



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

## EuroMaidan Newsletter # 108

### Ukraine's economy leaves 2015 in clouded condition

Ukrainian website outs Russian soldiers, Moscow wants Canada to stop it

Ukraine's economy leaves 2015 in clouded condition. <http://goo.gl/ZTN5Y2>

A Ukrainian website is outing Russian soldiers, and Moscow wants Canada to stop it. <http://goo.gl/ApZ5cD>

The most important stories and photos from 2015. <http://goo.gl/Je6FzL>

Former "Berkut" policemen who cracked down on Maidan deemed qualified to serve in new police. <http://goo.gl/znHI3a>

Top 10 fakes of Russian propaganda about Ukraine in 2015 : № 1. LifeNews reports that "Drunken Negroes dance on tanks and poke people with automatic weapons in Debaltseve." <http://goo.gl/UbcYdo>

Russia "immortalizes" annexation of Crimea by printing 100 ruble banknotes. <http://goo.gl/1MCJt6>

Russia's parliament votes to suspend free-trade zone with Ukraine from January 2016. <http://goo.gl/2pjFOJ> ; Russia to destroy Ukrainian and Turkish products from Jan 1. <http://goo.gl/fE00pX>

The Russian State Duma adopted a law that allows Russian institutions to recover Crimean's debts to Ukrainian banks. <http://goo.gl/SdQ5PB>

Left: Photography project captures striking images of Ukrainian amputee war veterans. (Video)

<http://goo.gl/v2OVZU>

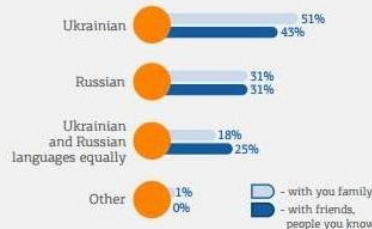
Right: Young people proud to be Ukrainians despite circumstances, GfK poll.

<http://goo.gl/sgPOfx>

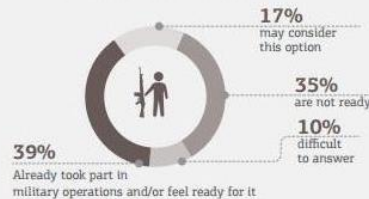


#### NATIONAL AND PATRIOTIC ORIENTATIONS

What language do you usually speak...



Are you ready for armed defense of your country? % among men



Are you proud to be a citizen of Ukraine?



97% yes

97% yes

52% yes

The most proud // The least proud

97% yes

62% yes

59% yes

### Ukrainian leaders flirting with political suicide

Communist crimes against Ukrainians gives reasons to ban Communist party

Failing to tame corruption, Ukrainian leaders are flirting with political suicide. <http://goo.gl/BACIcB>

Communist crimes against Ukrainians give them many reasons to ban the Communist party. <http://goo.gl/DuU6v0>

The meaning of the conflict between Arsen Avakov and Mikhail Saakashvili in Ukraine's government. <http://goo.gl/cRn2Ub>

Putin and ISIS have 'common goals and in general resemble one another,' Eidman. <http://goo.gl/RqnWil>

The Ukrainian tax system: why and how it should be reformed? Part IV (VoxUkraine) <http://goo.gl/v20Der>

## No compromise at Minsk, Ukraine must protest new Russian incursion Russian regular troops invade again near Mariupol

Dec 28. Russian regular troops have invaded again with Russia's Motorized Rifle Regiments stationing themselves in areas near the port city of Mariupol, Ukraine. - Ukrainian military intelligence. <http://goo.gl/HWRx8i> Ukrainian troops incur no fatalities over last day. No episodes of heavy weapons use registered. (Map). <http://goo.gl/3qdHBC>

Dec 27. Russian-separatist forces attack Ukrainian soldiers, killing one and wounding three. Ukrainian positions attacked at least 66 times in the past 24 hours. <https://goo.gl/RmfjVc> ; <http://goo.gl/CPQn5y> ; OSCE mission comes under fire in eastern Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/gQgh1w>

Ukraine arrests a top militant leader who helped Russian operatives seize Slovyansk in east Ukraine in April 2014. <http://goo.gl/qsYJYf>

