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## EuroMaidan Newsletter # 123

### Ukraine Is Making Progress

You wouldn't think it from the headlines, but [Ukraine is making progress](#). Despite frustration with Poroshenko and the Verkhovna Rada, Ukrainians are more optimistic about their local government.

[Dutch voters rejected](#) the European Union's Association Agreement with Ukraine in a nonbinding referendum on April 6. A day later on the streets of Kyiv, many [Ukrainians were not surprised by the rejection](#).

The Dutch just showed the world how [Russia influences](#) Western European elections.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Yatsenyuk has said he will [step down for the sake of political stability](#), with the Dutch vote on the EU treaty aggravating the country's political crisis.

The European Commission will propose this month granting [visa-free travel](#) to Ukrainians despite a Dutch referendum vote against an EU-Ukraine agreement partly motivated by hostility to migration, a senior EU source said.

Reports based on the Panama Papers suggest that the president of Ukraine attempted to use an offshore company for a pre-sale restructuring of his business. Our initial analysis suggests, though, that there is [no direct evidence of major wrongdoing](#).

Russia imposes total [ban on Ukraine](#) transit.

Ukraine bishop: [Pope's appeal](#) for Ukraine morally significant



### We are changing our country for ourselves

Only Kyiv's commitment to reform will determine country's destiny

[We are changing our country for ourselves](#), not for the Gouda voter. And if we change, he himself will want to be in an alliance with us.

The [Kremlin is the main winner](#) of the Dutch popular rejection of the EU-Ukraine Association.

Ukraine's former spy chief discusses the [country's security](#).

The Association Agreement, Ukraine and the EU: A marriage contract [in pictures](#).

[Reaction to the "Panama Papers"](#) — how Ukraine differs from Russia. [Journalists falsely accused](#)

Poroshenko in corruption. Revelations [undercut trust](#) in Poroshenko.

The Dutch referendum may be a setback for Ukraine's aspirations, but it's only Kyiv's serious [commitment to reform](#) that will ultimately determine the country's direction and destiny.

Not jailed for ripping up portrait of Poroshenko! The [Russian media joined the defendant](#) and his far-right friends in claiming that his 4.5 year sentence had been for destroying a portrait of the President, but why did the Ukrainian media so happily repeat this nonsense?

## Enemy attacks reach climax

### Predictions of new Russian-backed offensive with coming summer

Apr 9. The number of [enemy attacks](#) on Ukraine army positions has reached an all-time record of 91. Russian/rebel troops used tanks, mortars, machine guns and grenade throwers. The army reciprocates. [Map](#).

#### [Six Ukrainian soldiers injured in Donbas.](#)

Apr 10. Militants deliver [64 attacks](#) on Ukrainian army positions, intensively uses mortars.

[OSCE statement](#): “The latest OSCE reports on increasing numbers of ceasefire violations and the presence of heavy weapons in the area of conflict in eastern Ukraine are worrying”. [OSCE mission came under fire](#) despite a truce between Ukraine forces and pro-Russian separatist forces.

[An arson attack](#) has destroyed the office of a Ukrainian judge presiding over the case of two Russian nationals charged with fighting alongside pro-Russian separatists in eastern Ukraine.

[OSCE in Ukraine has expressed "regret"](#) after photos appeared online showing two of its staff at the

wedding celebrations of the daughter of a pro-Russia separatist in Ukraine.

[Ukraine is Russia's enemy](#) No. 1, poll says.

Reports predict a [Russian-backed military offensive](#) in Ukraine this summer. “More conflicts are better for Putin, and worse for the West”.

[Russia allotted \\$11.92 million](#) for occupied Donbas.

Defense Intelligence released a recording of a conversation between two Russian army generals about military actions in Donbas. [AUDIO](#).

Ukraine and Turkey launch [a joint naval exercise](#) in the Black Sea.

A total of 103 [Russian servicemen were killed](#) in action and another 98 were seriously injured in Donbas in the first three months, one week of 2016.

Estonia to [offer medical treatment](#) for wounded Ukrainian soldiers.

Left: It's easy to forget, yet [1.7M+ people displaced](#).

Right: Savchenko, who has been sentenced by a Russian court to 22 years in prison, has started a ["dry" hunger strike](#), refusing to consume food or water.



