



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

## EuroMaidan Newsletter # 178

### Visa-free EU travel marks Ukraine's 'divorce from Russian Empire' Ukraine asks EU for new format for relations

With the start of visa-free travel agreements, [Ukraine asks the EU to consider a new format for relations](#).

European Union member states have endorsed [visa-free travel for Ukrainian citizens entering the EU's Schengen Area](#). The new visa regime is set to come into effect on June 11.

Poroshenko: Visa-free EU travel marks [Ukraine's 'divorce from Russian Empire'](#).

Ukraine vs Russia case: [UN International Court of Justice determines schedule](#) of proceedings until 2019.

“Three nations – one freedom” campaign is to tell

about [common chapters of Canada-Netherlands-Ukraine history in WWII](#) through real people's stories.

[Lithuanian modern-day elves](#) fight trolls in information war.

[Leader of 1953 Soviet Gulag Uprising dies](#) in Ukraine at 90.

[StopFakeNews #131](#) with Cynthia Sularz: the Eurovision song contest and EU visa free travel for Ukrainians, and more.

Even [Remembrance of the Crimean Tatar Deportation prohibited](#) in Russian-occupied Crimea.

Left: [Two sisters aged six and seven orphaned as militants shell Avdiivka](#).

Right: [Stages of Russian occupation in a nutshell](#).



### Signs of regional reform despite frustrations with State level The real clash of civilizations: Last Lenin comes down in Kyiv

What has [Ukraine done to get a visa waiver](#) from the EU?

‘[Trump is again ours](#),’ Moscow commentators say.

Putin [regime now entering its fifth and final phase](#).  
Yakovenko.

[Signs of regional reform progress](#) despite widespread frustrations at the national level.

[Kuban might pursue independence](#) but won't become part of Ukraine, Russians say.

The real clash of civilizations: [Last Lenin comes down in Kyiv](#).

## Situation report on global security

“We fulfilled Putin’s and Surkov’s will,” confesses orchestrator

May 15. Ukrainian [marines repulse attack by Russian militants](#).

May 14. [Four civilians killed](#) when Russia-backed separatists fired into Avdiivka’s residential area.

[May 9 in Ukraine](#): attack on OUN office, fights with ATO soldiers, and “Game of Thrones”.

Russia’s [“Immortal Regiment” marches accused of being part of hybrid war](#) against Ukraine.

Mass [clashes in Ukraine between Army veterans and pro-Russian criminal groups](#) supported by police (Video). Dnipro police chief dismissed, Prosecutor General’s Office starts investigation.

"I confirm that [all top leaders of ‘DNR’, including the ‘head’, the ‘ministers’, ‘deputies’, and the representatives of the ‘DNR/LNR’ in Minsk were agreed and actually appointed by V. Surkov](#) (Russia). - former head of the Election Committee in self-styled "Donetsk People’s Republic" Lyagin.

"We fulfilled Putin’s and Surkov’s will," – [confession of illegal Donbas "referendum"](#)

[orchestrator](#) Alexandrov.

Gazprom to Zatulin: [\\$2 million per year for subversive activities in Ukraine](#).

[Donbas war criminals glorified in Russia](#) on Victory Day.

'You're just meat' - Ukrainian [soldiers get chilling texts](#).

Militant threatened Ukrainian soldiers with torture, [apprehended by SBU](#).

[Valentyn Kovalsky](#): a story of life, war and death.

Dmytro Hachaturian almost lost his life in a powerful landmine explosion. Despite months of treatment, he says [life outside the army is hard to imagine - and is intent on returning](#).

InformNapalm: [Situation report on global security](#) as of May 11.

SBU chief: [Russia infiltrates agents into Ukrainian patriotic](#) organizations.

Left: [‘3 million people fled from Russia-occupied Donbas’](#) and other neglected Russian stories.

Right: [Three years after sham referendums in Donbas](#), no Russian Spring.



