



# CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

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### Ukraine becomes full member of PEM convention

#### Relatives of MH17 victims win lawsuit against Girkin

Ukrainian President Petro [Poroshenko says he is "deeply concerned" by a Polish bill](#) that accuses some Ukrainians of collaborating with Nazi Germany, calling it "categorically unacceptable."

The [U.S. Treasury Department released a list of 210 officials and billionaires from Russia's ruling elite](#), exposing them to scrutiny and potential future sanctions in a move President Vladimir Putin called an "unfriendly act".

Moscow creates [separate bank to bypass US sanctions](#).

Ukraine becomes [full member of PEM convention](#), the pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin.

Lost in Translation? The [myth of Ukraine's ban on "Stalingrad"](#) by Anthony Beevor.

Relatives of [MH17 victims win lawsuit against Girkin](#).

Israeli government report [invents sharp rise in anti-Semitism in Ukraine](#).

International platform 'Friends of De-occupation of Crimea' [presented in Australia](#).



### 73% of Ukrainians only trust new political parties

#### Speed of Ukraine's reforms slows down

[Speed of Ukraine's reforms has slowed down](#) since 2014, unclear outlook for 2018.

Yes, Ukraine's [oligarchs own the airwaves, but their days are numbered](#).

[A wolf in sheep's clothing](#). In a recent poll, Razumkov Center has found that 73% of Ukrainians fully or partly agree with the statement that political parties which spend a long time in power always have a tainted reputation. So they only believe new political forces and their leaders.

## At OSCE, U.S. says Russia 'fomenting, perpetuating' war in Ukraine

### UN: 1.2 million people in Ukraine facing acute hunger

Feb 5. [3 WIAs amid 5 enemy attacks](#) in last day.

UN: [1.2 million people in Ukraine facing acute hunger](#).

The U.S. Mission to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) has issued a [harshly worded statement accusing Russia of "ongoing violations of international law"](#) in Ukraine.

[5000 houses destroyed](#) due to Donbas conflict - human rights defenders.

New Ukrainian missiles: [weapons to deter a resurgent Russia](#). Ukraine conducts [first testing of own ground-launched cruise missile](#).

[Ukraine starts mass production of troop command and control systems](#). The equipment provides secure communication between units at operational and tactical levels.

Ukraine's representative in Trilateral Contact Group: New [prisoner exchange may take place before spring](#).

Ukrainian law enforcers uncover [terrorism financing scheme through cryptocurrency conversion](#).

[Canada expands military training](#) in Ukraine.

Intelligence revealed [how weapons from Crimea get into ORDLO](#).

[How "politically neutral" information can be used](#): Polsteam, Radio Szczecin and the Russian information war.

[Ukrainian killer robots could lessen country's human costs in Donbas war](#). A volunteer engineering project.



## Number of media closed by occupiers becomes known

### Oleg Sentsov, 2 other Kremlin hostages receive Sakharov Award for Courage

The Ukrainian Foreign Ministry strongly protests the [refusal of a Russian court to allow an appeal changing the measure of restraint for Ukrainian citizen Pavlo Hryb](#) kidnapped in Belarus.

[Pavlo Hryb's health condition poor](#). He is not getting medical aid in Krasnodarsk prison.

Oleg Sentsov and two other Kremlin hostages receive [Sakharov Award for Courage](#).

Crimea in 2017: sixteen political prisoners, 46 arrests, and 286 detentions more – [report by](#)

[Crimean Tatar Resource Center](#).

Internet [providers forced to conceal total FSB surveillance](#) in occupied Crimea and Russia.

Political prisoners from Crimea are [forced to undergo psychological examinations](#).

[Occupiers installing radar](#) on southern coast of Crimea.

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## Ukraine climbs 16 spots in Index of Economic Freedom

### Justice reform in Ukraine: One step forward, two steps back?

Week's balance: Cabinet raises UAH 2.5 bln on 4G license sales, while Ukraine's balance of payments retains surplus.

Ukraine climbs 16 spots in Index of Economic Freedom.

Ukraine 12 points ahead of Russia in World Justice Project's Rule of Law Index.

Justice reform in Ukraine: One step forward, two steps back?

The main conditions for the completion of the fourth review of the International Monetary Fund's Extended Fund Facility (EFF) for Ukraine are adopting the law on the Anti-Corruption Court, fulfilling commitments to bring gas prices to market levels, and curbing inflation.

The law of Ukraine on state financial guarantees of medical services to the population came into force on January 30.

Baby steps to success. How Ukraine's joint ventures with EU countries in the energy sector develop.

The battle for Naftogaz. A conflict between different groups of influence in government for control over state-owned oil and gas assets threatens to undermine the country's energy security.

The first Ukraine House Davos hosts over five thousand visitors.

Ukraine Tax chief Nasirov fired amid embezzlement probe. Nasirov is being investigated on suspicion of defrauding the state of 2 billion hryvnyas (\$70 million).

Ill-famed journalist Huzhva seeks political asylum in Austria after fleeing Ukraine.

Paramilitary units or a PR move: 10 facts about "The National Militia Units".

Unidentified masked persons force Cherkasy city council to adopt local budget.

Ukrainian prosecutors put ex-PM Azarov, ex-head of NBU Arbuzov on wanted list.

Left: Ukrainian model becomes face of Prada.  
Right: UK-Ukrainian launch vehicle developer Skyrora to establish smallsat launch site.



## Ukrainian startups become winners of 2017 Golden Kitty Awards

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Three Ukrainian startups have become winners of 2017 Golden Kitty Awards in the categories Consumer Product of the Year, Bot of the Year and WTF Product of the Year.

TIU Canada renewable energy company opened its first solar power plant in the Dnipro region. The company installed 32,304 solar panels as part of a project that cost an estimated \$13 million.

Experience of IKEA, H&M in Ukraine to be important for future investment of Swedish companies – Swedish ambassador.

Left: Royal Canadian Mint issues [coin in shape of Ukrainian pysanka](#).

Right: Number of [tourists in Lviv region grows](#) by some 50% in 2017



## Ukrainian couple makes Transformer suits from scratch Real birthplace of Malevych to be shown in first documentary film

Real [birthplace of Malevych will be shown](#) in the first documentary film.

From stage to the front line: [Ukrainian filmmakers honor the memory of Vasyl Slipak](#). Simple, cheerful, energetic—this is how he's remembered by his battle brothers. And this is how he will be portrayed in the film about his life.

Number of [foreign tourists visiting Kyiv](#) almost

doubles in three years.

[Combat Hopak](#) makes a comeback: traditional martial arts in Ukraine.

This Ukrainian couple makes [Transformer suits from scratch](#). The result is awesome.

Kozlova, Kostyuk update their [personal records in WTA ranking](#).

15-year-old Ukrainian tennis player [Marta Kostyuk wins the 2017 International Tennis Federation \(ITF\) Women's Circuit](#).



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