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Italy vs. Spain

A young Italian soccer fan is happy with his team's 2-1 victory over Germany on June 28. Italy will now play Spain for the Euro 2012 championship in Kyiv on July 1 at 9:45 p.m. (AP)



Jubilant Spanish fans react to their team's 4-2 victory on June 28 in Donetsk's Donbass Arena. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)



Kyiv plays host to the European Football Championship final game at 9:45 p.m. on July 1. Hundreds of thousands of supporters will pack Olympic Stadium and Khreshchatyk Street to watch the sides battle for the Henri Delaunay Trophy. Spain is one win away from claiming three straight major tournaments. The Spanish route to Kyiv hasn't been smooth. And critics claim their style of play is boring,

but La Furia Roja (The Red Fury) won't care if they emerge victorious from their date with destiny. Italy, the big underdogs against Germany, dominated their match against the favored team and won 2-1. Now the Italians, winners of four World Cup championships, have a chance to win their first European Football Championship since 1968.

Italy's Mario Balotelli, left, kicks the ball past Germany's Holger Badstuber during the Euro 2012 soccer championship semifinal match against Germany in Warsaw on June 28. Balotelli scored both goals in Italy's win. (AP)



Spanish players after Cesc Fabregas scores the decisive penalty goal in the team's 4-2 victory over Portugal on June 28 in Donetsk. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)



Euro 2012 Championship Match

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Despite violence, some Ukrainians in Syria stay

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The Ukrainian-Syrian high school student missed the last three months of classes in Homs, Syria, out of fear of getting shot. The school grounds are between Syrian army and militia posts in one of the most violent cities in the uprising to topple President Bashar al-Assad.

Yet more than a year into the Syrian conflict, Idris Suleiman — the son of a Ukrainian mother and a Syrian father — has only two exams to go before he graduates from high school.

And that is one of the reasons his mother, like hundreds of other Ukrainians in Syria, has decided not to leave with him for Ukraine despite the violence in Syria. The civil strife, which began in March 2011, has left over 14,000 dead, according to opposition groups cited by the Associated Press. Many of the victims were killed by government soldiers loyal to al-Assad, who says his regime is being attacked by terrorists. However, an international campaign is mounting to oust the dictator.

Two Ukrainian citizens have been victims of the violence. A woman was shot and killed by a sniper in Homs in October, said Yuriy Grinivetskiy, the Ukrainian acting consul in Syria. Another woman suffered minor injuries and was repatriated to Ukraine, wrote Oleg Voloshin, director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Information Policy.

Idris's mother, Tatyana Protsyk, said she hears shooting and shelling every day, yet doesn't see a reason to leave



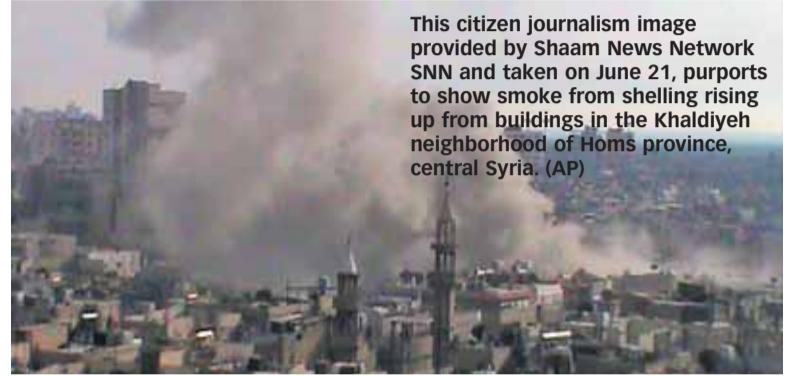
Syrian Ambassador to Ukraine Said Akil

the country. She will only leave if there is a "real" war in Syria and if "the earth will burn beneath our feet," she said.

A rocket hit the corner of her apartment building in February, but there were no casualties, she said. A pipeline near her area of the city has been blown up multiple times, Protsyk said.

Many Ukrainian citizens refuse offered assistance because of family reasons, Voloshin wrote. There are currently about 1,300 Ukrainians registered with the consulate, and 637 have left in 2011 and 2012, Voloshin wrote.

"Seeing as we've come here — we have our husbands here, we have our children here — that doesn't mean that at the slightest danger we have to drop everything, that I should leave my husband, leave my child without an education," Protsyk said.



This citizen journalism image provided by Shaam News Network SNN and taken on June 21, purports to show smoke from shelling rising up from buildings in the Khaldiye neighborhood of Homs province, central Syria. (AP)

Protsyk said she also doesn't want to leave her husband, whom she met as a student in Moscow. Now he teaches chemistry in a state university.

Grinivetskiy said it is hard to determine the exact number of Ukrainians who have left — not all of them inform the consulate before they leave Syria. And some go to Ukraine for the summer, making it difficult to determine whether they're leaving because of the conflict or just to rest.

The Syrian ambassador to Ukraine, Said Akil, estimates there are 3,000 Ukrainians in Syria, and said he thinks that few have left the country since the conflict started. "I think that if they wanted to, they would have left. But seeing as they haven't left, the situation isn't all that bad," Akil said.

Nonetheless, 85 Ukrainians have received free tickets to Ukraine from the consulate, and more are waiting in line. From the moment the consulate is informed that a Ukrainian wants to leave the country, it can take about two

weeks before the flight, Grinivetskiy said.

Ukrainian citizens shouldn't travel to Syria unnecessarily, and those who do should register with the Embassy of Ukraine, Voloshin said.

Neither Grinivetskiy nor Voloshin could give details concerning evacuation plans, although Voloshin wrote that evacuation would begin in the case of a "critical aggravation of the situation."

As for how the conflict will end, Protsyk said she hopes for the best. Before the conflict she had no problems in Syria, she said. She could go out in the middle of the night and fear nothing.

"I've lived here for 20 years and I've never had problems because I don't have the right religion or because I'm a foreigner or because I don't speak their language very well," she said.

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Electricity Market Liberalisation: Ukrainian Prospects and EU Experience



On June, 26 the European Business Association organised in Brussels, in partnership with Ukrainian energy company DTEK, a roundtable discussion entitled "Electricity Market Liberalisation: Ukrainian Prospects and EU Experience." The event was kindly hosted by Member of the European Parliament Paweł Robert Kowal, and was attended by European and Ukrainian officials, as well as the representatives of think tanks, NGOs, and European and Ukrainian businesses and media.

"Things are moving in the right direction in electricity market liberalization in Ukraine"

*Suzanne Nies,
Head of Unit at EURELECTRIC*

The roundtable was designed to communicate the state of affairs in the Ukrainian electricity market and regulations in this field, and to compare experience with EU member states. The speakers taking part in this lively discussion were Sergey Bedin, the director of the Ukrainian state company Energorynok, Dirk Buschle, legal counsel and deputy director of the Energy Community Secretariat, Jeffery Piper, International Relations and Enlargement, European Commission, DG Energy, Susanne Nies, Head of the Unit on Energy Policy and Generation, Eurelectric, and Alexander Tolkach, the director for external affairs and member of the executive board at DTEK.

The special guest of the event was Member of the European Parliament Adina Ioana Valean.

Paweł Kowal, MEP: "I'd like to thank the EBA for organizing this event, as such a discussion is very important for the development of the energy sector in Ukraine... The new law's main purpose is to liberalise the Ukrainian electricity market, to establish an efficient, competitive environment in line with the requirements of EU legislation. By introducing the law, Ukraine will ensure it fulfills its international commitments in the electricity sector. Bearing in mind that the EU will soon have to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve its energy efficiency, Ukraine could become one of the main sources of electricity for the EU. Therefore electricity market liberalization is a very important topic not only for Ukraine, but also for the European Union."

Adina Ioana Valean, MEP signalled the importance of political will and long term vision in bringing together policy makers, regulators and market participants to push for the modernization of the electricity system. She also pointed out the economic benefits of further integrating Ukraine into the European Union market. Within the right legal framework, a liberalised market is the best way to ensure such cooperation, by increasing energy flows and facilitating wholesale electricity trading."

Dirk Buschle, Energy Community Secretariat, said that it is too early at this point to make any deep analysis of the draft law on electricity market liberalization in Ukraine. He said the secretariat and Energy Community welcome this step, and the draft law had appeared at just the right time, as the secretariat is drafting its implementation report on how Ukraine is fulfilling its obligations. So far, the Energy Community Secretariat has had to write about the existing law, which is based on the single buyer model. This model is no longer used by the EU and is incompatible with the Energy Community legislation. That is why reforms are needed, he said.

"I looked through the draft, and I saw that the wholesale market is especially subject to radical reform, which establishes exchange for day-ahead market, which I can say already at this point is not only in line with the Energy Community ambitions, but which also probably goes beyond what we know in many other countries." The Energy Community is focused on liberalizing and opening up the wholesale market, especially in the old Energy Community countries of southeast Europe, and in this regard it's very good to see in this draft that Ukraine shares the same ambitions, and might even lead this process.

The retail market is based on a standard model with liberalized open non-regulated trade-relations transactions, with guaranteed supplies, which is in line with the standards applied in other countries.

"In particular, the liberalization of the wholesale market and also the partial liberalization of the retail market are very much recommended.

"We've got the draft law, but it will take several more days to analyze it. After that, we hope to start discussions, and this conference today is a very good first step in this process.

Suzanne Nies, Head of Unit at EURELECTRIC, the European association that represents more than 90% of the energy industry, said "things are moving in the right direction in electricity market liberalization in Ukraine. After some bad reports in the press [concerning Tymoshenko...] there were rumours that Ukraine was getting further away from the Energy Community, but it seems now that there is some good movement in the right direction." She also added that "We should not expect Ukraine to go faster than we do ourselves."

Alexander Tolkach, DTEK said in his speech that according to the new energy strategy until 2030, the level of required investment would be \$10 billion for the modernization of generating facilities, \$36 billion for the construction of new generating facilities, \$16 billion for the construction of generation facilities to be launched after 2030, and \$18 billion for the modernisation of distribution networks. Without market liberalisation, it won't be possible to make these huge and necessary investments.



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Alexander Tolkach, DTEK



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Another challenge for electronic payments operators

Compared to other jurisdictions, the legislation on electronic payments is a new field in Ukraine. Even so, several legislative initiatives have already been put forward to systematise this market. However, the novelties proposed by the lawmakers, namely the oversight of payment systems' activities by the NBU, and the creation of a monopolistic clearing centre for processing of local payments in Ukraine, sharply contradict to with international practice (WTO Agreement) and even Ukrainian anti-trust legislation.

