



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

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### Petro Poroshenko has fair chance to be elected the new President of Ukraine in the first round

National exit-polls show him in first place with 55,7% of votes, with Tymoshenko receiving 12,8%. See more detailed exit poll results and elections updates at <http://goo.gl/aUb2O9>

On May 25, Ukrainians voted in a momentous election to choose the nation's fifth president. Read more at (Eng)

<http://goo.gl/eu8E8W> and (Eng) <http://goo.gl/2C2kSt>

Follow the latest information about election results at the Central Elections Commission of Ukraine web-site at (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/xSD8Ye>

Despite security issues in the East, elections still to be recognized, observers say (Eng)

<http://goo.gl/uNlnNU> and (Eng) <http://goo.gl/Nlxa6r>

Read about the voting and counting of votes taking place in Svatovo, Luhansk region under the protection of the Ukrainian Army at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/CKzhvy>

While Ukrainians all over the country flock to polls, Kremlin-backed separatists stop most voting in Donetsk, Luhansk oblasts. Read more and watch video at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/cc1hW0>

Vote in "vyshyvanka" (the Ukrainian national embroidered shirt) as the newest fashion. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/gajK6>

Crimean Tatars travelled out of Crimea to Kherson to cast their votes. They crossed the border into Ukraine in separately in order not to be stopped by police. But after arriving in Kherson region they formed a long car convoy sporting Ukrainian and Crimean Tatars flags. Read more at (Rus) and watch video at <http://goo.gl/AMD7Bo>

Russia's First TV channel faked information from the Central Elections Commission of Ukraine and showed Dmytro Yarosh, leader of the "Right Sector" and Russia's № 1 bogeyman, as leading the presidential elections. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/HDbvY5> and watch video (Rus) <http://goo.gl/8a4l2Y>

Petro Poroshenko: a pragmatic favourite to lead a shaky Ukraine. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/xvXekt>

Ukrainians wore national clothes to polling stations across the country (left). Due to high turnout, people stood in line for hours to cast their votes (right).



## Russia's undeclared war takes its deadly toll in Eastern Ukraine

On May 26 Andrei Mironov, Russian human rights activist and Andrea Rochelli, Italian journalist have been killed on the outskirts of Slovyansk, Donetsk region. They were in an area where government forces are fighting pro-Russian militants who have seized control of the city. It is not clear whose fire they came under. A third man, French photographer William Roguelon who was travelling with them was slightly injured. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/FzucC4>

May 25: Two Luhansk journalists - Chief Editor of OBZOR.lg.ua Viacheslav Bondarenko and his colleague, a streamer for Spilno.tv, Maxim Osovsky - were seized by pro-Russian militants. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/D3Xi2s>

See the up-to-date (as of May 22) list of the victims

from the Russian occupation of Ukraine, both military and civilian, at (Rus) <http://goo.gl/dHwXhA>

Incomprehensible violence in the 21st century. Hired militants from the Caucasus have cut out a man's heart in the Donetsk region. Read more at <http://goo.gl/LVSHPk>

On May 24 at 12:55 two Russian Armed Forces helicopters MI-35 attempted to cross the administrative border from the temporarily occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea into the Kherson region. Read more at <http://goo.gl/gt3HVR>

Follow regular updates about armed clashes and cross-fire in eastern Ukraine (online map) at <http://goo.gl/sE07lt>

Aggressive militants break the voting boxes in Donetsk, Eastern Ukraine. Polling stations did not open at 6 districts and in 23 towns in the Donetsk region. Read more (Ukr) at <http://goo.gl/re4Giu>



## Armed clashes in the East continue: pro-Russian militants use heavy weapons and abduct civilians

May 23: Summary of the development in the anti-terrorist operation in Eastern Ukraine by Dmytro Tymchuk. Read more at <http://goo.gl/FrNuZe>

On Friday evening May 23, around 22.00, gunmen calling themselves fighters of the so-called 'Army of the South-East' abducted Ilya Yefremov, a Luhansk

civic activist. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/kNzTcE>

Three people from Donetsk and one from Kyiv were amongst soldiers killed from the "Donbas" battalion in the May 24<sup>th</sup> battle. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/esAAGs>

## Crimea: Putin's War for Oil and Gas

Vladimir Putin's land-grab in Crimea might actually be about controlling offshore reserves that could help Ukraine free itself from dependence on Russian energy. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/ynzNOz>

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The richest man in Ukraine Rinat Akhmetov has finally announced that he supports a united Ukraine. This

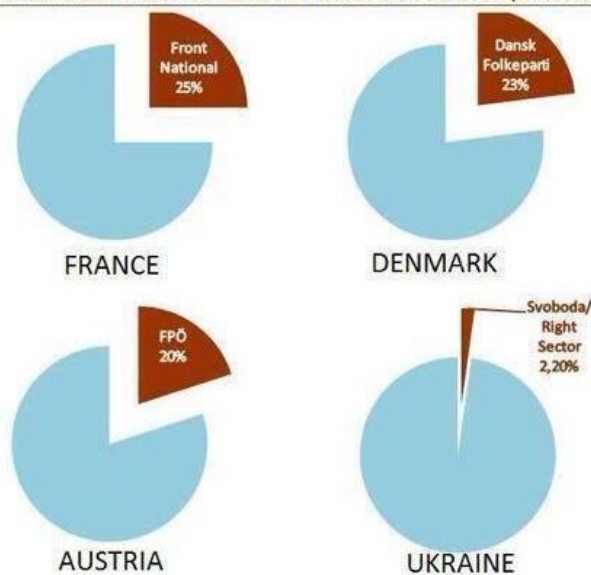
announcement of support might have come too late for Mr. Akhmetov, who was the most influential in Donbass region.

The Communist Party comes close to being prohibited in Ukraine not only for its historical crimes, but also for its recent support of pro-Russian terrorists (Rus) <http://goo.gl/ctSHGL>

About the Ukrainian army... for all you armchair generals (Eng) <http://goo.gl/3E3Qq4>

For five months Western media has ranted and foamed at the mouth about the "dangers of the Ukrainian far-right". Please compare the results of the European parliament elections with the results of the right-wing presidential candidates in Ukraine and make your own conclusions.

SHARES OF RIGHT WING PARTIES IN THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS (25.05.2014)



## From baroque to the stars

This year, Ukrainian scientists participated in the third successful launch of the new Antares rocket used by NASA. The rocket's first stage was designed by a Ukrainian firm and produced in Ukraine. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/1KBaZB>

Yuri Kondratyuk was a self-educated mechanic who, 50 years before lunar flights, foresaw ways of reaching the moon and calculated the best means of achieving a lunar landing. His theory of the gravitational slingshot trajectory to accelerate a spacecraft, known today as the "Kondratyuk Route", was eventually adopted by engineers in the Apollo program for American lunar expeditions. Please read in more detail at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/BIVinq>

Johann Georg Pinzel was a XVIII century baroque sculptor often compared to the great Gian Lorenzo Bernini and even to Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni. Read more at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/X9f8o5> and watch video at (Video of exhibition in Louvre) <http://goo.gl/Ys73Fq>

"Russian" humorist, dramatist, and novelist Nikolay Gogol was actually Ukrainian born and highly influenced by Ukrainian folklore ("Evenings on a Farm near Dikanka", "Taras Bulba"). Read in more detail at (Eng) <http://goo.gl/cuQiA3> and <http://goo.gl/oJjmdK>

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