



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

## EuroMaidan Newsletter # 271

### U.S., EU impose new sanctions on Russia over Ukraine

#### Hungary blocking Ukraine's meetings with NATO partners

NATO: [We call on Russia to return control](#) of Crimea to Ukraine.

[No more 'business as usual' with Russia: European Parliament](#). The European Parliament overwhelmingly voted to approve a report stating that Russia "can no longer be considered a 'strategic partner'" and that "the EU cannot envision a gradual return to 'business as usual' until Russia fully implements the [2015] Minsk Agreement.

Mogherini slams Russia as [EU marks fifth anniversary of Crimea's 'illegal annexation'](#).

[U.S., EU impose new sanctions on Russia](#) over Ukraine.

[Russia vows to respond](#) to fresh EU sanctions.

[Australia imposes sanctions](#) against Russians over Kerch Strait incident.

[Hungary blocking important meetings](#) with

Ukraine's partners in NATO.

[NATO suspended practical cooperation with Russia](#) in 2014 – report.

[Latvia completes fencing on border](#) with Russia.

[Russian airplanes could appear over Warsaw, Prague and Berlin](#), - Poland's Duda.

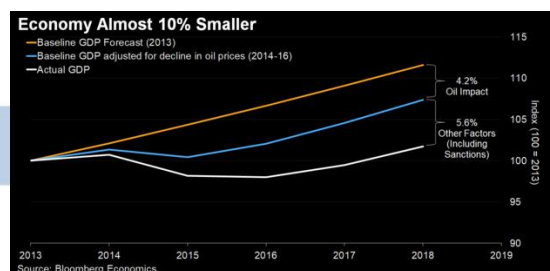
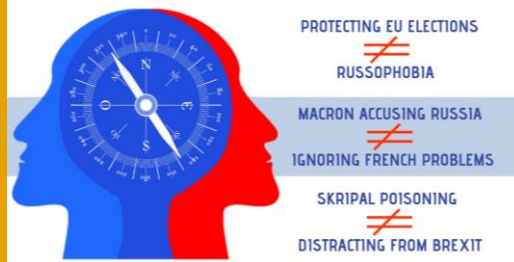
Ukraine says [Russia should be deprived of veto](#) on UN Security Council.

Bloomberg: [Russia has lost \\$150 bln](#) over five years of Crimea occupation.

EU disinformation [watchdog has collected over 5,000 disinformation cases](#) since November 2015.

[StopFake #226](#) with Marko Suprun. Distortion: Ukrainians morally prepared for election fraud. Fake: Ukrainian National Railway runs out of fuel. Weaponizing news: RT, Sputnik and targeted disinformation.

Left: [Distraction as a tool of Russian propaganda](#). Right: [Sanctions knock up to \\$150 billion off Russia's economy since 2014](#). Infographics



## What makes it so hard to assess the impact of EuroMaidan Russia sanctions work, but pressure insufficient

[Putin, his position shaky, may begin new aggression with nuclear blackmail](#), Piontkovsky says.

[Ukraine can't count on NATO for protection](#) vs the "Russian world", ex-NATO rep in Russia Capt Gary Tabach.

[Russia's in the midst of an election campaign](#) – it just happens to be in Ukraine, Kirillova says.

[Manafort could have been involved in Maidan killings](#), - Aslund.

Herbst: Sanctions against Russia work, but [pressure is insufficient](#).

Musk: [Ukraine played a major role in Russian space industry](#).

The spirit of protest. [What makes it so hard to assess the impact](#) of the Revolution of Dignity on Ukrainian society today.

How Yevhen [Konovalets managed the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists](#) as it turned to follow the course of Halychyna youth.

## Official documents reveal Russia's involvement in Ukraine Day of the Volunteer on Donbas frontline

Mar.18. One Ukrainian [soldier killed, two wounded](#) in past day. Armed forces [shoot down Russian occupation forces drone](#).

[U.S. Island-class patrol boats arriving to Ukraine](#) in July.

[Antje Grawe appointed new deputy chief monitor](#) of OSCE SMM to Ukraine.

Russia [preparing for series of cyberattacks during elections](#) in Ukraine – Tymchuk.

Ukrainian [sailors captured by Russia are prisoners of war](#) – UN.

Russia [refuses to discuss release of captured sailors](#) – Marchuk.

Russia orders 11 captured Ukrainian sailors to undergo [mental health assessment](#).

Russian aggression, documented: How [official documents reveal Russia's involvement in Ukraine](#).

Kyiv submits [to OSCE 68 pages of evidence proving Russia violates Minsk deal](#).

General Hodges: [If West does nothing with annexation of Crimea, Odesa may be next](#).

[Day of the Volunteer](#) on Donbas frontline.

[Military medics train](#) for Donbas frontline.

[Rehabilitation center for ATO/JFO veterans](#) planned for Luhansk region.

Moscow plans to have [a million youths in its Youth Army](#) within a year.