Svetlana GEORBELIDZE, Head of Visa Ukraine

Visa is highly concerned with the Draft Law "On Amending Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine (regarding functioning of payment systems and development of non-cash payments)" that has been initiated by the National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) and was recently registered in the Verkhovna Rada.

In our expert opinion, the version of the Draft Law registered in Rada does not fully meet the stated plans of the NBU – to encourage electronic payments in Ukraine – as it introduces non-transparent rules for the industry, exerts strong regulatory pressure on business and undermines principles of free competition. International experience proves that such measures usually do not stimulate industry stable development.

Though the Draft does not contain direct provisions for creation of the intermediary with monopoly powers to provide processing, clearing, routing and settlement services for the Ukrainian banks on the territory of Ukraine, the explanatory note from NBU states this goal clearly. Establishing of such monopoly will likely deprive Ukrainian banks of the choice to choose service provider based on their business needs and make the industry highly dependent on-transparent and unclear rules that would be developed later and could be under permanent change. Another key question of the banking community is regarding sources of financing of building and maintaining such an intermediary. It has been left unanswered. Usually around the world processing centers and their maintenance cost hundreds of millions of dollars that come either from a state budget or from commercial banks. It is very rarely when such centers are owned by state bodies or regulators.

This uncertainty and unclearness of rules and procedures raise serious concerns within the business community and takes away lot of incentive from banks and payment systems to promote electronic payments in the country and invest into card business. Such an approach could damage many achievements we have seen in the sector recently – stable growth of electronic payments volume, innovative solutions such as

mobile and contactless payments, etc. and which is the most important – consumers' evolving trust to electronic payments.

Visa along with other banking and business associations clearly voiced its concerns regarding some provisions of the Draft Law and shared its recommendations and amendment with the National Bank of Ukraine in due time. We regret that consultations with the industry were rather formal, our arguments and opinion were not heard, and in the current edition of the Draft key damaging provisions are preserved.



Editorials

Useless PR

As European ministers snubbed President Viktor Yanukovich again this week by not attending Euro 2012 games, the administration brought in former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to buff up its image. There were no public events, just a presidential website statement saying that they discussed "Ukraine's development" amid "global challenges and world economic crisis."

It's unclear what exactly Kissinger was doing here and whether he was paid to meet Yanukovich as Western leaders are shunning meetings citing anti-democratic policies, such as locking up political rival Yulia Tymoshenko. Instead of fixing the problem by releasing her, Yanukovich and his team are trying to show that everything's fine, hoping the U.S. and the European Union will somehow forget about it. They won't.

Yanukovich's administration seems to think that Western politics works the same as here – through personal deals. They appear to believe they just have to get their message across to the correct people that Tymoshenko is a criminal. They do the same in trying to persuade the International Monetary Fund to resume lending despite lackluster reforms, flying ministers and officials to Washington frequently to meet IMF top brass.

The latest example is the hiring of U.S. law firm Skadden to prepare a report on the prosecution of Tymoshenko for Ukraine's government. No one can doubt this will be a whitewash. It is also interesting that one of the law firm's partners in its Washington D.C. office is Gregory Craig, former White House counsel to President Barack Obama. No doubt the Yanukovich administration believes it can access the top guy via Craig.

These ruses will fail. In the West, politics and policies are built more upon institutions, not individual personalities. If Obama came to Ukraine tomorrow (and he won't), he would repeat what U.S. Ambassador John Tefft says on a weekly basis about the need to release Tymoshenko.

Meetings with people like Kissinger and the positively-spun press releases that come out afterwards are wishful thinking. It doesn't matter how many times they tell themselves everything is fine. It doesn't make it true.

It could be that Yanukovich's aides are desperately trying to prove to the chief that everything is fine and that "powerful" people still want to meet him. If this is the case, the blind are leading the blind.

Discredited courts

Thanks to an appeals court ruling this week, ex-President Leonid Kuchma is a free man. It looks like he will avoid standing trial despite mountains of evidence that has piled up for more than a decade that links him to the Sept. 16, 2000 kidnapping and brutal murder of journalist Georgiy Gongadze.

In contrast, opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko, President Viktor Yanukovich's most feared rival, remains imprisoned thanks to a rushed one-year investigation and half-year hearing where the main piece of evidence was nothing more than a photocopy of an order she allegedly gave a subordinate. The original was never produced. Key defense evidence and arguments were ignored.

As Kuchma enjoys a luxurious lifestyle thanks to a fortune built up under his crony capitalistic rule by a billionaire son-in-law, Tymoshenko may be facing additional criminal charges – including for the 1996 murder of lawmaker Yevhen Shcherban – that also appear to be weaved together with questionable evidence, that smack of "selective justice" and are condemned internationally as politically-motivated show trials.

The nation's highest appeals court on June 26 upheld lower court rulings that order prosecutors to drop criminal charges that linked Kuchma – the former boss of Yanukovich who also despised and allegedly had Tymoshenko briefly jailed back in 2001 – to Gongadze's murder. According to the court, the evidence – witnesses, including police officials who were convicted of committing the murder upon orders from higher up, and audio recordings by a presidential bodyguard – did not hold up enough for Kuchma to even stand trial.

Meanwhile, judges are delaying trials and brushing aside appeals where Tymoshenko stands accused of everything from exceeding authority to tax evasion. Shockingly, Tymoshenko's basic right not to be present at trial is being violated. Two separate courts called for medical checkups to determine if the 51-year old is healthy enough to appear in court against her will.

These are but a few of many examples which back up claims by opposition parties, pro-democracy advocates, the EU and U.S. that Ukraine's courts and justice system over all are under Yanukovich's rule being exploited selectively as political weapons to eliminate enemies and whitewash allies.

The system is completely discredited. The time has come for victims of Ukraine's oppressive regime to appeal to the European Court of Human Rights. A fair ruling may not, however, be upheld in Yanukovich-run Ukraine.

The last call for justice now hangs on voters. Ukrainians can either continue to put up with more. Or they can bring change through the ballot box or, should the upcoming Oct. 28 parliamentary election be undemocratic, on the streets.

Party of Regions



NEWS ITEM: President Viktor Yanukovich and his Party of Regions put up posters congratulating Ukrainians on Constitution Day on June 28. The ruling party and its chief, however, have trampled on the constitution several times since Yanukovich took office in 2010. First, it formed a majority in parliament by persuading lawmakers to switch allegiance, which was then banned by the constitution. Second, Yanukovich signed a deal to extend the basing of Russia's Black Sea Fleet on Ukrainian territory. The constitution forbids foreign military bases on Ukrainian soil. Third, the Constitutional Court ruled 2004 constitutional changes invalid, handing Yanukovich more powers.

US will not ignore anti-democratic moves in Ukraine



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When we visited Kyiv earlier in June to take part in the Ukraine 2020 Dialogue with Ukrainian and European experts, we read with interest Yuliya Mostova's June 1 article entitled "Independent Yanukovich."

One thesis of the article—(Zerkalo Nedeli: http://zn.ua/POLITICS/semostoyatelnyy_yanukovich-103152.html) – that the presidential administration at Bankova Street has decided to place emphasis on Ukraine's relationship with the United States, with a focus on energy development and the recent Chevron tender to develop shale gas, in a belief that Washington would somehow ignore the decline of democratic values in Ukraine—struck us as completely disconnected from the realities of U.S. policy.

We have a great deal of respect for Mostova and her astute observations of the Ukrainian scene. But we wonder whether she might have been "spun"—that is, fed a story line—by Bankova insiders who want to persuade her and her readers that Kyiv can maintain a robust relationship with Washington even while Ukraine backslides on democracy and its relations with the European Union and Russia deteriorate. President Viktor Yanukovich clearly is uncom-

fortable with his current level of isolation from Western leaders. The presidential administration understandably wants to create the illusion that he is not isolated, that he has a strong relationship with Washington and President Barack Obama.

The alternative is that Mostova's article accurately captures what presidential administration officials truly believe about Washington's policy. If that is the case, it shows an astounding example of collective wishful thinking on Bankova's part. From our conversations with U.S. officials, we see a very different picture.

First, Washington is extremely unhappy about the democratic backsliding that has taken place under Mr. Yanukovich, in particular the selective prosecution of opposition leaders such as former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko. There is no difference whatsoever between Washington and the European Union, and the Chevron tender does not change this.

Second, in the current circumstances, there is no great interest in Washington in having contact with Yanukovich. Obama held a very short, standing meeting with Yanukovich on the margins of the March nuclear security summit in Seoul, during which the American president raised the need for free and fair Rada elections in October and the treatment of Tymoshenko. There was no meeting between the two in Chicago in May. Hopes that Yanukovich can have a strong, positive relationship with Obama without addressing the democracy and rule of law problems are simply illusory. The United States has no team in the Euro 2012 → 16

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Kyiv Post reviews Ukraine's top law practices in 2012

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One way to decide which law firm in Ukraine to hire is to consult the Kyiv Post analysis of the most recognized and unbiased international rankings.

The Kyiv Post took recent rankings from four respected international annual guides, meaning that no one can buy their way to the top. They are: Legal 500, Chambers Europe, Practical Law Company's Which Lawyer and International Financial Law Review 1000. The list includes results of two basic legal practices, such as corporate

and mergers & acquisitions as well as banking and finance law.

All four rankings provide readers with the most recent information on the industry available.

The Legal 500 published its list of the best law firms in Europe, Middle East & Africa in many practice areas, including corporate and M&A and banking, finance and capital markets, in March.

Chambers Europe Awards 2012 took place in May. Then the results on corporate/M&A and banking & finance were presented.

PLC Which Lawyer published its

rankings on banking and finance law in January and on corporate and mergers and acquisitions in May.

IFLR 1000 announced its 2012 results on mergers and acquisitions, banking and finance in October last year.

For each place in the first band of each of these rankings, a firm was given six points by the Kyiv Post. For a place in the second band, five points were awarded and so on down to one point for the sixth band. The sum of all points across the two practices and four international rankings made up each law firm's total points.

According to the results of all four rankings, top two law firms in 2012 remained same as last year. They are the regional office of international law firm Baker & McKenzie and a local company Sayenko Kharenko.

