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Top News

[EU announces new support for education for all in developing countries \(7/11/11\)](#)

The EU has pledged new funding for the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), to improve basic education in over 46 developing countries. The EU's new commitment will provide €31.8 million to the GPE Fund between 2011 and 2013. The GPE works towards putting the 67 million out of school children in developing countries into a school for a quality education.

[EEAS Statement on terrorist attacks in Northern Nigeria \(7/11/11\)](#)

'High Representative Catherine Ashton strongly condemns the brutal attacks in Borno and Yobe States in Northern Nigeria, which left more than a hundred innocent people dead and many wounded. Such mindless and heinous acts cannot under any circumstances be justified'.

[Statement by President of the European Council, at the G20 press conference \(4/11/11\)](#)

President Herman van Rompuy said: "Economic growth and employment continue to be the G20's main aim, its core business, especially in a period of economic stagnation such as that which the industrialised world, the European Union and the euro area in particular are now going through. All world players have a responsibility here. ... Everyone must put their own house in order. Of course, we must cooperate on a number of other levels. From a financial viewpoint, we must cooperate on financial regulation. Much progress has been made but much remains to be done, as in other spheres, such as world trade or global governance in general."



[EU welcomes conclusion of negotiations on Russia's WTO accession \(10/11/11\)](#)

The EU welcomed the conclusion of negotiations for Russia's accession to the WTO. The unanimous approval by the Members of the Working Party on Russia's WTO accession brings an end to this 18 year long process and paves the way to formalising the results of these negotiations by the entire Membership of the WTO.

[World Bank and OLAF step up efforts to jointly combat fraud in development aid 08/11/11\)](#)

'The EU and its Member States is the world's largest donor of development aid. The World Bank is an important player in this field and the trustee of a large part of EU funds. In times of economic crisis, it's all the more important that we strengthen cooperation between investigative services to prevent fraud and ensure that every cent of international funds reaches the intended beneficiaries' said OLAF Director-General Giovanni Kessler.

[Commission awards €600,000 for new Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom \(7/11/11\)](#)

The European Commission is establishing a Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom in Florence with a €600 000 grant to the European University Institute's (EUI) Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies. Starting in December 2011, the Centre will develop new ideas on how to ensure a highly diverse and free media.

Speeches:

[Connie Hedegaard, Commissioner for Climate Action: 'Kyoto or not Kyoto' – what is at stake? \(7/11/11\)](#)

[José Manuel Durão Barroso, President of the European Commission: The State of Europe \(09/11/11\)](#)

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