



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

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### Ukraine, others refuse to attend PACE session

EU puts together largest Ukraine support package in the Bloc's history

[EU spokesman: We have put together largest support package](#) for Ukraine in EU history.

[Ukraine highly appreciates the support of the European Union](#) as a whole and, in particular, the contribution of Germany and France, says Deputy Prime Minister for Integration with the EU Dmytro Kuleba.

[Zelensky about critics of European leaders](#): "I told truth, thank you for help to Ukraine, but Nord Stream 2 carries threats to us."

Ukrainian [delegation formally refuses to attend PACE session](#).

[Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Georgia and Estonia will not be attending the Autumn PACE](#) in protest of the Parliamentary Assembly Council of Europe to reinstate the Russian Federation.

[General Court of EU annuls EU sanctions](#) against Viktor Yanukovich.

[President Zelenskyy meets with Italian](#) prime minister.

[Kremlin hopes Putin-Trump transcripts](#) of talks not to be published.

Russian special forces reportedly [spotted in Norway](#).

Imaginary me: [fake accounts on Ukrainian media pages](#). Whom and what do bots discuss on the pages of the top national media.

How [FB network, banned for posts supporting Trump, was created](#) and operated — investigation.

[An anti-America army in Europe](#): StopFakeNews with Marko Suprun (No. 254).



### Is Ukraine turning into Eastern European Economic Tiger?

All you wanted to know about the Trump-Zelenskyy scandal

All you wanted to know [about the Trump-Zelenskyy scandal](#), but were afraid to ask.

[Burisma, Zlochevskiy and "a very good prosecutor"](#): what Trump and Zelenskyy were talking about.

[V. Putin and V. Zelenskiy have now both been at center stage in U.S. political controversies](#) that have affected elections to the White House and the fate of its occupant. In terms of how they got there and how they have handled it, though, there are plenty of differences.

[The president is not the prosecutor](#): lessons Ukraine can learn from the USA.

[Ukrainian President likely to get off easy](#) over contentious Trump conversation.

"[Ukraine is in forefront of struggle for human freedom](#)" – Yuval Noah Harari.

[Sentsov says fighting against Putin regime](#), not Russia.

[Rising credit ratings and economic growth](#): is Ukraine turning into an Eastern European Economic Tiger?

[Moscow has long sought to destroy Slavic languages](#) other than Russian, Zolotaryev says

## Kurt Volker resigns as special U.S. envoy to Ukraine

Ukraine calls on OSCE to respond to Russian divisions near border [cooperation](#) amid Rapid Trident-2019.

Ukraine reports [26 enemy attacks in Donbas on Sept 29](#).

[Ukraine calls on OSCE to respond to Russian divisions near border](#). The international community should respond to Russia forming three divisions at the border with Ukraine, which could be a sign of preparations for offensive operations against Ukraine.

Kurt [Volker has resigned as the special U.S. envoy to Ukraine](#), days after he became embroiled in a controversy over President Donald Trump's decision to withhold military aid to Kyiv.

[Volker is first not political but real loss](#), says ex-foreign minister Klimkin.

The Democratic chairs of two House committees have [called on the White House to release documents relating to its decision to withhold funds for Ukraine](#) that is now at the center of an impeachment hearing.

[Zelensky meets with Lavrov](#) in New York.

[Rapid Trident 2019](#) int'l drills finish in Ukraine (Photo).

[Russian active measures against Ukrainian-Polish](#)

["We're scared for our lives!" Pro-Ukrainian population near demarcation line](#) against disengagement of Ukrainian troops in Donbas.

Surviving [in front line town while waiting for ceasefire](#). Residents of Zolote-4 say they go to bed each night to the sound of shooting and wake up each morning to the sound of shooting.

[SBU detained "financier" of "LPR" militants](#). He faces up to 15 years in prison.

Men on trial for Kharkiv bomb [that killed a child, others on pro-Ukraine march could be handed over to Russia](#).

Ukraine [urged to show Italy that soldier Vitaly Markiv is innocent](#), or face Russia being seen as 'liberator'.