"The rankings reflect the volume of the work that we handle and the feedback received by researchers from clients and peers on the quality of legal services," said Vladimir Sayenko, partner at Sayenko Kharenko.

A big name of Magisters, one of the oldest Ukrainian law firms with plenty of offices outside the country, disappeared from 2012 rankings since

the company was raided by Ukrainian prosecutors in February 2011 and as a result in July last year merged with Russian company Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners, subsequently creating the largest law firm in the former Soviet Union.

In the last Kyiv Post ranking, well-recognized Magisters was ranked number three. After the merger, the company with entirely new name in the local market appeared in fourth place, allowing one leading local law firm Asters to move up.

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Buyers beware: Apartment scams take years to fight

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When Austrian chemist of Ukrainian origin Vasyl Novytskyi tried in 2009 to enter two adjoining Kyiv flats that he had purchased in the 1990s, he was shocked to discover they had new owners.

The scientist who has dedicated his life to fighting cancer found out that the apartments had been sold in 2004 by an elderly woman that he had never met. She claims to have been given power of attorney by him to sell the apartment. He denies it.

For Novytskyi, the nightmare of dealing with Ukraine's notoriously corrupt and unreliable courts had begun. Despite providing the clearest of evidence – a passport – that he was not in Ukraine on the day that he allegedly gave the woman power of attorney to sell the apartment, despite expert analysis suggesting that the document and his purported signature on it is a forgery, the lowest to highest of Ukrainian courts have over the years failed to protect his relatively small investment.

"It is very sad that things like this are happening in Ukraine," Novytskyi said adding that he had planned to live and open his office in these two neighboring flats.

"It's as if you should not go away for a vacation, because after coming back you may find out that your dwelling doesn't belong to you anymore," he added.

The experience of Novytskyi is not uncommon.

Lawyers say big investors are not the only ones who get bilked by venturing into Ukraine. Even transactions as smalls buying an apartment can be outright dangerous. Foreigners often are duped into housing fraud traps.

Maksym Kopechykov, partner at Kyiv-based Ilyashev & Partners, said his law firm is defending a U.S. citizen whose flat was sold without his permission. Fake sales contracts and forged signatures were involved, he added.

"In this case the notary officer was apparently a fraudster. A criminal case has been opened," Kopechykov said. The firm's lawyers have already won two court cases on this matter, he added.

But Novytskyi was not so lucky. He has lost a case involving a series of court rulings where he tried to

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– Vasyl Novytskyi



Vasyl Novytskyi

prove that his signature on the power of attorney document was a forgery. Now he is also struggling to convince courts that he was not physically present in Ukraine, hence could not have signed the document.

The Austrian believes that the people who swindled have "high connections," but he is not going to give up and let them get away with it, pledging to appeal as high up as the European Court of Human Rights if Ukrainian law doesn't provide proper justice.

Alina Trofimova, associate at the Kyiv offices of Gide Loyrette Nouel, noticed a surge in cases involving real estate fraud during 2008-2009, when the global financial crisis triggered a mortgage and banking crisis. In Kyiv alone, there are about 100 court cases involving alleged theft of flat titles each year, she added.

"There were cases when fraudsters who rented luxury penthouses made copies of the apartment titles, forging them and power of attorney contracts, and later selling the apartments," Trofimova said. In some cases, the forged power of attorney documents were prepared using forged passports, she added.

Returning an illegally sold apartment to its proper owner can be time-consuming, costly and mind-bending.

"You will be able to get your flat back only after all of these buy-sell contracts are recognized invalid by courts," Trofimova said. "It will take years."

Lawyers said it's near impossible to totally protect yourself from fraudsters in Ukraine's murky business and unprotected legal environment.

"It's equivalent to protecting yourself from road accidents," Kopechykov said.

But there are some tips to take

which can minimize the risk.

Never give strangers title documents on your apartment, certificates of inheritance, and so on. "These documents should be kept in some really safe place, for example in a bank safety deposit box," Trofimova advised.

Be very careful when signing a power of attorney document. It is important to grant it only to a person that you know and trust.

Grant power-of-attorney for a restricted, short-term period and for a specific operation.

"If you go to the notary officer [to draw your power of attorney] it is good to be guided by a lawyer that you trust," Kopechykov said.

Lawyers advise property owners to purchase title insurance and hire or finding someone to check up on the apartments of other residences when unattended for long periods of time.

One trick that offers an extra layer of protection for residential property is to register a child in it. In such a scenario, the flat can only be sold with permission from local child protection services.

"The scammers will not be able to resell such a flat," Trofimova said. "Or if they do so, [without permission from the local child protection services,] this would be a 100 percent reason to invalidate the buy-sell agreement."

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2012 ratings put Baker & McKenzie on top in two specialties

→5 years and 33 partners, appears on the legal market, this single fact cannot be left unnoticed," said Serhii Sviriba, managing partner at the Kyiv office of Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners, explaining the quick success of the company after the merger. "Also, despite the change in title, the core staff in our offices remained the same. The synergy of two famous brands played its role as well."

Apart from EPA&P brand, no new names appeared in top positions of 2012 international rankings of law firms. As many years in a row the top list is almost equally shared by both international and local law firms.

Most companies remained in approximately the same positions. The only law firms which managed to get over 10 points more this year than the last year was Avellum Partners, a boutique law firm founded in 2009 and managed by former lawyers from Baker & McKenzie.

The ranking completed by the Kyiv Post does not reflect the full picture of the legal market, though. The lawyers were busy not only in the mentioned practices, but also in other areas such as litigation and debt collection, which are not ranked here.

"Debt collection projects and associated white collar crime cases account for some 70 percent of work for Sayenko Kharenko's litigation department, whilst corporate, tax, administrative, IP and employment disputes make up the other 30 percent," said the company's partner.

To meet the demand, Sayenko Kharenko expanded its litigation, international arbitration and international trade teams.

Sayenko added that the demand for debt recovery advice hit its peak in 2011, and he would not anticipate that the trend will be on for much longer. He said the market expects a considerable increase in the number of investment disputes to arbitrate and litigate in the next two-three years.

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Top Ukraine-based law firms in corporate and M&A, banking and finance practices in 2012

Rank	Law firm	Legal 500	Chambers Europe	PLC Which lawyer?	IFLR 1000	Total points*
1	Baker & McKenzie	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	48
2	Sayenko Kharenko	2 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	47
3	Asters	1 2	2 1	2 2	2 2	42
4	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners	2 2	2 2	2 2	3 3	38
5	CMS Cameron McKenna LLC	2 2	2 3	2 3	2 3	37
	DLA Piper Ukraine LLC	2 1	2 3	2 3	3 3	37
6	Salans	3 2	2 3	2 3	3 2	36
	Avellum Partners	2 1	2 2	3 3	3 4	36
7	Chadbourne & Parke	3 2	3 3	3 3	3 3	33
	Vasil Kisisil & Partners	3 2	2 4	2 4	3 3	33
8	Clifford Chance LLC	4 2	3 2	2	3 3	30
9	Beiten Burkhardt	4 3	3 4	4	4 4	23
10	B C Toms & Co	3 3	4	4	4 4	20
	Ilyashev & Partners	3 2		4 4	4 5	20
11	Gide Loyrette Nouel	4 3		4 4	4 4	19
12	Andriy Kravets & Partners	4 2	3	4	4	18
13	Schoenherr	4 3		4	5 4	15
14	Integrites International Law Firm	5 2	4		5 5	14
15	Arzinger	5 4	4	4	5	13
16	Grischenko & Partners	5 3			4 4	12
17	Peterka & Partners	4 4			5 5	10
	Konnov & Sozanovsky	5			4 5	7
18	Wolf Theiss	5	4		5	7
	Salkom	6 4			4	7
19	Squire, Sanders Ukraine LLC	4 4				6
	EnGarde Attorneys at Law	4			5	5
	Gvozdyi & Oberkovych Law Firm	5 4				5
20	Okhrimchuk Grushyn Khandurin Law Firm	6 3				5
	AS Consulting Law Firm, LLC	5			5	4
21	Astapov Lawyers International	6 4				4
	Sergii Kozziakov & Partners				3	4
	Lavrynovych & Partners				5 5	4
22	LCF Law Group	6			5	3
	Frishberg & Partners				4	3
23	Antika Law Firm	5				2
	Noerr	5				2
	Paritet, Law Firm	5				2
	Legum Servi Law Firm				5	2
	CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz TOV	6				1
	KM Partners	6				1
	KPD Consulting Law Firm	6				1
	OMP, Law Offices of	6				1
24	Legal Alliance Company	6				1
	Lexwell & Partners	6				1
	Pavlenko & Poberezhnyuk, Law Group	6				1
	Ulysses	6				1

*Total points – International rankings divide law firms into bands or tiers. For each place in the first band of a ranking a firm was given by Kyiv Post 6 points, for a place in the second band it was awarded 5 points, and so on down to 1 point for the sixth band. The sum of points across the two practices and four international rankings made up each law firm's total points.

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Restrictions on Pharmaceutical Promotion Demand a Cautious Approach

The pharmaceuticals industry is one of the most interesting sectors to observe from a legal standpoint. The laws change often and new rules are constantly taking effect. While the sector is interesting to observe, coping with the constantly changing legal environment can be challenging, especially for pharmaceutical companies.

This summer's hottest topic – and the subject of a lot of legal wrangling, is the matter of how drugs are promoted.

On July 14, amendments to a law prohibiting the advertising of prescription and certain listed over-the-counter medications will take effect. Even though the amendments won't be in force for three weeks, key procedural issues have not yet been approved by parliament.

As a result, pharmaceutical companies are having understandable difficulty determining which medicines can and which cannot be advertised, as the Health Ministry has not yet adopted guidelines.

It is also unclear how existing over-the-counter medicines will be classified in conjunction with the ad ban, how new medications will be evaluated and classified, and whether existing drugs can be re-registered so that they meet standards for preparations that can be advertised.

The amendments to the law create a number of gaps in the legislation. For instance, one new law prohibits advertisement of all prescription medicines, but another law allows advertising of drugs for certain categories of individuals and during special medical seminars.

It is interesting that, on June 5 parliament adopted a draft law which would place a blanket ban on any advertising of medicinal products, with an exception only for advertisements published in medical journals and for advertisements distributed during medical seminars, conferences, and symposiums.

Unless the bill is adopted, the pharmaceutical industry will need to review its promotional materials and adapt them to meet the legal requirements which will take effect on July 14.