Kuchma about Minsk talks: No compromise reached, Ukraine must shout about Kominternove seizure, the newest Russian incursion. <http://goo.gl/vs3mke>

Fears mount in Mariupol as separatists keep control over nearby village. <http://goo.gl/ij09fq> ; Mariupol under threat as militants plot provocations for OSCE. <http://goo.gl/8tjRBX>

Ukrainian court extends jail for Russians accused of fighting with separatists. <http://goo.gl/KY4LYa>

Left: 18-year-old Vlad Kolesnikov killed himself 6 months after his defiant demonstration of opposition to Russia's annexation of Crimea lost him his home, his place in technical college and led to a campaign of harassment against him. <http://goo.gl/S4bE8w> ; <http://goo.gl/5X9nOg>  
Right: One fifth of Russia's hybrid "DNR/LNR" force in Ukraine are regular Russian Army troops. <http://goo.gl/JkBl7K>



## Civilians in Donbas face challenges in access to justice Moscow's Library of Ukrainian Literature to be replaced by "Russian world" propaganda

Eight Ukrainian political prisoners are victims of Russia's terror in occupied Crimea. <http://goo.gl/mQktkn> ; FSB uses electric shock torture against Crimean Tatar. <http://goo.gl/V9D2PI> ; Muslims labelled 'terrorists' under Russian occupation. <http://goo.gl/V8Xeig>

Civilians in Donbas face challenges in access to justice, OSCE report <http://goo.gl/rqAapd>

Moscow's Library of Ukrainian Literature to be replaced by "Russian world" propaganda. <http://goo.gl/8v5g0W>

Russian 'federalization march' activist jailed for critical social network posts. <http://goo.gl/t4J9pO>

Many observers assume that those who fled to Russia from Donbas did so because they were pro-Russian, while those who fled into other parts of Ukraine were pro-Ukrainian. As always, it's far more complicated. <http://goo.gl/8YLU2>

Broken bones, amputated fingers, rape, humiliation, threats of violence and hundreds of lives shattered are more outcomes of Russia's war against Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/rt379I>

## Ukraine's Parliament passed the much-needed 2016 budget Parliament cancels additional import duties

Dec 24-25. Ukrainian MPs endured a law-making 20-hour marathon. After passing some crucial changes to tax and procurement legislation, the Rada adopted the 2016 state budget. <http://goo.gl/EmDEVI>

Moody's, Standard&Poor's, and Fitch upgrade Kyiv's rating from negative to stable. <http://goo.gl/vrexS> ; <http://goo.gl/mefLRC>

Ukrainian parliament passes tit-for-tat sanctions against Russia. <http://goo.gl/BpZjKM>

The Parliament of Ukraine has approved a law cancelling additional import duties starting January 1. <http://goo.gl/LQxCit>

Dec 24. High Judicial Council resolved to sack 276 judges in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and Sevastopol city for breach of oath. <http://goo.gl/H9tzee>

Activists blame state officials for lustration failures. Figures from the former government still occupy the same state posts 2 years after EuroMaidan. <http://goo.gl/H6KRAB>

Kryvyi Rih will hold a new election for mayor on March 27. <http://goo.gl/cdz2OO>

A Canadian company is selling its majority stake in Ukraine's third largest privately-owned natural gas company. <http://goo.gl/DXL05W>

Closing the gap between taxes on official employees, entrepreneurs. <http://goo.gl/eK4cp7>

The government took a giant step toward transparency by opening up databases for land titles and real estate property to the public. <http://goo.gl/Fz71Hk>

Ukrainian officials appear to be lobbying for tobacco industry to keep taxes low. <http://goo.gl/5FIPqb>

