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## Editor's Pick

### European Parliament debate on Policy Coherence for Development: An Early Test for the Lisbon Treaty?

It has already been on a momentous journey, but the Lisbon Treaty's entry into force on 1 December is likely to be marked by even more uncertainty, both for Europe's internal cohesion and its place in the world. The traditional understanding of the relationship between development and other policy areas - including foreign relations and security policy - is shifting, which will necessitate further adaptation to the institutional changes that the treaty introduces. With the publication of the second European Union (EU) report Policy Coherence for Development (PCD) and a Communication titled "Policy Coherence for Development: Establishing the policy framework for a whole-of-the-Union approach", the European Commission (EC) acknowledges the need for political will to surmount real conflicts between EU and developing countries' interests and that "aid alone is not sufficient" for reaching development objectives. The Communication calls on the EU to work on PCD as part of the 'whole of the Union' approach by establishing a policy framework to better harness other policies and non-official development assistance (ODA) financial flows to development objectives. The European Parliament held a critical exchange of views on the EC's papers in Brussels on 9 November 2009 just ahead of the European Council's adoption of conclusions in this area. Click [here](#) to read an informal ECDPM summary of the meeting.

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## Policy News

### Launch the AU Peace and Security Council Report of the Institute for Security Studies in Europe. Invitation Only. 25 November 2009.

Peace and security issues in Africa are of increasing relevance to Europe as recognised in the Joint Africa-EU Strategy and EU-Africa Partnership on Peace and Security as well as in Europe's support for the African Peace and Security Architecture. There are however few opportunities in Brussels to gain access to African perspectives on peace and security that are also targeted towards a policy audience. The European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) together with the Institute for Security Studies in Addis Ababa (ISS) are holding a meeting on 25 November 2009 (invitation only) to launch the AU Peace and Security Council Report of the ISS in Europe. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Dear,

The EU Council President and High Representative will be chosen next week. The Weekly Compass-Extended Version provides the latest information on the race, the Council's reports on mandates and European Parliament positions on the implications for CFSP and budgetary powers. There is also information on the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation; the re-emerging Tobin tax debate; EDF financing; the December EU donors' domestic accountability seminar; candidates for the ACP Secretary General; prospects for the reform of EU agriculture policy; EU progress ahead of the climate change conference; reports from the G20 finance ministers meeting; reports and concern ahead of next week's World Summit on Food Security; a report of the civil society Africa-EU meeting; ACP preparations for the WTO Ministerial; EU reports on potentially trade restrictive measures; and more.

All the best,

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## Off the track

### MEDays 2009. Tangier. 19-21 November.

This international forum, organised by the South and largely funded by the South, welcomed high-level stakeholders, heads of state and government, international organisations and civil society to discuss geopolitical, economical, social, environmental and cultural topics relating to the development of the Mediterranean region. A Declaration adopted at the meeting

**EU Member states failing to meet development aid targets. European Voice. 12 November 2009.**

EU member states will be upbraided by the European Commission at next week's EU General Affairs Council for failing to meet targets for development aid that they themselves agreed. European commissioner for development, Karel De Gucht, has sent to development ministers papers that show projected assistance levels for 2009 and 2010 for each member state. So far, four countries – Denmark, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Sweden – are above the 0.7% level and Ireland is above 0.56%. The Commissioner has warned the ministers that just five of the 27 member states are on course to meet a self-imposed target of giving 0.56% of national income in aid to developing countries by 2010. That target was an interim benchmark on the way to a pledge agreed by the member states that they should give 0.7% of gross national income in aid by 2015. Click [here](#) for more.

**New website provides comparative information on the costs of sending remittances. 11 November 2009.**

With the aim of ensuring greater transparency and clarity of information and encouraging those operating in the market to improve the products and services offered to migrants. It is the result of the shared vision and goals of its supporting partners: IOM (the International Organisation for Migration) and several other organisations. Click [here](#) for more.

**The Copenhagen climate change negotiations: EU position and state of play. EC Press Release. 9 November 2009.**

International negotiations were launched in December 2007 to draw up a United Nations agreement on tackling climate change for the period after 2012, when the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol (setting emission targets for industrialised countries) will expire. The deadline set for the negotiations to be concluded is the Copenhagen climate conference on 7-18 December 2009. Five negotiating sessions at official level have been held this year to prepare the agreement, the final round from 2 to 6 November in Barcelona. Click [here](#) for more.

**African trade blocs SADC, COMESA and EAC agree FTA roadmap. allAfrica.com. 10 November 2009.**

The Southern African Development Community (SADC), East African Community (EAC) and Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa) agreed to the Free Trade Area plan in October 2008. The roadmap for it was due to have been completed six months later. The road map is a highly technical document which, officials said, sets out the overall justification for the free trade area and includes a memorandum of understanding to be approved by the heads of state, as well as a draft agreement for the eventual establishment of the area. Click [here](#) for more.

**West Africa-EU Ministerial Meeting. Joint Conclusions on Peace and Security, Climate Change, Regional integration, EPA and the development dimension. 11 November 2009.**

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

**Africa needs \$93 billion a year for infrastructure. Infrastructure Consortium for Africa. Reuters. 12 November 2009.**

Sub-Saharan Africa needs to double its infrastructure spending to \$93 billion a year, 15 percent of regional output, to drag its road, water and power networks into the 21st century, according to research compiled by the Infrastructure Consortium for Africa who identified the continent's woeful electricity grids as its most pressing challenge, with 30 countries facing regular blackouts and high premiums for emergency power. Despite the gulf between its target figure and the \$45 billion spent now, the report said governments could narrow the funding gap to \$31 billion by

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making \$17 billion in relatively simple efficiency gains, such as making more electricity users pay their bills. Click [here](#) here for additional information.

**Participation in the CARIFORUM-EC Consultative Committee provided for by the Economic Partnership Agreement with the EU. EU Council Decision. 10 November 2009.**

Click [here](#).

**Rules of Procedure of the Joint Caribbean-EU Trade and Development Committee and the Special Committees of the Economic Partnership Agreement. 10 November 2009.**

Click [here](#).

**World Trade Report 2009. Trade Policy Commitments and Contingency Measures. World Trade Organization. November 2009.**

The report examines the range of contingency measures available in trade agreements and the role that these measures play. These measures allow governments a certain degree of flexibility within their trade commitments and can be used to address circumstances that could not have been foreseen when a trade commitment was made. The tension between credible commitments and flexibility is often close to the surface during trade negotiations. One of the main objectives of this report is to analyse whether WTO provisions provide a balance between supplying governments with necessary flexibility to face difficult economic situations and adequately defining them in a way that limits their use for protectionist purposes. The report also discusses alternative policy options, including the renegotiation of tariff commitments, the use of export taxes, and increases in tariffs up to their legal maximum ceiling or binding. Click [here](#) for the report.

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