Adding to the confusion surrounding the new ad laws are provisions permitting the provision of "information on medicines" in publications for medical and pharmaceutical workers, and in materials distributed during specialized seminars, conferences, symposiums on medical issues.

Effective July 14, the only information that can be publicized about prescription medicines and those over-the-counter medicines earmarked as included in the ad ban is the name of the product, its characteristics, medical properties, and side effects. The position of lawmakers is vague on whether information on medical products includes all of these criteria, or it is allowed to use only certain components and the category of "characteristic" of medicines is not defined.

Our analysis of the law indicates that certain types of promotion of medicines covered by the ad ban will still take place and will not be considered advertising. These include direct marketing by post or email, consumer hotlines, communications between pharmaceutical sales representatives and medical personnel, distribution of the opinions of leaders in specific fields, presentations, made by physicians for colleagues, and so on. The placement of information about medicines at pharmacies, including on showcases or directly on the product also are not considered advertising under the law.

On the other hand, promotions like sampling and the use of brand reminders with the names of medicines prohibited for advertising will be restricted after July 14. Companies that produce or distribute goods subject to the ad ban will be unable to sponsor events or programs.

The issue of gifts provided to doctors by pharmaceutical companies continues to be relevant in view of restrictions on the promotion of medicines. Pharmaceutical companies generally spend significant amounts on various forms of encouragements for medical employees (as consumers of prescription medication advertisement), starting from lotteries, contests among doctors with expensive prizes to trips to the exotic destinations ostensibly to attend conferences and seminars. Ukraine's anti-corruption law covers medical employees who manage at least one person or carry out administrative activity (such as clinic directors and chief doctors). The law requires that public servants may only accept business gifts and souvenirs or hospitality (invitation for coffee or dinner) of modest value. The value may not exceed 50 percent of the national minimum wage, and the cumulative amount of gifts received from one source during the year cannot exceed one minimum wage, or UAH 1073.00 (U.S. \$134.00).

Persons condemned to have violated the advertising ban are subject to disciplinary, civil, administrative and criminal sanctions.

Considering the frequent changes in the law and the ambiguity of its interpretation, we recommend that all existing promotional materials be reviewed and that new materials be properly vetted.



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Lawyers follow companies that do business in nation's regions

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Ukraine's government might still be centralized in a top-down hierarchy, but its economy is well along the path of decentralization. And although large conglomerates like System Capital Management, or foreign commercial firms need offices in Kyiv just to be closer to the center of power, other foreign investors are taking a different path.

They are choosing regional bases outside the capital and demanding top-notch local legal services to follow them.

When Progency Solar general manager William Brady moved production from China to Lviv Oblast in October 2010, he said he needed to be serviced by a large international law firm with knowledge of American and local law.

"I travel to Kyiv maybe once every two weeks so it's more convenient to receive legal assistance locally in Lviv," said Brady, an American.

The move, Brady said, cut shipping costs of solar panels to his main client base in Europe.

For Europeans or companies whose clients are based in the EU, Lviv is the natural choice being only 60 kilometers from the Polish border.

Business association leaders in the region and Kyiv, say the environment is more conducive for business than in other regions, including Kyiv, because there's less corruption, and the people are more open and have a can-do attitude.

"There's a different style in western Ukraine, people talk more and address problems [with the authorities], and they are creative who have an attitude that they could make something out of nothing," said Anna Derevyanko, executive director of the European Business Association whose Lviv branch has 77 company members, second only to Kyiv.

Forbes Ukraine magazine's June issue named Lviv one of the top five cities for doing business. It ranked western Ukraine's largest city number one for human capital, infrastructure



Anna Derevyanko, executive director of the Kyiv-based European Business Association.



Markian Malskyy, head of Arzinger's western Ukraine branch office.



Lina Nemchenko, partner at the Ukrainian practice of Baker & McKenzie.

and comfort.

This is partly why, "regional businesses are more often requesting that a lawyer be present on-site and not travel from Kyiv, Moscow or Warsaw," said Markian Malskyy, who heads the western Ukrainian branch of Arzinger law firm.

A Lviv native who was educated in Sweden and Switzerland and worked in Paris, said that Arzinger had only five clients when it opened an office in Lviv five years ago.

"Today we have 200 clients and almost 10 lawyers," said Malskyy.

There are some 50 Danish companies operating in western Ukraine out of a total 160 nationwide, said Lars Vestjberg, chairman of the Danish Business Association headquartered in Lviv. The majority of Danish businesses in the region are in textiles and footwear manufacturing, agriculture and metals processing.

"We need local legal expertise, companies like [global auditing firms] KPMG, BDO and Arzinger law firm are in Lviv," said Vestjberg.

Other foreign companies with offices or bases in western Ukraine include AVE Energie, an Austrian energy company, German abrasive materials producer Klingspor, German Leoni wiring systems manufacturer, and Nexans, a

French wiring cable maker.

So by having a local presence "we reward serious clients, you need certain experience to work in a region, to know the local peculiarities – the law and procedures might be the same nationwide but different in practice locally," said Arzinger's Malskyy.

In turn, the Arzinger partner said, lawyers become part of the business community and cultivate closer client relationships and are able to offer better assistance.

Mikhail Ilyashev, managing partner of Ilyashev & Partners said he decided to open an office in Kharkiv in 1998 because their clients did a lot of business there and it was difficult to service them from Kyiv.

"They demanded that a lawyer be nearby," said Ilyashev who employs two lawyers in Kharkiv.

Ilyashev said not only does a local presence save money for clients, it allows their Kharkiv office to service other eastern cities like Donetsk and Dnipropetrovsk.

Other Kyiv law firms with regional offices include Jurvnes service with offices in Ternopil and Sevastopol, and Dovhan & Partners with offices in Lviv and Dnipropetrovsk.

But the major international law firms like Baker & McKenzie, Salans,

Clifford Chance and CMS Cameron McKenna have yet to follow suit.

"Unfortunately, I cannot confirm this trend," said Lina Nemchenko, a Baker & McKenzie partner. "Major international law firms as well as the key local ones still operate from Kyiv only. Not only are lawyers mobile these days, with all the modern technologies and gadgets, lawyers are available and can be accessible literally 24/7."

Inna Batmanova, business development and marketing manager for Salans said the trend of opening regional offices only applies to the Big Four accounting and audit firms, not to law firms.

"International law firms still send their lawyers on business trips, some engage local firms with very careful selection, but large-scale international transactions call for coordination in Kyiv," said Batmanova.

Noerr local partner and co-manager Alexander Weigelt partly agrees with the emerging trend.

"Having a limited budget for legal expenses is definitely a driver behind some requests for local lawyers, but I don't see a trend here that could be generalized," said Weigelt.

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Ukrainian works her way to partner in London-based firm

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What does it take for a Ukrainian to become a partner at a leading international law firm? The answer is hardly surprising: have thick skin and work hard all the way up from the bottom.

It worked for Irina Tymczyszyn, who is known as the first post-independence Ukrainian lawyer to become a partner at a major law firm abroad. On Jan. 1, 40-year-old Tymczyszyn became a partner in Bryan Cave, an international law firm with 24 offices worldwide.

Still a Ukrainian citizen, Tymczyszyn practices with the International Arbitration Team and Commercial Litigation Client Service Group. She chairs the firm's Commonwealth of Independent States Group, providing services to former Soviet Union clients, particularly those in Ukraine and Russia.

Having come to Manchester in 1995 as one of the first students to study abroad through a foreign funded education program, Tymczyszyn says it helped not realizing how difficult it would be to become a lawyer in Britain.

"If I knew how hard it is to graduate and to get a training contract, I would probably not have done it," Tymczyszyn says, speaking to Kyiv Post by telephone from her office in London.

In the mid-1990s, people from Eastern Europe were seen as "something alien and exotic," Tymczyszyn said. She was hardly a typical aspiring UK lawyer at the time.

"I was not English, not a white male, and did not go to either Oxford or Cambridge. My first job interview lasted about 5 minutes. They said: 'We just wanted to see what a real Ukrainian is.' Maybe they thought I would have a tail and horns. Another time the interviewer, also a woman, was stunned when I mentioned having two young children. The interview was over → 9

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Irina Tymczyszyn's path from Ternopil Oblast to London

→ 8 pretty fast and abruptly."

Having applied to top 100 law firms, she received her training contract at CMS Cameron McKenna, and then worked for several other legal companies dealing with international arbitration.

Five years ago, she moved to Bryan Cave, an American law group. It was there that she realized that the American way of doing business is much more appealing to her than the British way.

"British care a lot about the exterior – which school you went to, who your parents are. Americans are much less formal in that way. For them, it's about you delivering and clients being satisfied with you. Everything else is secondary, even if you dye your hair pink," Tymczyszyn says.

One might say Tymczyszyn is a typical example of a self-made person. Coming from the small town of Buchach in Ternopil Oblast from a family of engineers, Tymczyszyn enrolled to Kyiv's Pedagogical University in 1990 with the aim of becoming a teacher.

When in 1992 she learned that Kyiv Mohyla Academy is reopening, more than 150 years since it was shut down by the Russian czar, she enrolled to study political science taking as many law courses as she could, since the Academy did not have Law department at the moment.

For the next years, Tymczyszyn was studying at two universities at the same time, getting her B.A. at the pedagogical university in 1994.

She says she recalls the day that changed her life as if it happened yesterday.

"Somebody I knew from the international relations office bumped into me in the corridor and asked me if they could send my application to the master program sponsored by the Open Society and the British Foreign Office to study in Manchester. They needed a person who already had a B.A., and there was none at the university. I agreed and then forgot all about



Irina Tymczyszyn, the first post-independence Ukrainian lawyer to become partner at a major foreign law firm abroad, shares her secrets to success at master classes in Ukraine. (Courtesy photo)

it," she said.

Soon Tymczyszyn became one of the first Ukrainian students to receive a scholarship to study abroad. She graduated with an M.A. from Manchester University in 1996.

Becoming a partner 16 years later added responsibility and administrative work, Tymczyszyn says. She is also in charge of hiring people, as the company expands. However, Bryan Cave does not have immediate plans to open an office in Kyiv or anywhere else in the CIS region.

"Since law enforcement bodies are not always predictable in Russia and Ukraine, our clients feel more comfortable with us not having the office where the law enforcement can come and take interest in its contents, including documents that are confidential," Tymczyszyn says.

