 9th and 10th July the annual pop-rock festival Bospop will be taking place in Weert, the Netherlands... [Read more](#)

Photography Days - Arles



The 47th photography days of Arles will be taking place until 25th September with the organisation of over 60 exhibitions... [Read more](#)

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Exit Festival



From 7th to 10th July the Exit Festival which has brought together the greatest international artists for the last fifteen years, will be taking place in Novi Sad, Serbia... [Read more](#)

Chagall Exhibition in Landerneau



The Hélène & Edouard Leclerc Funds for Culture is presenting an exhibition on Marc Chagall for the first time in Landerneau (France) until November 1st... [Read more](#)

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Western Balkans Summit



4th-7th July
Strasbourg
Plenary Session of the European Parliament



7th and 8th July
Bratislava
Informal meeting of Justice and Home Affairs Ministers



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Warsaw
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11th July
Brussels
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11th & 12th July
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