### LIFE IN THE RUSSIAN-BACKED DONBAS "REPUBLICS"

In the Russian news

In reality



## PEN America launches campaign to free Oleh Sentsov

There is #NoEurovisionFor 44 Ukrainian hostages of the Kremlin

As the Eurovision song contest descended on Kyiv, activists launched a [campaign to alert foreign visitors of the Kremlin’s Ukrainian hostages](#).

Russian singer [Samoilova performs in occupied Crimea](#) instead of Eurovision.

The [trial of RFE/RL contributor Mykola Semena](#) has resumed in occupied Crimea. The [Crimean journalist](#) is fighting what he says is a politically motivated separatism charge.

Following the annexation by Russia in 2014, [Crimea now deals with growing shortages of drinking water](#).

Russia [fights religious ‘dissidents’ in occupied](#)

[Crimea](#).

The Crimean Tatars faced deportation from the peninsula under Stalin in 1944. Today, [they are facing a policy of quiet expulsion from their lands](#).

[Fake: record number of Ukraine tourists](#) flocking to Crimea.

Russia’s [youngest Ukrainian prisoner is on total hunger strike](#) demanding to be returned to Ukraine.

Moscow deaf to 3 years of international [outcry to free imprisoned Ukrainian filmmaker](#).

[PEN America launches campaign to free](#) Ukrainian writer Oleh Sentsov.

## Ukraine's Security Service denies link to journalist's murder

### EBRD forecasts Ukrainian economy to grow by 2% in 2017, 3% in 2018

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[Week's balance:](#) economy sees growth, war for OPP unleashed, emergency measures in energy sector continue.

[Ukrainian interest:](#) Hard-won visa liberalization, thriller in Washington, and promising Macron.

Ukraine's [central bank deputy governor, Yakiv Smoliy, will temporarily take charge on May 11](#) as Governor Valeria Hontareva steps down.

The term of Valeria Hontareva: monetary policy in the times of unprecedented challenges. Was the [policy of the Ukrainian central bank successful, inasmuch as it was possible in those conditions?](#)

National Bank of Ukraine says [Ukrainian banks lose UAH 196 bln a year.](#)

[Standard & Poor's affirmed ratings](#) on Ukraine at B- with stable outlook.

First Ukrainian [city stops using gas heating, switches to wood waste.](#)

Ukraine's [Antonov aircraft manufacturer to become joint stock company.](#)

[NABU receives full access to e-declaration register.](#)

Tax militia [lieutenant colonel nabbed while accepting UAH 400,000 in bribe.](#)

In 2016, the [number of millionaires in Ukraine fell by almost a quarter](#), while their total income grew.

Ukraine's Security Service denies [alleged link to killing of journalist Pavel Sheremet.](#)

Left: [Ukrainian Star Wars](#) by Andriy Ermolenko

Right: Ukrainian women in [embroidered shirts walk in fashion parade](#) down the streets of Rome.



## Grammarly attracts \$110 mln to create better spell check

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Grammarly attracts \$110 Million to create a better spell check. The company uses machine learning and artificial intelligence to improve people's writing. [Grammarly was hatched in 2009 by three Kyiv residents](#), who previously sold a software company that detected plagiarism, MyDropBox, to

Blackboard.

This week has been [extremely productive for Ukrainian startups.](#) A huge fuss has been going around Grammarly, as well as publicizing of Hushme to Kickstarter.

Left: [Animal photos in Chernobyl area](#) by hidden cameras (photos, Ru)

Right: Kyiv: [The St. Sophia Cathedral](#) and complex.



## **Kyiv Art Week: culture as the engine of economic development** Egyptian mummies found in Kyiv Cathedral

How [Eurovision in Ukraine unites a divided Europe](#).

[KYIV ART WEEK](#): culture as the engine of economic development.

[Egyptian mummies found in Kyiv Cathedral](#).

Experience the [music, food, and nature of Zakarpattia](#). The Ukrainian region of Zakarpattia is one of the greatest tourist attractions. It offers a wide variety of nature sites as well as tasty treats. However, it's the cultural heritage that the people of Zakarpattia are really proud of.

Tea house on Gemba mountain, Zakarpattia



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