Another reason is that Tymczyszyn believes that the best legal advice in domestic disputes has to be sought from Ukrainian lawyers, who know best ways to resolve the situation.

"Apart from the entirely legal information, they can also give you more information, like the fact that, for

instance, a company you are about to sue is owned by the president's son so there is no chance to win against it in court," says Tymczyszyn.

She is bound by confidentiality agreements and cannot reveal any names and titles of her clients. But says many cases involve unlawful breaking of contracts, one side providing false information prior to signing of the contract.

"There are often construction disputes when things did not go as expected and the question of reimbursement, equipment arises. These are contracts for at least ten million dollars, sometimes hundreds of millions," Tymczyszyn says.

Being Ukrainian in London, Tymczyszyn feels like she has to promote Ukrainian culture in the country where little is known about it. She is on board of the Ukrainian British City Club, and is one of the most active members of a Ukrainian school in London where she is directing and producing Ukrainian children plays and musicals.

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RUNAWAY BRIBE

The current legal activity in the market and strict approach to tackling corruption has recently hit new heights as the United Kingdom has adopted the anti-corruption legislation: the UK Bribery Act 2010 (hereinafter the Act). The Act has been given its Royal Assent on April 8, 2010 and came into force on July 1, 2011. Comparing it to its USA counterpart, the USA Foreign Corrupt Practices Act 1977, the Act focuses not solely on cases of bribery of foreign public officials, but also tries to cover any acts of bribery which may happen between individual persons.



Anna BABYCH
Partner
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The Act also introduces the concept of commercial organisation failing to prevent bribery. A commercial organisation will be liable if a person associated with it (e.g. an employee or an agent or any third party) bribes or receives a bribe with the intention to obtain an advantage for business of that organisation. The additional guidance to the Act published by the Ministry of Justice of the UK also provides specific procedure the commercial organization is recommended to implement within itself. Implementation of such procedures will constitute full defence from liability under the Act for the actions of such "associated" person.

More interestingly though, the Act makes very broad provisions for its extra-territorial approach in relation to the commercial organisations, therefore enabling it to cover any acts of bribery which occur anywhere in the world, providing that the commercial organisation associated with bribery must be "carrying on a business or part of a business in any part of the United Kingdom". Whether the commercial organisation is indeed carrying part of its business in the UK will be decided by the appropriate UK court. However, it is widely expected that the mere existence of the registered office in the United Kingdom will be enough for the court to determine that the Act applies. It means that Ukrainian companies having some kind of an office registered in the UK may potentially be subject to the provisions of the Act. The Act also specifies that bribery does not have to take place in the United Kingdom, therefore the provision or receipt of the bribery by the Ukrainian office (carrying part of its business in the UK) in France, as an example, will trigger the commercial organisation's liability under the Act.

The implementation of the Act in Ukraine is questionable though as it remains to be seen how the UK authorities will cooperate with Ukrainian authorities on enforceability of the Act in Ukraine.

However, it is remarkable that commercial organizations, represented in the UK with offices in Ukraine are already reviewing their internal anti-corruption policies and trying to implement the guidance procedures set out by the UK Ministry of Justice. It has also become a part of the compulsory due diligence process for the law firms to actively seek the information on implementation of such principles in the target companies in view of the potential sale / acquisition in order to boost chances of such sale / acquisition taking place.

NEW CUSTOMS CODE = NEW OPPORTUNITIES?

Vasil Kisel & Partners Law Firm actively participated in the working group on elaboration of the new Customs Code at the Parliamentary Committee on Finance, Banking, Tax and Customs Policy. Although the new Code does not include all the proposals of business community, there are some important developments, which may potentially help making business in Ukraine easier. Below we address the key developments introduced in the new Customs Code in the field of export-import transactions.



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"Golden importers"

The new Code introduced the concept of an "authorized economic operator" (unofficially called "Golden importers"), which is brand new for Ukrainian customs law. AEO status allows one to enjoy simplified customs procedures, priority in customs clearance, and performance of some customs formalities (e.g. placement of goods at a private temporary storage warehouse) without an authorization from the customs, application of primary customs valuation method by default with minimal documentation requirements, limited grounds for holding scheduled audits by the customs of the AEOs, etc.

To apply for an AEO status, a company should meet very strict criteria, including absence of customs offences during recent 3 years, absence of debts to the customs and tax authorities, etc. Given that the statutory procedure for obtaining AEO status is rather complicated and there is no practice available yet, it is important to seek legal advice before applying for the AEO status.

Improvement of customs valuation procedures

Given that duties and taxes are calculated based on the customs value of the imported goods, customs valuation issues are extremely important for all importers.

The new Code improves customs valuation procedures and brings them in compliance with the WCO and WTO requirements: (a) it defines an exhaustive list of mandatory documents which determine customs value of the imported goods; (b) grounds for rejecting customs value declared by an importer; and (c) calculation of production cost may be requested by the customs only in related party transactions, etc. It is still unclear how the said provisions will be applied in practice by the customs authorities, however, in any case they may be successfully relied upon in court.

New procedure for inclusion of royalties into customs value

Unclear procedure for inclusion of royalties into customs value and fiscal approach of the customs authorities resulted in complicated structuring of royalty payments abroad in the recent years. According to the newly-adopted Customs Code, if royalties are linked to future sales (turnover) and, therefore, their amount cannot be calculated at the moment of customs clearance of goods, the declarant may submit an additional declaration and adjust customs value within 180 days of the goods' release. In such case the declarant shall not pay any penalty for such adjustment of duties and taxes, although further adjustments may be subject to penalties. Based on the above and due to increasing number of post-clearance customs audits, and in order to comply with the new requirements, a risk management review by qualified tax/customs legal advisors is strongly recommended.

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Ukrainian Borrower's Tips on Negotiating a Loan Agreement

The purpose of this is to provide companies planning to borrow abroad with a brief overview of the key legal and commercial issues you, as a Ukrainian borrower, will need to deal with in the context of a typical bilateral loan transaction. Things below are primarily addressed to a Ukrainian borrower having little experience in handling complex loan documents (like LMA platform). Needless to say, it is impossible to cover all issues here you would normally have to deal with however hope this may be helpful to give you a flavor of the goals you have to pursue.

Your transaction team. The principal participants in a loan transaction are the lender and the borrower. Normally, each of them is represented by legal counsel in the relevant jurisdiction. Therefore, if you, as Ukrainian borrower, wish to obtain a loan from a UK based lender, you will need to have counsel giving advice under the English and Ukrainian law (or two counsel, each covering its respective jurisdiction). You also need to give clear instructions to your counsel as to proper implementation of the structure of the finance transaction, commercial terms and relevant legal issues. In the absence of such instructions, your counsel may assume you are satisfied with the finance documents provided by the lenders and may limit the scope of its hands-on involvement. This must not happen because later on you may find out that your undertakings or limitations were in fact too onerous, not working or irrelevant at all given your business needs.

Your finance documents. After your first read of the draft loan agreement you have received from the lender's counsel please resist the temptation to amend every clause. It would seem to be horribly unfair for an inexperienced borrower however, the loan agreement you will finally sign with your lender will become just another standard in the lender's business on the market and every further standard likes to follow its predecessor (which of itself is also a standard). Trying to comment on every clause you dislike may (and most likely will) prove to be counterproductive as you simply incur extra cost and nothing else. This is because there are clauses in the loan agreement which are almost an unchangeable standard and are customary for the lender's market, and it would be simpler for the lender to drop the transaction entirely rather than to set an improper standard not only for itself but also for the entire relevant capital market. You merely have to note carefully what you do not like about the draft loan agreement and ask your counsel why it needs to be this way (if it really does) and only then raise it with the lender.

Equally, you have to be careful in respect of what you are agreeing to in the finance documents. This finance document will become part and parcel of your borrowing history and it might be difficult to renegotiate any given provision with your current lender or any other bank on your future deals without a strong explanation of why this is no longer acceptable subject to any change in law or other changes which make this point no longer important for the lender.

Issues to consider (and raise with the lenders). First, when negotiating the draft loan agreement, you need to keep in mind what your term sheet says in the first instance. This is because the lender will most likely not accept anything beyond what is provided in your term sheet. As the term sheet would, in all likelihood, be already approved by the lender's risk managers and no banker would be willing to substantially revisit it. You may put yourself in an unfavorable and even embarrassing position if you would be inadvertently seen to be trying to renegotiate your term sheet with the lender at the stage when you negotiate finance documents which may disrupt the entire deal.

Further, in addition to any sensible comments your legal counsel will make, think about the following. In broad terms, there are two large groups of issues the borrower must be clear about. These are first, business critical issues: (i) the balance between carrying on your business as before and the required lender's consents, and (ii) if you belong to a group, to what extent your group is affected by possible restrictions. And second, technical transactional points: (i) whether tests applied throughout the loan agreement are primarily objective (what qualifiers are used for this purpose: "reasonable", "material", third party or purely subjective lender's view); (ii) under what circumstances lender can cancel or suspend the loan and whether these are within the borrower's control and, (iii) whether the lender's right to accelerate is not over-used.

Among the more customary (and simplest) points of which the borrower must not forget are the following. First and foremost, make sure that all conditions precedent to the lender's advancing the loan (CPs) are necessary in your given case, drafted clearly and the list is exhaustive. Second, you may need to consider (i) if your representations are too "evergreen", (ii) charges created under the security documents must be "permitted encumbrance", (ii) possible conflicts with your obligations under agreements with third parties, (iii) any "non-disposals"/negative pledge clauses, and (iv) events of default generally (however, this last point may appear or prove to be the most difficult to negotiate).

Issues NOT to raise. Apart from the above, it would be helpful to mention certain don'ts or things we would recommend an inexperienced borrower consider not raising. This is because trying to negotiate these issues would most likely result in increased legal costs and only the loss of time. Accordingly, please consider that you do not:

- delete a provision you simply do not understand without explanation, or blindly revert all provisions of the loan agreement to the relevant LMA standard;
- negotiate a change in the governing law. By asking the lender to lend under Ukrainian law instead of, for example, English law you are asking it to enter uncharted territory, to which it will never agree;
- ask for remedy periods for misrepresentation or clauses with similar effect, or, whenever a representation requires knowledge by the borrower of a fact, try to change that the borrower is simply "unaware" to mean that such fact does not exist;
- require in the preamble that the foreign lender state the name and title of its signatory with reference to authority like "charter" etc. This is not mandatory for a loan agreement, and a vast majority of foreign lenders would not be able to provide this information because large lending institution cannot appoint such person in advance;
- ask for a disclosure of the legal opinion the lender's counsel issued in connection with the transaction. Although this is the borrower's cost, the opinion is issued for the benefit of the lender only;
- demand caps on enforcement costs;
- remove gross-up clause saying that the National Bank of Ukraine will not register such loan agreement. This is not correct. Quite mistakenly many inexperienced borrowers believe that the gross up would require them to pay taxes for the lenders whereas it only requires to top up;
- insert the words "reasonably", "acting reasonably" or "materially" as often as possible;
- refer to "commercial secrecy" or "bank secrecy" whenever the lender has asked for information as an excuse not to provide it. Borrower needs to provide information at all times subject to scope of such disclosure. Lender will otherwise assume that the borrower has something to hide;
- try to make the assignment clause subject to borrower's consent.

