



## Beyond the Headlines: What You Might Have Missed...

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### HONG KONG

**EU 2014 Calendar Drawing Competition prize day reception**  
3 December  
By invitation only

#### MACAO

**EU Short Film Challenge 2014**  
3 December, 6:30pm  
University of Macao  
(Click [HERE](#) for more information)

### President Juncker unveils €315 billion Investment Plan



On 26 November, President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker presented his project for Europe at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, announcing a €315 billion Investment Plan to get Europe growing again and more people back to work. President Juncker said: *"We are turning a corner, completing fiscal responsibility and structural reform with innovative investment plans and instruments."*

- [Press release](#)
- [Investment plan for Europe website](#)



### The European Union marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women



On 25 November, the European Union marked the International Day for the

Elimination of Violence against Women by kicking off a 16-day campaign against Gender-Based Violence. In a joint statement, the European Commission said *"Combating all forms of violence against women and girls is a fundamental pillar of the respect for human or fundamental rights and remains a priority for the EU, both internally and externally."*

[✚ Press release](#)

[✚ Joint Statement on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#)

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## Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought awarded to Denis Mukwege



Congolese gynaecologist Denis Mukwege was awarded the 2014 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought in Strasbourg on Wednesday 26 November. Dr Mukwege was honoured by the European Parliament for dedicating his life to helping thousands of victims of gang rape and brutal sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

[✚ Press release](#)

[✚ Interview](#)

[✚ Read more about Denis Mukwege](#)

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## Commission commits to enhanced transparency



On 24 November, the European Commission gave a boost to transparency by committing to publishing information about who meets its political leaders and senior officials and to providing greater access to documents relating to the negotiations for a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) with the United States.

[✚ Press release](#)

[✚ More about the Transparency Register](#)

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## Macao Model European Union 2014



The University of Macao hosted the "Model European Union 2014" On 22 and 23 November - an educational simulation where students play the role of the heads of state and government of the EU in order to recreate the political decision-making of a European Council Summit and learn about European politics and current issues. The EU's response to the situation in Ukraine and the Ebola crisis were among the topics on the agenda this year.

- [Facebook](#)
- [More information](#)

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### Hong Kong and the European Commission to collaborate on qualifications frameworks



On 26, November, cooperation between Hong Kong and the European Commission was launched on the conference "Qualifications Across Boundaries: Perspectives of Hong Kong Qualifications Framework and European Qualifications Framework". Secretary for Education, Mr Eddie Ng, said in his welcoming address, *"today marks a very important milestone in our move for internalisation of the HKQF, and signifies the commencement of our collaboration with the European Commission (EC) on the technical alignment between the HKQF and the European Qualifications Framework (EQF).*

- [Press release](#)

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