



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

## EuroMaidan Newsletter # 309

### Prisoner exchange agreed for end of year

Greece threatened with Russia lifting “guarantees of non-occupation”

[Germany has denounced new U.S. legislation that would impose sanctions](#) on companies helping lay the Nord Stream 2 pipeline from Russia to Europe.

Moscow and Kyiv have reached a [preliminary deal on the transit of Russian gas to Europe](#). Contract with Russia provides that [Naftogaz withdraws claims against Gazprom](#). [Details emerge](#) of Ukraine-Russia gas transit agreement.

“[Half of Russian diplomats at the UN are FSB agents](#)” — Ukrainian Ambassador.

[Greece threatened with Russia lifting “guarantees of non-occupation”](#) for recognizing Ukrainian Church.

[Prisoner exchange agreed for end of year. Release of suspected Maidan killers in prisoner exchange](#)

will help Russia destabilize Ukraine.

[Russian state TV calls Trump their agent](#).

Doctored videos, phony blogs, moral panic: the [top 10 fake news stories of 2019](#) (RadioLiberty)

[Italian court used Russian fake news in Markiv case](#) – NYT.

[Russian disinformation review](#): Circling the Earth.

Putin Says Ukraine is Srebrenica: [StopFakeNews](#) with Marko Suprun (No.266). The Ukraine-Russia Paris meeting through a Russian propaganda lens. Fake: Kyiv planning provocations to sabotage the Paris meeting. UN recognizes Crimea as Russian.

Left: [What did not happen in 2019](#): Russia's top absurd fakes of the year  
Right: [Russian as a minority language in Ukraine vs Russian as Putin's weapon](#): is there a compromise?  
Photo: “Please speak with me in Ukrainian”.

### TOP ABSURD FAKES 2019

POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO DESTROY CHRISTIANITY

NOTRE DAME WAS ALIENS' FIRST TARGET

GEORGE SOROS WILL IMPORT 30,000 GAYS TO ARMENIA

GRETA THUNBERG - PROPHET OF A NEW TOTALITARIAN WAVE



### Will Ukraine be able to cover all debts?

Possible impact of Trump impeachment on Ukraine-US relations

Serhiy Zhadan: [No one can protect his country by accepting conditions dictated](#) by the invader.

NATO CoE's experiment: [54,000 inauthentic social media interactions bought for €300](#).

The Hunger for Truth: Documentary about [Canadian journalist who was first to report about Holodomor](#) (video).

Goesta Ljungman: “Now the Ukrainian state faces a new [challenge - to recover taxpayers' money spent to rescue problem banks](#)”.

Debt noose: [Will Ukraine be able to cover all debts](#).

Possible [impact of Trump impeachment on Ukraine-US](#) relations.

[Germany and Russia](#): The end of the honeymoon period?

Guarantor, referee and coach. Why is [the role of the nation-state in the development of the economy](#) only increasing nowadays?

## Ukraine will get lethal weapons from \$300 mln aid from US

### Improving life of IDPs and Donbas residents

Dec.23. [Eight attacks against JFO positions yesterday](#): Ukrainian soldier died.

Ukraine has dignity: [representatives of the aggressor state should be removed from OSCE SMM](#).

New Hybrid Invasion of Russian Federation in Donbas: [Open appeal of InformNapalm to Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine](#).

[MFA Ukraine condemns Putin's statement](#) about "originally Russian territories" in Ukraine.

[Putin's annual press conference](#): key remarks on Ukraine.

Ukraine [will get lethal weapons from \\$300 mln](#) aid from US.

[Military drills complete training with British soldiers](#) in Zhytomyr.

[51% of Ukrainians support](#) NATO ascension.

[They do not want to go back to ORDLO](#). About 40 L/DPR militants refuse to participate in exchange.

At a meeting on December 18, the Trilateral Contact Group in Minsk decided not to agree on a new ceasefire, but [to prolong the "ceasefire regime"](#)

[announced in July 2019](#).

[Russia sends another 'humanitarian convoy'](#) to occupied Donbas on Dec.19.

[Civilian shot dead](#) by Russian-backed forces in Marinka.

[Russian controlled forces deploy anti-tank missile](#) systems banned by Minsk agreements to contact line.

[In Memoriam Petro Mykhayliuk](#) (July 21, 1974-December 22, 2017)

As Ukraine's conflict grinds on, [lawyers take to the frontline](#).

Over [250 hectares of land demined in Donbas](#) this year.

[Russian active-duty military fought against Ukraine in ranks of private military](#) company: Media report.

[Russia must pay \\$44 mln to Ukrnafta for expropriation of investments in Crimea](#) - Swiss Supreme Court.

[Improving life of IDPs and Donbas residents](#): 2019 achievements

Left: ["DPR" sniper kills Ukrainian soldier, uses child as human shield](#) (Photo)  
Right: [Ukrainian seized in occupied Crimea and likely tortured for new 'saboteur trial'](#).



## 250 people held captive by militants in Donbas

### The Council of Europe is endorsing Russia's machine of political repression

The [Council of Europe is endorsing Russia's machine](#) of political repression.