The on-going economic crisis and other economic difficulties in Ukraine are forcing Ukrainian borrowers who have no relevant experience to negotiate finance documents without counsel. Such position is counterproductive. The borrower may actually incur more transaction cost than originally planned because the lenders will retain their own counsel in Ukraine (even if they originally have not planned to do so) to clarify all Ukrainian law related issues at a cost no one would have the time to cap or negotiate.

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Competition is intense for jobs at top law firms

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Every year, around 42,000 Ukrainians graduate with a law degree. This makes the battle for a job at top firms fierce, particularly after the 2008 crisis led most firms to cut staff.

To win a spot at one of the elite international or local firms, graduates have to stand out, for example by having a Master of Laws degree from abroad.

"Basic legal education from prestigious university and good knowledge of foreign language does not impress anybody. Today it's the basics. Without those qualities we won't even consider an applicant," says Serhiy Piontkovsky, partner at the Ukraine practice of Baker & McKenzie, one of the top law firms in the country.

Education is the starting point for a good career. Partners at top firms say not all Ukrainian universities provide the necessary education to get recruited at the leading law firms, because of the low standards of teaching and courses at some institutions. The best-trained lawyers usually come out of the Kyiv Mohyla Academy, the Institute of International Relations, Kyiv University of Tarasa Shevchenko, Kharkiv Law Academy and Lviv University, says Serhiy Chorny, also a partner at Baker & McKenzie.

But even a better way to stand out among other contenders could be foreign education. A Master of Laws, known as an LL.M., from a Western university, always draws attention of employers at top law firms.

"When you have an LL.M., employers take you more seriously," says 22-year-old lawyer Marta Tsvengrosh. Last year she came back with an LL.M. in international dispute settle-



Marta Tsvengrosh

ment from university of Geneva in Switzerland.

But a foreign law degree does not guarantee a higher salary or automatic employment. It took Tsvengrosh four months to find a good job. She says the reason is that the market is still recovering from the crisis.

"The salary will be the same for an applicant who has an LL.M. and for a Ukrainian university graduate," says Chorny. But they have a stronger starting point as "usually an applicant with an LL.M. is more fluent in English and has a better understanding of the commercial side of how the operations work."

With the economy recovering in many of its sectors to pre-crisis levels, the legal services market is still catching up.

"Law firms slowly start to hire, but nothing close to the scale of the pre-crisis 2008," says Olga Shtil, a senior recruitment consultant at Brain Source International. She says that even though business has picked up, the situation varies from one firm to another. "There is no definite tendency - there are companies that have a lot

of work, while others don't."

In those circumstances, competition among lawyers competing for jobs increases even more.

Bohdan Dmukhovskiy, who already had a law degree from Lviv University and experience at leading law firms, felt he should further his training. After winning a grant from the Fulbright program, he studied for a year to receive an LL.M. from Georgetown University in the U.S. Today he is an associate at AstapovLawyers, specializing in corporate law, banking and finance.

"I wouldn't say that receiving an LL.M. is a necessity, but it increases the competitiveness of a lawyer on the Ukrainian market," he says. Besides improved language skills, he sees the biggest advantage of the LL.M. in the opportunity to "understand different legal systems of the world, which is very important when you provide services for international clients."

Among 58 lawyers at Baker & Mackenzie, around 80 percent have an LL.M. But a foreign degree on its own won't build you a career, since a lot depends on the individual's professional qualities. "The ability to analyze a client's situation effectively in terms of suggesting an optimum solution, that's probably the main quality [for a lawyer]," says Chorny from Baker & Mackenzie.

The ability to win clients, good communications skills while working with clients and the ability to work effectively many hours as well as expressing yourself clearly in writing are also crucial in becoming a successful lawyer.

"Good professionals are always in demand. No crisis affects that," said recruiter Shtil.

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AstapovLawyers International Law Group announced that **EUGENE BLINOV**, Counsel, who leads the International Commodity and Maritime Arbitrations practice and coordinates the firm's advisory work in the Republic of Kazakhstan, was moved to partnership track. Eugene joined AstapovLawyers International Law Group in 2007. He was promoted as a Counsel at the Firm in July 2011. Mr

Blinov has considerable experience in representing companies in various international arbitration forums. Mr Blinov holds the Master of Laws degree (summa cum laude) from the Vadim Getman Kyiv National Economic University (Ukraine, 2007). Eugene Blinov is recommended by Yuridicheskaya Praktika "Ukrainian Law Firms 2009-2012. A Handbook for Foreign Clients" as a leading practitioner in the field of arbitration, litigation, agriculture, energy and transportation law. Eugene has an extensive involvement in commercial and investment arbitration as well as cross-border litigation. He acts in multiple matters concerned with international trade, equipment supply, commodities, energy, maritime, agriculture, construction, etc. Amongst major clients which Mr. Blinov has represented are Louis Dreyfus, StroyTransGaz, the State of Ukraine, Oldendorff, EFKO Group, Risoil, Nemiroff, Bunge, Euler Hermes, Razzgulyay Group, Phosagro, Detskiy Mir Russia, Ivolga Group, United Grain Company, Raimbek Group, Astarta, Ukrainian Chemical Group, Lavinia Corporation, Fedcominvest-Ukraine, Transmost, Probusinessbank and many other.



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Felix Haffner, who is a qualified German Rechtsanwalt and a Solicitor (England&Wales) worked previously for Beiten Burkhardt in Kyiv as a partner in corporate law for over five years. He

has strong experience and expertise in advising international clients on investment projects in Ukraine. Felix graduated from the Ludwig Maximilians University in Munich (1998) and holds a LL.M. in corporate and commercial law from the London School of Economics (2004). Commented Igor Kalitventsev, Managing Partner of KPD Consulting: "Hiring Felix Haffner is in line with our strategic approach, we have thus further strengthened our corporate law practice and make it even more accessible for international clients". Felix Haffner said, "I am convinced that with KPD Consulting I have acquired a strong partner to further serve international clients in their business endeavours in Ukraine. KPD Consulting brings together local knowledge with international standards. I am really looking forward to working with everyone at the firm to take advantage of the exciting opportunities available in the Ukrainian market for our clients. I am happy to join such a highly committed team".

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Italian supporters celebrate their win during the Euro 2012 soccer championship quarterfinal match between England and Italy in Kyiv on June 25. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)



Quarterfinals

Portugal beat Czech Republic thanks to Cristiano Ronaldo's single-handed evisceration of the Czech defense. Ronaldo served as a midfield outlet, incisive winger and full-on striker all rolled into one, capping a complete performance with a late headed goal. Czech Republic exited the tournament with pride, their veteran side bridging the talent gap to push Portugal to the limit.

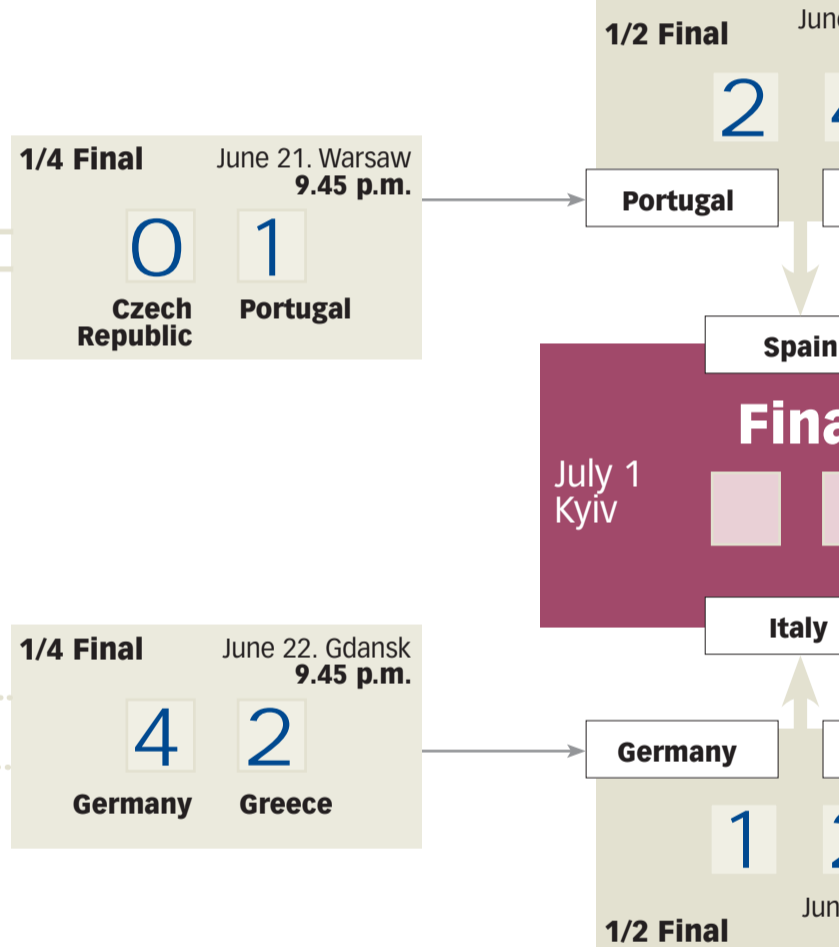
Germany beat Greece with the best all-around performance from any side in the tournament thus far. Germany battered Greece's admirable resolve with wave after wave of attack, eventually wearing the Greeks down and turning on the style for four goals. Greece fought back, however, and can take solace in the fact that they brought the best out of a potentially transcendent team.