## Savchenko Begins 'Dry' Hunger Strike

### Russia suspends funding of occupied Crimea

Savchenko [refused to use a shower or washbasin](#) so that the Russian media could not distort information on her dry hunger strike.

[Russia suspends funding](#) of occupied Crimea.

How the [DNR economy](#) doing.

Militant 'Information Ministry' releases footage of a

[propaganda 'lesson'](#).

About 1.5 million people face [threat of hunger](#) in Ukraine's Donbas region – UN.

Torture most classified: How [Russia jailed another abducted Ukrainian](#) for 'spying'.

## Ukrainian PM Yatsenyuk resigns

Farewell to Bank Khreshchatyk, ban on Russian fuel, strengthening of hryvnia

Prime Minister Arseniy [Yatsenyuk resigns](#). He officially announced his resignation in a [televised address \(subtitled\)](#). [Yatseniuk's resignation](#) and the beginning of the real crisis.

Protesters set up gallows and burn tires outside Ukrainian President's office. [Activists demand government purge](#).

President Petro Poroshenko has [promised to disband the Verkhovna Rada](#) unless a parliamentary coalition and a new government are formed this week.

Odesa Oblast Governor Mikheil [Saakashvili threatened to resign](#). He demanded radical reforms and firings of corrupt officials in the tax office and Security Service of Ukraine.

[Week's balance](#): farewell to Bank Khreshchatyk, ban on Russian fuel, and strengthening of hryvnia.

Ministry of Justice unveils names of [prosecutors falling under lustration](#).

[Ukraine's state debt](#) 1.8% down in dollars, 10.7%

up in hryvnias in two months.

Ukraine is [exporting agrarian products](#) to 190 countries of the world.

Japan has [opened a credit line](#) of 30 billion yen (\$269 million) for Ukraine for insurance of exports/imports.

Good-bye Russia. [India's aerospace industry chooses Ukraine](#). Ukraine is doing more than USD 100 million in annual defense business with India, and aims to increase it to USD 500 million in the next three years.

Transparency International: In Ukraine, [fines for bribery](#) are smaller than bribes.

Anticorruption watchdog NGO director [not happy with General Prosecutor's dismissal](#). 'Too late' – says Kaleniuk about parliament finally firing Ukraine's chief prosecutor.

Large [Kyiv bank goes bankrupt](#). Bank Khreshchatyk included in group of insolvent banks.

Sabotage or Corruption? Crucial [suspect in Odesa May 2 tragedy allowed to escape](#).

Left: [DonorUA wins startup contest](#) in Sweden.

Right: Must-see [Kyiv murals](#)



## Social enterprises to receive low-interest financing

Ukrainian service for apartment-seekers aims to go global

Ukraine's state-owned Oschadbank in collaboration with private equity fund Western NIS Enterprise Fund and the U.S. government launched a low-interest [finance program for social enterprises](#).

A group of Ukrainian tech entrepreneurs have

created a new service to help people around the world [find their ideal living space](#) via cyberspace.

Ukraine starts [supplying dairy products to E.U.](#) The first batch of Ukrainian cheese and milk to go to Bulgaria

Left: Ukrainian student Zenyk Palagniuk used 13,000 nails, a hammer, and 24 km of thread to create [portrait of Justin Timberlake](#)  
Right: “Stone grave” and other [places to visit](#) in Ukraine in spring (Ukr)



## Kyiv as Europe’s mural capital Holy Trinity Day and Green Holidays

[Holy Trinity Day](#), or Svyata Triytsya, and Green Holidays.

Kyiv as Europe’s [mural capital](#). Ukraine set to serve as epicenter of global street art initiative promoting world peace.

[Jamala will perform 15th](#) in Eurovision second semi-final.

On April 7<sup>th</sup> evening, actors of [Kuznetsi Youth Theatre performed](#) on the central streets of Kharkiv with a “sense bearing performance” devoted to the anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities in east Ukraine.

Exploring Ukraine: Kyiv region. [Small towns around the capital](#) are famous for their history and delicacies.

Left: The Borshchivsky District (Ternopilska Oblast) is famous for its [black embroidered shirts](#), unique ornaments and embroidery technique

Right: [Narcissus Valley](#) in the Carpathians



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