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[Iran: New EU sanctions target sources of finance for nuclear programme \(23/01\)](#)

'Given the EU's serious and deepening concerns over the Iranian nuclear programme, the Council today broadened the EU's restrictive measures against that country. Today's decisions target the sources of finance for the nuclear programme, complementing already existing sanctions'.

[Agreement reached on the European Stability Mechanism \(23/01\)](#)

At a ministerial meeting of the 27 member states, chaired by Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the Eurogroup, agreement was reached on the treaty establishing the European Stability Mechanism (ESM). The Eurogroup also reviewed the progress of talks between the Greek government and the representatives of private bondholders on restructuring Greek debt.

[Danish Minister for European Affairs presents Danish EU Presidency priorities to EESC \(20/01/12\)](#)

Nicolai Wammen, Danish Minister for European Affairs, addressing the plenary session of the European Economic and Social Committee on the priorities of Danish EU Presidency, underlined the importance of keeping the EU-27 together. He said the most immediate task was to tackle the unsustainable debt levels in some EU countries.

[The European Council in 2011 - new publication \(24/01\)](#)

In his latest publication "The European Council in 2011", Council President Herman Van Rompuy looks back at the institution's activities in 2011 and provides his personal account of the main decisions taken by the EU's Heads of State or Government during the past year.

[Statement by High Representative Ashton on the opening session of the Egyptian Parliament \(23/01\)](#)

'Egypt's Parliamentary elections, which saw a good level of participation from voters, are an historic step towards the country's democratic transition. I congratulate the members of parliament and wish them every success in their work. I hope that the Parliament will drive on the democratic reforms to meet the expectations of the Egyptian people for social rights, economic growth and fundamental freedoms'.

[Statement on the outcome of the EU accession referendum in Croatia \(22/01/12\)](#)

Joint statement of European Commission President Barroso and European Council President Van Rompuy on the outcome of the EU accession referendum in Croatia: With this vote, Croatia's citizens have given their endorsement to European integration. We congratulate Croatia and its people on their choice: EU membership will open up new opportunities for them and help secure the stability and prosperity of their nation'.

[Launching the 50th Anniversary of the Common Agricultural Policy campaign \(23/01/12\)](#)

The European Commission has launched the CAP@50 communication campaign to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Common Agricultural Policy, a cornerstone of European integration. The year-long communication campaign includes an interactive website, an itinerant exhibition, audio-visual and printed materials, as well as a series of events in Brussels and the Member States.

[European Investment Bank - Two new films on South Africa \(20/01/12\)](#)

Financing renewable energy in South Africa and *Improving water supply in South Africa* illustrate the EIB's commitment to supporting South Africa's ambitious renewable energy programme, as well as the integrated bulk water supply to 5 million people around Durban.

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