



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

## EuroMaidan Newsletter # 259

### UN adopts a resolution on Crimea, Black and Azov Seas

#### EU formally extends sanctions against Russia for another six months

President Poroshenko signed a [law requiring the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Moscow Patriarchate](#) (UOC-MP) to change its name to one that better reveals its affiliation with the Moscow-based Russian Orthodox Church.

The UOC-MP plans to go to Ukraine's Constitutional Court to [appeal a law that obliges it to include affiliation with the Russian Orthodox Church in its name](#).

[EU formally extends sanctions against Russia](#) for another six months.

The [UN General Assembly has adopted a Ukraine-initiated resolution](#) entitled "Problem of the Militarization of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol, Ukraine, as well as Parts of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov."

Read the [Resolution of United Nations on the Azov Sea](#) and the diplomatic defeat of Russia.

Ukraine provides [justification before 'Ukraine vs. Russia' hearing](#), which will take place in the European Court of Human Rights in February.

Italian company [Bertolaso Group cooperating with occupiers in Crimea](#), despite sanctions.

[Swiss government to freeze Yanukovich assets](#) for another year.

[StopFake #215](#) with Marko Suprun. Fake: Kyiv preparing Crimea offensive. EU refuses to punish Russia for seizure of Ukrainian ships in Kerch strait. Manipulation: EU calls on Kyiv to lift ban on Russian language education.

Left: Ukraine's main [Christmas tree tops European ranking](#).  
Right: New chances, new risks. [Where Ukrainian Orthodoxy stands](#) on the eve of independence.



## How Ukraine can beat Russian influence in the EU

‘Trump’s policy completely corresponds to Russia’s national interests’

Kostiantin Sigov: The [Church in Kyiv, local charity and global Christianity](#).

Ukrainian [autocephaly destroys ideological foundation of Russian empire](#), Espresso says.

Mark Voyger: “There is [nothing fundamentally new in today’s Russian hybrid warfare](#)”.

Moscow commentator: ‘[Trump’s policy completely corresponds to Russia’s national interests](#)’.

How [Ukraine can beat Russian influence in the EU](#).

Why Ukrainians [keep voting for the wrong people](#).

From the Law of Rus to Constitution. [Law and self-governance in Ukraine’s territory from the 14th through the 18th century](#).

## The defense capability of our state has been increased

### Russia moves over 1,000 tanks, artillery systems to border with Ukraine

Dec.25. [Militants launched 20 attacks](#) on Ukrainian troops in Donbas in last day.

President: during the period of Martial Law, the [defense capability of our state has been increased](#).

[Russia moves over 1,000 tanks, artillery systems to border](#) with Ukraine – Poroshenko.

More than a [dozen advanced Russian fighter jets have arrived at a base in Crimea](#), which Moscow occupied and annexed in 2014.

[U.S., Britain vow to support Ukraine's Navy](#) after November Kerch strait attack.

British ship [HMS Echo arrives in Odesa](#).

Ukrainian sailor Yuriy [Bezyazychniy declared himself Prisoner of War](#). He joins 22 others.

Family [anxious for news of Ukrainian captain jailed by Russia](#).

Minister Poltorak: [Naval base on Sea of Azov](#) is

Ukrainian Navy's priority for 2019.

Former Ukrainian hostage [Kostenko tells of FSB's torture to extract "confessions"](#).

Poroshenko enacts law granting [combatant status to fighters for Ukraine's independence in 20th century](#).

[Ukraine extends trade restrictions against Russia](#) for another year.

[Hollow 'paper divisions' are ever larger](#) portion of Russian army, Golts says.

Identified: [1500 Russian servicemen of the 3rd MRB in Donbas](#). Informnapalm.

[List of the Russian officers in the 55th Helicopter Regiment](#) from Korenovsk. Informnapalm.

Russia's [99th Logistics Brigade participated in occupation of Crimea](#): photo evidence.

[FrolovLeaks VIII](#): The Orthodox Melancholy.

Left: [Bethlehem light brought to Joint Forces Operation](#) area in Donbas. Photos.

Right: [Ukrainian sailor imprisoned by Russia said his wounds are healing](#) well after he was wounded on Nov. 25 when Russian Security forces attacked and seized three Ukrainian vessels



## Four Crimean Tatars received horrifically long sentences

### Voices crying in the wilderness

[Kyiv calls on international community to increase pressure on Russia](#) to discontinue human rights violations in Crimea.

[Voices crying in the wilderness](#). The meaning of the Sakharov Prize for Oleh Sentsov.

Doctor warns [Russia is placing abducted Ukrainian student's Hryb life in immediate danger](#).

Russian 'court' delivers harsh [sentence in Hizb ut-Tahrir case](#).

The four Crimean Tatar [political prisoners received horrifically long sentences](#) for not 'confessing' to fake terrorism charges.