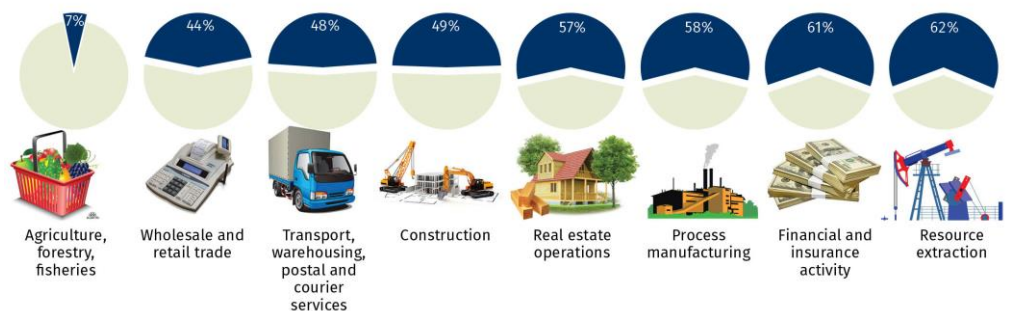
Ukrainian meat and meat products, fish, dairy products, vegetables, fruits, nuts, as well as products made from flour have been embargoed by Russia. <http://goo.gl/x2i9az>

The iMoRe value for December 7-20 stood at +1.4 points, marking the highest level since end-August 2015. The reasons are (i) cancellation of outdated national technical standards, (ii) the sharp increase in salary cap for managers of state enterprises, (iii) decentralization of certain government functions, and (iv) some anti-corruption initiatives from "EU visa-free package". <http://goo.gl/X32ytA>

Ukraine health system in danger of collapse as reforms stall. <http://goo.gl/kesTLb>

A major challenge for the architects of Ukraine's new tax system is how to uncloak about 40 to 60 percent of the economy that avoids government regulation, taxation or observation each year. <http://goo.gl/vzVyyO>

Underground economy by industry, as a percentage of gross value-added



## UAE business incubator to fund, train Ukrainian startups

### A Ukrainian startup solves long-range wireless charging

A Ukrainian startup solves long-range wireless charging. <http://goo.gl/qnfytG>

While taxes to remain low for technology sector, business still worried about future. <http://goo.gl/j45iQS>

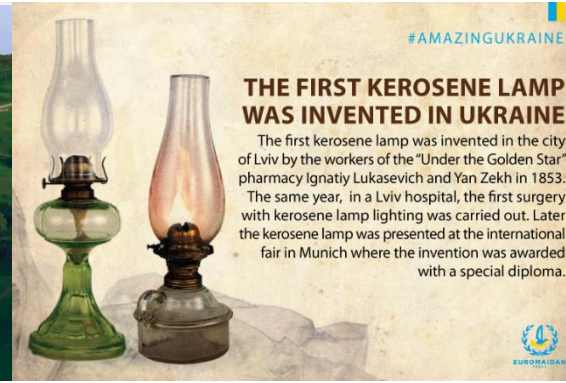
The UAE venture fund FasterCapital business incubator has announced it is entering the Ukrainian market, promising up to \$3 mln in

investment in Ukrainian startups. <http://goo.gl/PTSVrc>

Shymkiv on Ukraine IT future: 'Next year we need to continue destroying Soviet standards'. <http://goo.gl/nbcJJC>

Ukrainian startup targets absent pet owners. New PETCUBE laser box provides social time for lonely pets (Video). <http://goo.gl/efsKwa>

Left: Ukraine castles and fortresses. (Video) <https://goo.gl/kXF7Ju>



## Ukrainian scientist awarded Leibnitz prize

### Five strange Ukrainian traditions you will love

28 October marks 120 years since the birth of Mike Johansen – poet, screenwriter, linguist, novelist, author of books on grammar, poetry, dictionaries, and translator of "all the world's languages". <http://goo.gl/SkjNkg>

Ukrainian scientist awarded Leibnitz prize. (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/bIW0aQ>

Top 10 travel blog posts about Ukraine in 2015. <http://goo.gl/jHuHQM>

Five strange Ukrainian traditions you will love. <http://goo.gl/GZiiQL>

An epic history of Ukraine reminds us of the glorious heritage of this beleaguered nation. <http://goo.gl/LRkSbY>

Top 2015 Ukrainian achievements in sports, film and more. <http://goo.gl/T9su6P>



## 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)

Previous issues of our newsletter are available at National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy electronic repository <http://goo.gl/twRKkW>

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)

To subscribe to the newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/bByY49>