



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

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### EU extends economic sanctions on Russia

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European Union leaders have [agreed to extend the bloc's economic sanctions penalizing Russia](#) for its aggression in Ukraine.

In provocative move, [Putin names regiments after Ukrainian Cities, Warsaw, Berlin](#).

[Hungary vows to block any decision](#) of Ukraine-Georgia-NATO summit.

Public Appeal of security experts from EU member states: [6 reasons Nord Stream 2 will be Germany's](#)

[strategic mistake](#) for decades to come.

Mingarelli: [Future of Ukraine's relations with EU](#) depends on implementation of association agreement.

Trump ex-campaign chairman '[got loan](#)' from [Russian billionaire](#).

[Central and Eastern Europe in the fight with disinformation](#): How is Ukraine doing?

Not just Ukraine in [focus of Russian propaganda last week, Czechia and Germany](#) in the spotlight too.

Left: [Ukrainian suggestion that Russia should be called Muscovy](#) infuriates Russians. Volodymyr The Great, the king of Kyivan Rus from 980 to 1015

Right: 50 days of hunger strike: Ukrainians [rally in support of Sentsov](#).



### Russia tries to undermine Europe from within

Five ways the Kremlin can meddle in Ukraine's big election

Applebaum: [Russia tries to undermine Europe from within](#).

[Trump's summit with Putin constitutes an 'unprecedented act of betrayal'](#), Eidman says.

[Trump's statement on Crimea can lead to serious consequences](#), says American analyst.

Kersti Kaljulaid: "The [West has normalized the occupation of parts of Georgia](#), we risk normalizing the conflict in Ukraine. What are we ready to normalize next?"

Five [ways the Kremlin can meddle in Ukraine's big election](#).

Russia and West [defeated communism in 1991 but not Russian imperialism](#), Shenderovich.

[Ukraine's Constitution](#): a permanent battlefield for politics.

Crisis of Representation. [Why there is no party for the middle class in Ukraine](#) and it is left to populists to express the interests of all social strata.

Why is Lutsenko [trying to destroy the only department truly investigating Maidan crimes?](#)

Sociologist Iryna Bekeshkina on [why populism is on the rise in Ukraine and what is influencing Ukrainian voters](#) most of all.

Ukraine sacks Finance Minister. [Will the new one be any good?](#)

## Ukrainian army liberates Donbas village

### Militants violate ceasefire

Jul.2. Militants [violated ceasefire in eastern Ukraine 25 times](#) in last day.

[Kyiv ready to exchange 23 Russians](#) for Ukrainians held by Moscow.

Head of Zolote in Donbas: [Gray zone shrinks with liberated village](#).

Ukraine cyberpolice chief [alleges Russian hackers preparing massive strike](#).

Russian-led forces suffer huge losses within week – JFO. The [Ukrainian army liberated one more village](#) in Donbas.

Russian cemeteries now feature [real headstones for regular troops KIA in Ukraine](#).

Left: How Russia uses [dehumanizing disinformation as a weapon of the information war](#).  
Right: [Ukraine celebrating Day of Crimean Tatar flag, Crimean Tatar flags raised](#) over embassies of Ukraine in the world.



## CE chief formally requested Russia's Putin to pardon Sentsov

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[Council of Europe chief formally requested Russia's Putin to pardon Sentsov](#).

Emir [Usein Kuku announces hunger strike](#).

[Kremlin says Sentsov won't be pardoned](#) at Jagland's request.

A Ukrainian activist Kostenko [jailed in Russia has been put in solitary confinement weeks before his scheduled release](#).

Oleg [Sentsov is using the only weapon he has](#) – his body.

Crimea's authorities [send Crimean Tatar journalist Memedeminov for mental health testing](#).

Ukrainian human rights commissioner, journalists [not allowed to visit Sentsov](#) in penal colony.

At least [2,425 people have been evicted illegally from Crimea](#). In addition, 4,700 imprisoned Ukrainian citizens have been moved from Crimea to the territory of the Russian Federation.