Supposed [Donbas 'Ukrainian separatist' becomes mayor of city](#) in Russia. [Protesters in Elista, the capital of Russia's southwestern region of Kalmykia](#), have given authorities an October 1 deadline to remove its acting city mayor who is a former leader of Kremlin-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine.

Left: Ukraine's government estimates [costs to rebuild Donbas: Two annual budgets won't be enough](#).

Right: Russia demands [6-year sentence for reporting persecution](#) in occupied Crimea  
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## Tortured Ukrainian prisoner found after two years

**"They can destroy buildings, but not the spirit," – Crimean Archbishop**

Nikolai Polozov: the [Kremlin can take as many hostages as it wants to use as bargaining chips](#) with Ukraine & West.

[Ex-Kremlin prisoners tell about torture, horrors](#) of Russian prisons.

Free at last: [Edem Bekirov's story](#). Interview with [ex-Kremlin prisoner Volodymyr Balukh](#).

[Detained in Russia at age of 17](#): interview with ex-political prisoner Artur Panov.

Ukrainian political prisoner was told that [he might not come out alive if he didn't 'cooperate' with Russian FSB](#).

[Tortured Ukrainian prisoner found after two years](#) in Russian captivity.

Forty countries supported the [UN statement on human rights](#) in occupied Crimea.

Cultural [rights of Ukrainians and Crimean Tatars violated in Crimea](#) - UNESCO report.

[Crimean Tatar political prisoner on verge of kidney failure](#) and in critical need of hospitalization.

**"They can destroy buildings, but not the spirit," – Crimean Archbishop** on Russia's religious persecution.

## Ukrainian government reshuffles agencies, ministries Ukraine's anti-media campaign

PACE's autumn session, resignation of Kurt Volker and more – [uacrisis weekly update #30](#), 23-29 September.

Ukrainian [government reshuffles agencies, ministries](#).

[S&P Global Ratings raised its global scale long-term foreign and local currency sovereign ratings](#) on Ukraine to 'B' from 'B-', the outlook is stable.

Ukraine's [PM plans to achieve 40 percent economic growth](#) in five years.

Zelensky has signed a [law introducing amendments to certain laws of Ukraine on restarting power, which foresees the simplified procedure for hiring and dismissing officials](#) and introducing civil service on a contract basis, according to the website of the head of state.

VP of EP delegation in Ukraine-EU Association Committee: It is [dangerous for Ukraine when lawmakers vote like puppets](#).

Zelenskyi [dismisses Danyliuk from post](#) of Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council.

[Anti-media campaign](#). Why the new government is trying to mess up with journalists and why direct communication with the people is a myth.

[Head of Zelensky Administration linked to negotiations with Russia](#) that prompted Euromaidan.

Left: [Comic Con Ukraine](#) was held in Kyiv – story in pictures

Right: Designing the [Kyiv Lights Festival](#).



## BlaBlaCar to acquire Ukrainian-born bus ticketing Investment fund for Lviv tech to sign first deals

[BlaBlaCar to acquire Ukrainian-born bus ticketing platform Busfor](#).

[Kyiv Investment Forum](#) unites both national and international experts around the idea of creating Greater Kyiv.

[Investment fund supporting startups Lviv tech angels](#) could sign first investment deals.



## From soldier to Doll maker

### Chornobyl exclusion zone opens water routes

[Veteran turned singer shares](#) unique outlook on post-war life.

New guidebook offers [revealing look at Chornobyl Exclusion Zone](#).

[Chornobyl exclusion zone opens water routes](#) for tourists.

Official [trailer released for Mr. Jones historical thriller about Holodomor](#). Video

Ukrainian cuisine is renowned for its delicious desserts. In Toronto, Canada, a [Ukrainian from the city of Ternopil runs a shop where people can try cakes, savories, and cookies](#).

[From soldier to Doll maker](#). In Odesa, a former military man creates unique dolls.

[Joy Fest](#) in Kyiv.



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