The [Kremlin's hybrid arsenal](#) – an annotated checklist.

Russia's [FSB in Kursk region preparing fake detention of "Ukrainian smugglers"](#) with military products – OSINT expert.

[Putin signs law to stop soldiers divulging proof](#) for the Hague about Russia's war against Ukraine.



## Occupation authorities to start forced-labor in “LNR” Russia is digging up 16th Century Crimean Tatar Khan's Palace

Crimea's de-facto "head" [Aksenov: There are more forces in Crimea now than in entire Ukraine](#). Aksenov boasts Russia's strongest military group equipped with advanced weapons has been deployed on the peninsula.

Aksyonov let slip that [Putin personally led the seizure of the Crimea](#).

[Crimeans “withdraw” their referendum vote](#) on 5th anniversary of Russian annexation.

Russia breaks all records in Crimea with [level of persecution of 8 Crimean Tatars](#).

[Putin arrives in Crimea](#) to mark five years since peninsula 'rejoined' Russia.

‘[Closed for Destruction](#)’: Russia is digging up 16th Century Crimean Tatar Khan's Palace.

Russian occupation authorities [threaten Crimean cultural heritage](#).

Occupation authorities [to start forced-labor in LNR](#). Able-bodied adults, men aged 18-60 and women aged 18-55, are being conscripted.

Terrorist Girkin: Only [mercenaries fighting in Donbas ready to shoot at "their people"](#) (Video).

## Ukraine is 2nd-fastest improving “Doing Business” ranking Denmark providing interest-free loans for Green infrastructure projects

Week's balance: Laconic IMF, cautious National Bank, and new loans.

Ukraine is second-fastest in improving its Doing Business ranking.

Ukraine's largest civil society reform coalition marks fifth anniversary, braces for elections.

Here is how Ukraine can finally prosecute top-corrupt officials.

Government approves amendments to Tax Code on local taxes and fees.

Ukraine's finance minister: All benchmarks of cooperation program with IMF fulfilled.

Most financial experts expect no change in speed in reforms after elections – express poll by CFA Society Ukraine.

Consumer inflation slows down to 8.8% in February – NBU.

Hryvnia exchange rate: What to expect during election year.

Denmark providing interest-free loans for Green infrastructure projects in Ukraine.

Presidential Administration employee Oleksandr Bukhtatyi found murdered in Kyiv. Bukhtatyi was a main adviser of the Information Policy Department at the Presidential Administration.

Herbst: Situation around ‘Ukroboronprom’ not to stop military technical assistance to Ukraine.

Hiding new faces. Why Ukraine's parties are not social lifts and will never be so unless they change fundamentally.

Ukrainian National Guard general accused of coordinating bloody Maidan dispersal.

Amsterdam Court of Appeal to deliver judgment in ‘Scythian gold’ case on June 11.



Left: In the shoes of the territorial community head: an online game educates youth on decentralization

Right: What's in a campaign platform? What are the main candidates for president proposing in their platforms and how have these changed from what they proposed five years ago?

## Ukrainian engineers develop augmented-reality tank helmet Lviv companies make unique tiles, cookies for food intolerance

Lviv residents make unique tiles. Donbas clay is used to make the tiles, which are used to decorate buildings across Europe.

Seven large foreign companies announced investments in Ukraine in 2018.

Ukraine to export fish and seafood to Hong Kong.

Ukraine's rye exports hit record high of 85,100 tonnes.

Lviv bakery makes cookies for people with food intolerance.

Lviv company produces 30,000 lettuce bushes daily.

Ukrainian engineers develop augmented-reality tank helmet.

Ukrainian startup AxDraft got into Y Combinator and received a \$150,000 investment.

Jabil launches second 20,700 sq.m. manufacturing line in Ukraine investing \$16 million.

Three Cultivators: New breed of Ukrainian tech entrepreneurs seek success in global markets (part 3).



Left:  
[Svitolina](#)  
[climbs to](#)  
[fifth position](#)  
in WTA  
ranking  
Right:  
[Zakopane](#)  
[style](#)  
[architecture](#)  
in Przemyśl



## Open for renovations program promotes Ukraine culture

### Ukrainian Gvozdyk best light heavyweight boxer in the world

Kherson region offers [55 new tourism products](#).

Nikol [Savina](#), 11-year-old gymnastic sensation.

Ukrainians [won Big at World Boxing Tournament](#). Overall, the Ukrainians took second.

Ukraine takes [4th in World Chess Championship](#).

Open for renovations program [promotes Eastern Ukraine Culture](#).

Ukrainian [Gvozdyk best light heavyweight boxer in the world](#) – Boxrec.

[Trailer for HBO's 'Chernobyl'](#) released.

Left: Exhibition of  
Ukrainian artist  
[opens at UN](#)  
[headquarters](#)



Right: Wonders of  
the M. M.  
[Hrvshko National](#)  
[Botanical Garden](#).



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