Spain beat France in a match decried by many for its lack of action. Spain showed off both the beautiful and ugly sides to their short passing game, brilliantly building their tempo to a crescendo for an opening goal before pulling back and slowing the game nearly to a standstill after taking the lead. France yet again left the tournament embarrassed, as Samir Nasri lost his temper with a reporter after the loss.

Italy beat England on penalties to cap off a see-saw night at Olympic Stadium. England came out firing but slowly ran out of steam as Italy's class took control. Similarly, the Three Lions jumped out to a lead in the shootout before misses from their pair of Ashleys, Young and Cole, allowed the Azzurri to advance.

Group A	Date	Location	Team 1	Score	Team 2	Rank
	June 8	Warsaw, 7 p.m.	Poland	1 - 1	Greece	
	June 8	Wroclaw, 9.45 p.m.	Russia	4 - 1	Czech Republic	1
	June 12	Wroclaw, 7 p.m.	Greece	1 - 2	Czech Republic	
	June 12	Warsaw, 9.45 p.m.	Poland	1 - 1	Russia	
	June 16	Wroclaw, 9.45 p.m.	Czech Republic	1 - 0	Poland	2
	June 16	Warsaw, 9.45 p.m.	Greece	1 - 0	Russia	

Group B	Date	Location	Team 1	Score	Team 2	Rank
	June 9	Kharkiv, 7 p.m.	Netherlands	0 - 1	Denmark	
	June 9	Lviv, 9.45 p.m.	Germany	1 - 0	Portugal	1
	June 13	Lviv, 7 p.m.	Denmark	2 - 3	Portugal	
	June 13	Kharkiv, 9.45 p.m.	Netherlands	1 - 2	Germany	
	June 17	Lviv, 9.45 p.m.	Denmark	1 - 2	Germany	2
	June 17	Kharkiv, 9.45 p.m.	Portugal	2 - 1	Netherlands	



Spain's Andres Iniesta scores a penalty past Portugal goalkeeper Rui Patrício during a penalty shootout in the semifinal between Spain and Portugal in Donetsk on June 28. Spain beat Portugal 4-2 in penalty shootout after the match finished 0-0 following extra time. (AP)

Spain

Key storyline: A chance at history. No national side has ever won three major tournaments in a row, and the Spanish are 90 minutes away from doing just that. Success has brought criticism, particularly for their ball control that some say makes the game boring, but the class of this side should not be overlooked. One more win will intensify the debate that this is the greatest team ever.

Achilles' heel: A lack of an in-form striker. Head coach Vicente del Bosque seemed to realize this early, going with six midfielders in their opener against Italy, but has since been inconsistent with his lineup choices. Neither loading the side with midfielders nor going with a more orthodox formation has eased woes in the final third. Opening a semifinal with a player, Alvaro Negredo, who was making his first start of the tournament further showcased this indecision.

Player to watch: Cesc Fabregas. The attacker has had a turbulent international career in and out of a side with a historic depth of talented midfielders. When given a chance, though, Fabregas has delivered on the biggest stages. The inconsistent Spaniards have been at their best with Fabregas playing up top and will need another heroic performance from the 25-year-old in order to lift the trophy.

Tactics: Say what you want about Spain, but they never allow their opponents to dictate style of play. The short-passing game works as attack and defense all in one, creating openings for themselves while limiting them for others. This strategy worked well in containing red-hot Cristiano Ronaldo in the semi-final. It will be doubly important against Germany's bottomless supply of talented attackers.

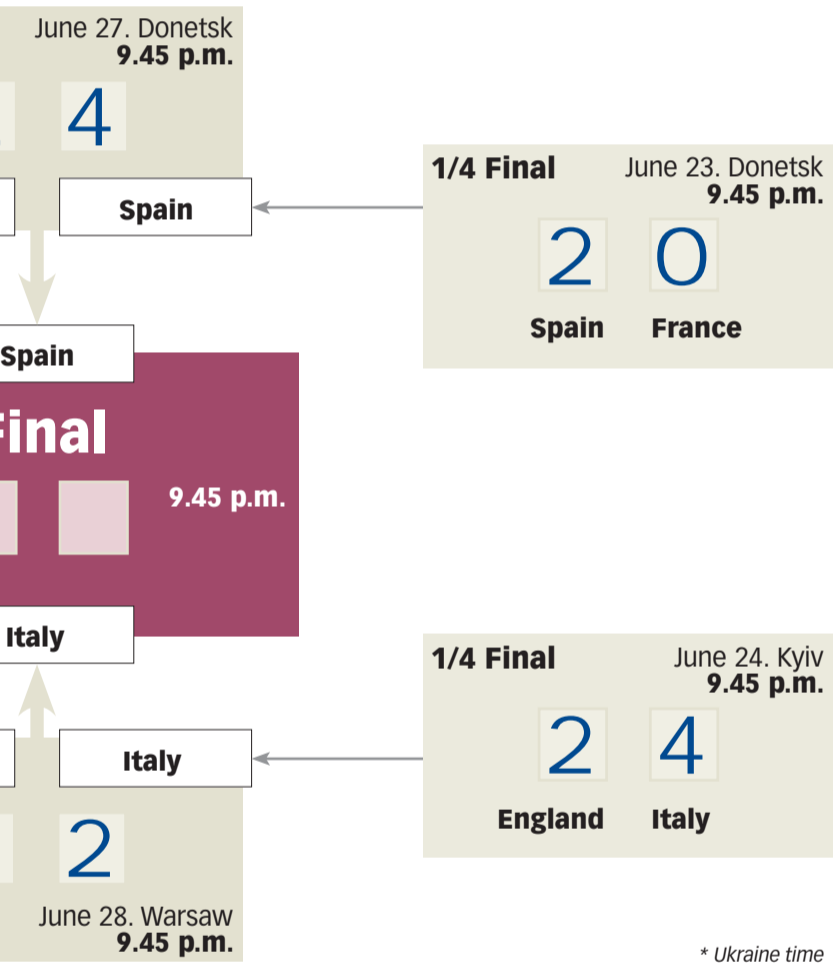
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Semifinals

Spain beat Portugal on penalties after weathering a slow start. The Portuguese gave credence to the theory that the best way to neutralize Spain's quick-passing game is through high pressure and relentless attacking. Portugal won the first half but failed to turn chances into goals. Spain made them pay for their inefficiency, easing into control as their passing began to click. Cesc Fabregas again showed his class off the bench, supplying a consistent threat. For Portugal star Cristiano Ronaldo, the tournament he had taken over ended in yet another disappointment. Ronaldo showcased his threat early but fizzled out and didn't even get a chance in the shootout – he was slated to go fifth, but Fabregas had already slotted the winning penalty.

Italy beat Germany in the stunner of Euro 2012. The pre-tournament favorite Germans had coasted into the semi-finals with four straight wins and seemed invincible, while Italy had scraped through unnoticed. The underdog Italians absorbed 20 minutes of pressure before Mario Batotelli headed them in front completely against the run of play, and the Germans never fully recovered. Germany had yet to be fully tested and stumbled badly at their first experience with adversity. They fought back gamely at first, but when Batotelli struck again 16 minutes later, the favorites were down for the count. Italy turned every German threat into one of their own in the second half, making the 2-1 scoreline seem generous to the losers.

A supporter of Spain's football team cheers while watching the game between France and Spain in Paris on June 23. Spain won the game 2-0. (AP)



1	June 10 Gdansk, 7 p.m.	Spain	1	1	Italy
	June 10 Poznan, 9.45 p.m.	Ireland	1	3	Croatia
	June 14 Poznan, 7 p.m.	Italy	1	1	Croatia
2	June 14 Gdansk, 9.45 p.m.	Spain	4	0	Ireland
	June 18 Gdansk, 9.45 p.m.	Croatia	0	1	Spain
	June 18 Poznan, 9.45 p.m.	Italy	2	0	Ireland

1	June 11 Donetsk, 7 p.m.	France	1	1	England
	June 11 Kyiv, 9.45 p.m.	Ukraine	2	1	Sweden
	June 15 Donetsk, 7 p.m.	Ukraine	0	2	France
2	June 15 Kyiv, 9.45 p.m.	Sweden	2	3	England
	June 19 Kyiv, 9.45 p.m.	Sweden	2	0	France
	June 19 Donetsk, 9.45 p.m.	England	1	0	Ukraine

Italy

Key storyline: Defeating the odds. Italy came into the tournament riding the bad karma of a match-fixing scandal in their domestic league. Facing a tough group stage, many doubted that the Italians would even reach the knockout round. A hard-fought draw in their opener against Spain put the field on notice, but Italy was minutes away from elimination in until the Spaniards scored late to knock out Croatia. Now, the Italians are within touching distance of a stunning title.

Achilles' heel: A lack of identity. Historically, the Italians used an airtight defense to eke out results and were rewarded with plenty of silverware. This side, however, have attempted to win with an added style. As their deep run suggests, this blending of old and new has thus far paid dividends. But Italy has yet to be pushed to the brink, and their newfound ambition could turn into a negative if Spain takes the lead.

Tactics: Expect the exact same strategy that took out Germany. Head coach Cesare Prandelli has instilled a fresh, attacking mindset into his side but wisely had his men sit back and absorb the German pressure. Italy was deadly on the counter, taking full advantage of every chance that came their way. Openings will be at a premium again against Spain and the Azzurri will need to be just as efficient in front of goal.

Player to watch: Mario Batotelli. The explosive and controversial striker proved that he is worth the headaches, again coming through on the biggest of stages, using two goals to sink tournament favorite Germany. Batotelli had been inconsistent before the semis but provided the boost his side needed to reach the final. Italy will need all the help it can get to overcome the Spaniards, and that starts with the man with the blond Mohawk.



