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## What type of reform of the common European asylum regime are we heading toward?

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The migratory crisis that the European Union is experiencing right now has brought to light serious weaknesses in the Common European Asylum System (CEAS), which aims to define the Member State responsible for the assessment of an asylum request, to establish common procedures and reception rules for asylum seekers and to distinguish between those who really need international protection from economic migrants. In answer to this challenge and in the wake of emergency measures, the European Commission has already put forward and will present proposals for the structural reform of this system in the next few days thereby aiming to make it "more human" and more effective.

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##### NATO Summit and European Security



On 12th July in Brussels the Martens Centre, the Adenauer and Seidel Foundations are organising a public debate on "The NATO Summit in Warsaw and European Security" hosted by Charles de Marcilly, the Manager of the Foundation's office in Brussels... [Read more](#)

##### "Schuman Report on Europe, State of the Union 2016"

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## Financial Crisis :

### The IMF is forecasting a decline in economic growth for the euro zone in 2017



On 8th July the IMF declared that the euro zone's economic growth will be down in 2017 from 1.6% to 1.4%, one of the main reasons for this instability being the British referendum... [Read more](#)

### Spain and Portugal still have excessive deficits



On 7th July the European Commission declared that Spain and Portugal would not be able to correct their government's excessive deficit within the given time span... [Read more](#)

### Risks to financial stability after the British referendum



On 5th July the Bank of England explained that the exit from the EU was threatening financial stability. It also decided to lighten the capital constraints that banks are obliged to respect... [Read more](#)

## Migration :

### European Border and Coast Guard



The proposals aiming to establish a European border control system bringing together the European agency Frontex and the national authorities gained the support of MEPs on 6th July... [Read more](#)

### Integration of refugees into the labour market



A resolution adopted by MEPs on 6th July believes that the integration of refugees into the labour market is vital to restore their dignity and that this is positive for the economy of the host country... [Read more](#)

### European List of safe countries of origin



MEPs of the Commission for Civil Liberties approved the establishment of a common European list of safe countries of origin on 7th July which should replace the present national lists after a transition period of three years... [Read more](#)

### Referendum on 2nd October on the relocation of refugees



Hungarian President Janos Ader announced on 5th July that a referendum would be held on 2nd October next on the European plan to distribute refugees via quotas within the Member States of the EU... [Read more](#)

### Italy - arrests of migrant smugglers



On 4th July the Italian police announced that it had made a great number of arrests amongst a network of migrant smugglers across the entire country thanks to an Eritrean, the first foreign smuggler to integrate a reform programme... [Read more](#)

### Strengthening cooperation with the countries of origin



A study by Corinne Balleix for the OECD presents the main tools available to the EU for cooperation with third countries in the context of economic immigration... [Read more](#)

### Commission :

#### More fiscal transparency to counter evasion, laundering and terrorism



On 5th July the Commission suggested strengthening rules to counter capital laundering that is contributing to the financing of terrorism and to encourage greater fiscal transparency... [Read more](#)

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#### Agreement in the cybersecurity sector



On 5th July the European Commission signed a new public/private partnership with the cybersecurity sector that is due to generate 1.8 billion € in investments by 2020 and help make the sector more competitive... [Read more](#)

#### Financial instruments to stimulate investments in young businesses



On 11th July the European Commission launched two new financial instruments with the aim of stimulating investments under the ESI funds enabling young businesses and promoters of urban development projects to ease access to financing... [Read more](#)

#### The agreement with Canada -CETA- a mixed agreement



On 5th July the Commission proposed the conclusion and signature of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement -CETA- between the EU and Canada with the status of "mixed" agreement... [Read more](#)

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#### Security and Development of Partner countries



The Commission and the High Representative delivered a communication on 5th July on the reform of the sector of security and a proposal to step up security and development in the partner countries... [Read more](#)

#### Initiation of an anti-dumping procedure in steel



On 7th July the Commission announced the initiation of an anti-dumping procedure regarding "the import of certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel originating in Brazil, Iran, Russia, Serbia and Ukraine" which might be damaging European industry... [Read more](#)