Ukrainian political prisoner [Klykh in Russia feels worse over suspected cancer](#).

Gravely ill Crimean Tatar activist [jailed for a crime he physically couldn't have committed](#).

'Expert' who helped jail Crimean Tatar lawyer for [Facebook post](#) called for "rabid Ukrainians to be killed".

## Ukraine prepares for Russia's interference in 2019 elections

### Ukrainian Parliament extends moratorium on farmland sale

Week's balance: New IMF requirements and long-awaited tranche, Fiscal Service unbundling, and "disgraceful" moratorium on farmland sale.

Groysman names five priorities for Government in 2019: Economic growth, human capital development, the fight against corruption, public administration and issues of the security and defense sector.

Ukraine prepares for Russia's interference in the country's 2019 elections.

In 2021, dual education to be launched in Ukraine.

"Moody's Investors Service upgraded Ukraine's issuer and senior unsecured bond ratings from Caa2 to Caa1. The outlook is changed from positive to stable."

Ukraine receives first IMF tranche under new cooperation program – NBU.

Cabinet divides State Fiscal Service into tax and customs services.

Rada approves bill on conditions for 'green' energy production.

Current Ukrainian harvest to ensure record export of grain.

Ukrainian Parliament extends moratorium on farmland sale.

UABC President: Ukraine now has golden opportunity to step up cooperation with Arab world.

The project team of "Ukraine NOW" national brand went on a trip to European capitals.

Blind spots: what we don't know about corruption in Ukraine.

Most Ukrainians do not plan to leave the country, according to a poll conducted by the Razumkov Center.

Almost 80% of Ukrainians ready to take part in 2019 elections – poll.

Former top Security Service official charged over Khmelnytsky Maidan killings.

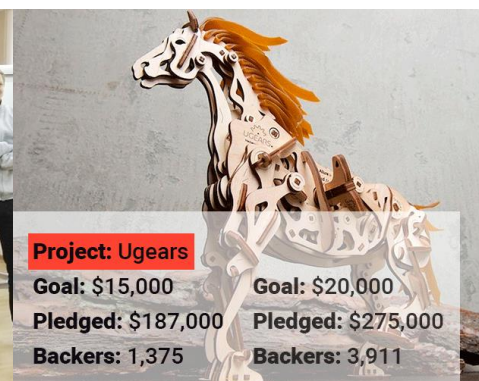
PGO detains Ukgazvydobuvannia officials for UAH 17 mln bribe.

NBU files lawsuit against ex-shareholder of PrivatBank Kolomoisky in Switzerland.

27 million foreigners visited Ukraine in 2018.

Left: David and Goliath of Ukraine's judiciary: new civic society watchdog to face old problems with the system.

Right: Ukrainians raised over \$2 million from crowdfunding in 2018. Here are 15 most successful projects



## Urban Space 500 restaurant was opened in Kyiv

### New UK focus for Ukrainian home energy startup

Urban Space 500 restaurant was opened in Kyiv. What is it and why is it different.

New UK focus for Ukrainian home energy startup.

Ukrainian event app Attendify becomes global hit.

Singapore's company to build waste recycling plant in Dnipropetrovsk region.

School students from all over Ukraine have been showcasing some of their inventions in Kyiv as part of an IT and technology project aimed at improving tech skills in Ukraine.

Mriya celebrates its 30th birthday. The plane is the world's largest airliner. The AN-225 was first launched up in the sky in 1988.



Left: Usyk named ESPN 2018 fighter of the year.  
Right: Yaroslava Mahuchikh beats European U-20 high jump record.



## Ukrainian movie about Donbas lands on Oscars shortlist

### State of Ukrainian movie industry in 2018

[Izone art fair](#) takes place in Kyiv.

[British diplomats perform famous Ukrainian carol](#). Video.

Ukrainian [movie about Donbas lands on Oscars shortlist](#) in Documentary Feature category (Video).

[State of Ukrainian movie industry in 2018](#). Only 1 film produced by Ukraine was screened in the country in 2011. But this year, the number of Ukrainian movies was more than four dozens.

[U.S. moves to return 107-year-old painting, stolen](#)

[during World War II](#), to Ukrainian museum.

[Pupils of Donetsk region received 30 thousand Ukrainian-language](#) school textbooks.

[Unusual cakes and pastries](#) became the latest food trend.

Denys [Berinchyk wins WBO](#) international boxing title.

Ukrainian recognized as the [Best Artistic Female Swimmer in 2018](#).

[Ukrainian sport achievements in 2018](#).

Left: [Parade of Christmas trees](#) in different regions of Ukraine.  
Right: Watch the [Choir of St. George's Chapel singing Mykola Leontovych's 'Carol of the Bells'](#) in the Nave of St George's Chapel.



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