[250 people held captive](#) by militants in Donbas.

[UN adopts updated resolution](#) to safeguard rights in Crimea.

Crimean Tatar involved in "Hizb ut-Tahrir case" from "second Simferopol group" [Abdulgaziev sent for forced psychiatric examination](#). Also, arrest was extended to him and three other Crimean Tatars.

Crimean Tatar veteran: [My grandfather was tried on the same charges as my son](#).

[Russia deploys 'Cossacks' as thugs](#) and

'witnesses' in politically-motivated prosecutions in occupied Crimea.

Ukrainian [blogger to be deported from occupied Crimea](#) after criticizing Putin and Russian annexation.

Amid Western condemnation, [Putin opens Crimea bridge to rail traffic](#).

Ukrainian political prisoner Oleksandr [Shumkov has been held behind bars in Russia for four years](#).

[Russia's indigenous people push back](#) against government extortion.

## Ukraine's economy growing faster than expected

### Ukraine passes law that fines lawmakers for multiple voting

Week's balance: gas transit arrangements with Russia, "crusade" on gambling business, and strengthening hryvnia.

Sheremet case: Appeal against detention in custody of Antonenko, Kuzmenko postponed.

TV personality Antin Mukharsky: Open Letter to Showman Zelenskyy.

How alleged suspects of Sheremet murder were tried in Kyiv.

Why investigative outlet Slidstvo has doubts about announced Sheremet murder suspects.

Ukraine's economy growing faster than expected – NBU.

A reality check. What is the state of Ukraine's economy?

Ukraine's parliament adopts new Elections Code with Zelenskyi's amendment.

Ukrainian MPs strengthened their immunity from prosecution by adopting a bill meant to lift it.

Ukraine passes law that fines lawmakers for multiple voting.

Ukrainian government sets ambitious goals for privatization of state enterprises.

Government annuls possibility of signing agreement on spreading state lotteries, instructs National Police, fiscal service to check licenses.

17 people injured in clashes near Ukraine's parliament.

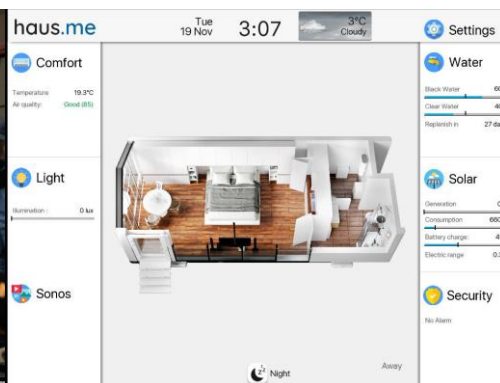
PrivatBank in Israel files new claim against Kolomoisky for \$600 mln.

Ukraine's population shrinks to almost 42 million.

Kyiv court closes case on "dictatorship laws" against ex-head of Party of Regions Oleksandr Yefremov.

Supreme court allows church of Moscow Patriarchate to keep its name, for now.

Left: Police evidence in murdered journalist Sheremet's case looking shaky.  
Right: Appearance and features of Ukrainian self-sustainable house Haus.me (PassivDom) in pictures



## 15 startups to participate in Startup Grind Global 2020

### Families practice Zero Waste

9 floors of Dutch design, the ins and outs of Ukraine's largest coworking Spaces.

Families practice Zero Waste donating to clothing bank.

Digital Transformation Ministry jointly with

Startup Grind Kyiv, USAID selects 15 startups for participation in Startup Grind Global 2020.



Left: The Rolling Stone magazine ranked Ukrainian film [The Tribe](#) by director Myroslav Slaboshpytskiy among 50 best movies of 2010s. Right: 12 unique museums of Verkhovyna



## Ukraine's place in European history

### White House Christmas ornament honors Sikorsky H-34

[Ukraine's place in European history](#). Real events, legends, and myths about Ukraine. A TV show based on historical events.

2019 White House Christmas ornament honors Eisenhower and [Sikorsky H-34](#).

[Bethlehem Peace Light arrives in Ukraine](#).

What was [Ihor Sikorsky](#)? The man who made the dream of Leonardo da Vinci come true.

Ukrainians win [Gold at Deaflympics](#) after 17 years.

[Lifelike dolls create fairy tale](#) at Taras Shevchenko Museum.

Left, Right: Ukraine in [paintings of 19 century](#) (paintings)



## CONTACT INFORMATION

Press-center of Civic Sector of EuroMaidan  
Kateryna Maksym +38(066) 6906927  
katerynamaksym69@gmail.com

[www.facebook.com/hrom.sektor.euromaidan](http://www.facebook.com/hrom.sektor.euromaidan)  
Follow us on twitter [@maidan\\_go](https://twitter.com/maidan_go)

To subscribe to the newsletter: <https://bit.ly/2DzsRF6>

Previous issues of our newsletter are available at National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy electronic repository <http://ekmair.ukma.edu.ua/handle/123456789/12250>

If you wish to receive this newsletter, or if you would like to unsubscribe, please email Kateryna Maksym at [katerynamaksym69@gmail.com](mailto:katerynamaksym69@gmail.com)