[Russia pushes lies and defamation while hiding Sentsov](#) who is reportedly very weak.

[Sailors of YaMK-0041 vessel released](#), but their passports were not returned. They can not leave the territory of Sevastopol.

[Sentsov fed with unknown substance](#) since June 8 – Ombudsperson.

[Russia blocks medication for abducted Ukrainian student Hryb](#) with life-threatening illness.

In four months [231 foreigners visited occupied Crimea](#).

Volodymyr [Balukh's health has deteriorated](#) sharply. Crimean [prosecutor asks for four-year sentence](#) for hunger-striking activist.

New [wave of religious persecution by Russia](#) backed militants in occupied Donbas.

## IFC invests \$1 bln in Ukraine's agro sector

### World Bank notes rapid growth of Ukraine's GDP

Week's balance: Good-bye to small coins, welcome to EU money for Ukraine reform, and latest budget deficit.

Unian week. Battle of ombudswomen, European values, and geopolitical czardas.

The World Bank has noted that Ukraine has one of the highest rates of GDP growth in 2017 among all countries.

International Conference on reforms in Ukraine takes place in Denmark.

Canada to host next Ukraine reform conference. Ministers from the European Union, G7, and NATO will attend the conference.

Hyperloop plans in Ukraine: dream or reality?

270 million Euros to be invested in construction of wind power plants in Odesa.

IFC invested more than \$1 billion in Ukrainian agricultural sector. Ukraine has the potential to become a cheap producer of high-quality milk, said IFC representative.

Ukraine implements new rules for cash payments which include no small coins and rounding.

Perseverance of West brings qualitative changes in Ukrainian economy.

Revolution of Dignity museum to be built in Kyiv under project of German architects.



## First business incubator opens in Kharkiv

### Over 7,000 electric vehicles and growing in Ukraine

Raccoon.world, a Ukrainian-founded, US-based medtech company, announced that it received a €50,000 grant from the EU Horizon 2020 program.

Over 7,000 electric vehicles have been registered in Ukraine and their number grows annually.

First business incubator opens in Kharkiv.

Ukrainian company Yunasko says it has developed world's best supercapacitors.

Left: Activists fight back against decision of Kyiv authorities to build shopping mall on [Kyivan Rus archaeology site](#).  
Right: [Ukrainians through the lens by baron de Baye](#) in 1897.



## Vintage clothing exhibition kicks off in Kyiv

### Sirenko wins WBF Heavyweight title

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The 110th anniversary of birth of [Crimean Tatar poet Eşref Şemi-zade](#).

[Festival of Carillon and Bell Art](#) took place in Subcarpathia.

[Three Ukrainian films to be screened](#) at 53rd Karlovy Vary International Film Festival.

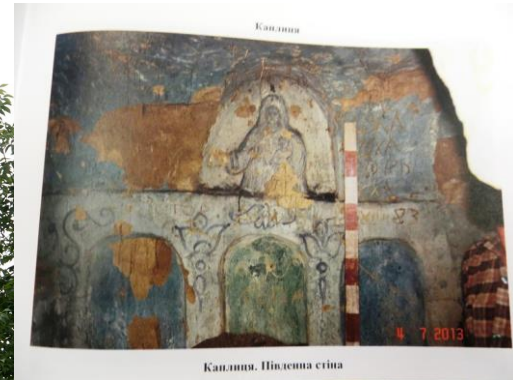
[Lychakiv Cemetery, Lviv](#): an open-air museum of history, culture, art and remembrance.

[Descendants of extinct Eurasian wild horses](#) bred in Ukrainian National Park.

Vladyslav [Sirenko wins the WBF International Heavyweight Title](#).

Piecing together history, brick by brick. A Kramatorsk resident collected approximately \$20,000 worth of [historical bricks, shingles, and ceramic tiles](#).

Left: Ukrainian university students [celebrate graduation with an unusual tradition](#).  
Right: Unique [cave monastery near Kharkiv](#) to be preserved for tourists.



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