### Parliament :

#### Long term budget and work programme for 2017



On 6th July MEPs called for a revision of the Union's long term budget in order to rise to the present challenges. At the same time they drafted recommendations for the Commission's 2017 work programme... [Read more](#)

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#### Robert Fico visits the European Parliament

Slovakian Prime Minister Robert Fico, whose country took over the presidency of the Council on 1st July, presented the programme his country intended to undertake to MEPs on 6th July... [Read more](#)



**Council :**

**Approval of the data protection shield EU/USA**



On 8th July the Member States approved the EU/USA data protection shield regarding transatlantic data flows, which will be to the benefit of both citizens and businesses... [Read more](#)

**Eurogroup Conclusions**



On 11th July the Eurogroup ministers discussed the economic situation, the results of the supervisory programmes in Portugal and Ireland, of the budgetary situation in Portugal and Spain as well as improvements in investments... [Read more](#)

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On 4th July Federica Mogherini stressed and welcomed the stepping up of relations between the EU and Argentina... [Read more](#)

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On 5th July the European Central Bank unveiled the new 50€ note that will be put into circulation on 4th April 2017... [Read more](#)

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On 8th July Germany adopted an unprecedented law governing the integration of refugees, their rights and their obligations following a record number of arrivals in the country last year... [Read more](#)

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**New presidential election on 2nd October**



After the invalidation of the second round of the Austrian presidential election of 24th May last by the country's Constitutional Court the Austrian government announced on 5th July that a new 2nd round with the same candidates will take place on 2nd October... [Read more](#)

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**Spain :**

**Mariano Rjoy wants to form a government as quickly as possible**



The leader of the Spanish People's Party and outgoing President of the government, Mariano Rajoy said on 7th July that he wants to form a government as quickly as possible... [Read more](#)

**Greece :**

**The port of Piraeus now owned by the Chinese Cosco**



The cessation of 67% of the company of Piraeus (OLP) the biggest port in Greece to the Chinese maritime transport giant 'China Ocean Shipping Company' Cosco, was validated on 1st July by the Greek Parliament. Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras then travelled to China... [Read more](#)

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On 10th July following a goal by Eder in the 109th minute Portugal won against France 1-0 and are now the Euro2016 champions... [Read more](#)

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**Theresa May appointed Prime Minister on 13th July**



David Cameron announced on 11th July that Theresa May would take over as Prime Minister as of 13th July after the announcement that Andrea Leadsom was withdrawing from the race. Mr Cameron also said that he would present his resignation to the Queen on the same day after Question Time in parliament. ... [Read more](#)

**Move towards the merging of the London Stock Exchange - Deutsche Börse**



Shareholders of the London Stock Exchange Group (LSE) gave the go-ahead on 5th July to the merger with Deutsche Börse, the manager of the stock exchange in Frankfurt... [Read more](#)

**Julian King put forward as new European Commissioner**



On 8th July David Cameron put forward Julian King, the present Ambassador to France, to become the new British European Commissioner following the resignation of Jonathan Hill... [Read more](#)

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**Agricultural Outlook 2016-2025**



On 4th July the OECD and the FAO published the Agricultural Outlook 2016-2025... [Read more](#)

**Eurostat :**

**EU population rising, but with negative natural change**

According to Eurostat on 8th July the EU's population reached 510.1 million residents on 1st January 2016, ie +1.8 million in comparison with 1st January 2015. This rise is mainly due to a positive migratory



balance whilst natural change was negative for the very first time...  
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On 6th July the ECB published consolidated banking data in the euro zone and the European Union for 2015... [Read more](#)

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The Royal Academy of Art in London is hosting an exhibition on David Hockney until 2nd October... [Read more](#)

##### Chagall Exhibition at Forte di Bard



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The Cambridge Shakespeare Festival is taking place until 27th August...  
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### Vieilles Charrues Festival



The music festival Vieilles Charrues is taking place from 14th to 17th July in Carhaix-Plouguer, Brittany... [Read more](#)

### International Festival of Benicassim



The international festival of Benicassim devoted to independent pop, rock and electronic music is taking place from 14th to 17th July... [Read more](#)

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The town of Galway in Ireland is hosting the 38th Arts festival until 24th July... [Read more](#)

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