Italy's Mario Batotelli scores the first goal during the Euro 2012 soccer championship semifinal match between Germany and Italy in Warsaw, Poland, June 28. (AP)

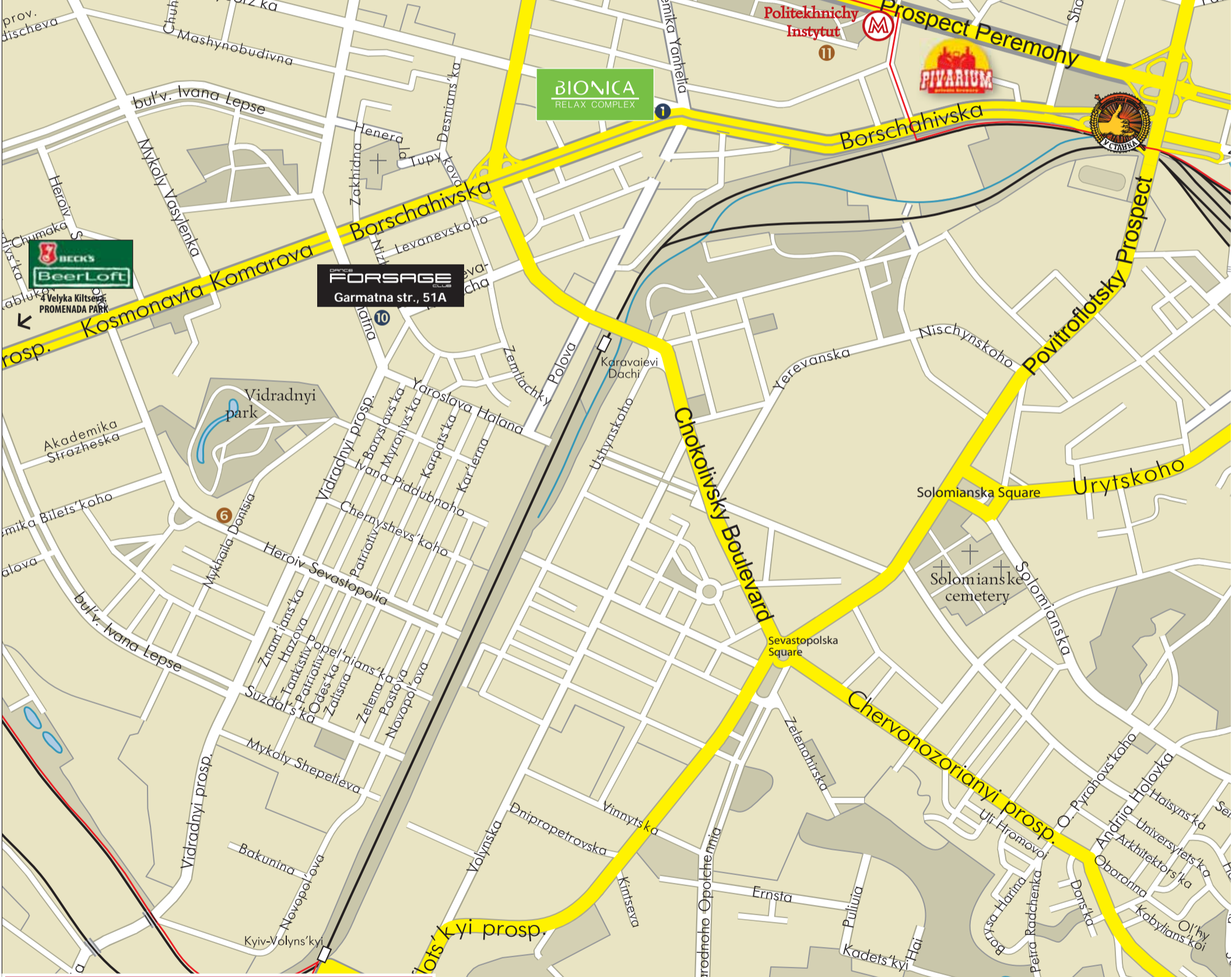
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English fans show rowdy side while Swedes and Dutch charm

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British media warned England fans ahead of Euro 2012 that they would face racism, violence and numerous other threats and difficulties in Ukraine. This turned out to be untrue, but some of the English supporters decided to enhance their own reputation as uncouth lager louts more interested in humiliating others and fighting than watching football.

On June 18, a group of Englishmen in the fan zone on Khreshchatyk Street approached a ticket scalper and stole two tickets from him. One of the group asked to have a closer look at the tickets, but then handed them quickly on to his friends.

The ticket holder tried to follow the ticket-passing chain, but the first Englishman blocked his entry into the Swedish Corner. One of the Ukrainian's friends tried to do the same, but a young, shirtless Englishman punched him in the face sending him to the ground. About three Englishmen then restrained the English puncher and removed him into the crowd of English fans in the Swedish corner. Security came but didn't resolve the situation.

"The behavior of the English fans was terrible, so this made me very upset at them," said Svitlana Logovinova, a 22-year-old from Zaporizhzhya who saw the ticket theft. "My opinion of the English has dropped significantly, but I

can't say this about all the English."

Others were also disappointed with the behavior of England fans. Local media reported that Euro 2012 volunteers had hard times talking drunk English fans down from tree branches and off the cafe tables.

English men in Kyiv were also noticed entertaining themselves by lifting Ukrainian women's skirts or breaking trees.

"I never thought anything bad about English fans or any other European fans," said Denys Tsyliuko, a 20-year-old fan from Kyiv. But an incident in the fan zone during the Ukraine-France game on June 15 changed his mind. He stepped away from his friends to find the bathroom and was right away stopped by the crowd of English men. "Ukraine? Ukraine?" they shouted. "Are you from Ukraine?" When he said he was, they all laughed and one exposed himself as the others laughed. "I was shocked. I didn't expect them to do something like that," says Tsyliuko. "Though I don't want to talk badly about all English fans. It's not fair to blame them all for the stupidity of a bunch of idiots."

Thankfully, such people proved to be in the minority: The majority of England fans were well behaved and joined in the festival of football.

The Swedish fans in Kyiv and Dutch fans in Kharkiv were in particular praised for their fun-loving approach to getting on with locals.

"They said before coming here they were warned that Ukraine is a



England fans cheer at the end of Group D match between England and Ukraine in Donetsk, June 19. Some of the English supporters enhanced their own reputation while staying in Ukraine as uncouth lager louts more interested in humiliating others and fighting than watching football. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)

highly dangerous country and most Ukrainians are addicts to cheap drugs. I thought these European football fans would be dull, reserved people interested only in football," said Arina Moroz, a 20-year-old Ukrainian student who spend many hours in the fan zone and made friends with the Swedish guests.

Thousands of Sweden fans covered Kyiv for three weeks in their yellow and blue. The hordes of tall, blond Scandinavian men sang songs, drank Ukrainian beer and gazed at Ukrainian

beauties all over the capital. The handsome blue-eyed Swedes proved a hit with some Ukrainian women by thinking up humorous ways to get to know them, for example by flirting using spontaneous games of football to see which girls would join in.

"They were so sweet and funny," Moroz said.

The Dutch also proved to be keen to make friends, playing instruments and even singing the Ukrainian national anthem in Kharkiv.

"I never thought that European

people are rude or something, but I did think this about football fans," said Serhiy Herts, a Ukrainian football fan. "The press described them as aggressive, unfriendly and wild, but that appeared to be not true." Herts described how in the fan zone an unknown Dutch guy offered him and his friends drinks and they all ended up talking as if they had known each other for years.

The tournament gave Ukrainians the opportunity to get to know Western Europeans better, and some noted the difference in character.

"They are much more open and freer than we are. They never hesitate to express their feelings and emotions," said Yuriy Besedovsky, a souvenir salesman. He said many of his customers were keen to chat to him.

"Many people told us their personal stories when buying something, saying that this towel with Euro 2012 symbol will go to Russia's Kamchatka or the Netherlands," he said.

"I think we have a lot of things to learn from them," Herts said. He has been working as a steward at the Olympic Stadium for three weeks and said he had been impressed by European fans' politeness and friendliness. "They know how to support their team and have special songs. But the main thing is that they are always cheerful and positive," he said.

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Tournament unites nation, even after team eliminated

BY MATT PENTZ
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As the clock ticked into extra time and Ukraine's hopes of overturning a 1-0 deficit against England dwindled on June 19, a sense of dread crept into the hearts of not only Yellow-Blues supporters, but tournament organizers.

Fellow co-host Poland was already out and now Ukraine was, too. Could the locals really be expected to stay interested in the tournament?

The answer came in the eighth minute of the England-Italy quarterfinal at Kyiv's Olympic Stadium on June 24. The chant started spontaneously before spreading out from its origin high above one of the corner flags: "Oo-kry-ee-nah." It was louder than anything supporters of the participants could muster up. Even the notoriously deafening England fans had to be impressed.

It was the clearest sign yet that Ukrainians have taken over Euro 2012. Their boys may be out, but fears of a declining interest and swaths of empty seats were proven emphatically wrong.

The tournament had already served its purpose as a powerful uniting tool. Ukraine's thrilling come-from-behind win over Sweden in their opener sent the nation into hysteria. Chants and horns blared throughout the capital in a sign of unprecedented patriotism.

"We put a lot of Ukrainian flags on the cars, which was something



you never saw before," said Iryna Bekeshkina, a Kyiv-based sociologist. "At our stadiums, people did not divide themselves between Russian speakers and Ukrainian speakers. They were together as football fans."

The bond was strengthened by a clear rallying point: Ukrainian legend Andriy Shevchenko. The 35-year-old striker cemented his status in national lore with a pair of goals against Sweden and became a figure every fan could get behind.

"(Having heroes) is especially important in our divided country," Bekeshkina said.

Ukraine's run had its low points, too. A listless two-goal loss to France even

drew whistles of derision from the home support. But a hard fought loss against England — which saw Marko Devic's 63rd minute equalizer ruled out — reunited the populace behind the team and ensured that Ukraine exited the tournament with pride.

"We were proud that Ukraine played football, that they didn't play anti-football," said Artem Frankov, editor of Football magazine. "Ukraine showed a very good, attacking style of football."

The loss provided fans with an excuse to bow out of the tournament equally gracefully. They had, after all, experienced more of an emotional roller-coaster than almost anyone else in the field. Ukrainians had contracted

football fever, though, and the party continued.

It helped that the biggest names all made deep runs. Semi-finalists Spain, Portugal, Germany and Italy each have a proud history. Seven of the last eight World Cup finals have involved at least one of these four. Portugal is the only side without a major trophy — the rest have silverware other countries would dream of.

"The tradition of our football is very oriented toward foreign football clubs," Frankov said. Portugal captain "Cristiano Ronaldo is an idol to many of our fans. I think that interest in Europe is great all over Ukraine."

Ukrainian interest in the Italian game was sparked by Shevchenko's glory years with AC Milan and remains high. Though it has little connection to Eastern Europe, the Barcelona-Real Madrid rivalry may be the best in the world, and the clubs supplied much of the talent on display in the Spain-Portugal semi-final. Bayern Munich is another club power, and most neutral observers in Kyiv have professed an admiration for the attacking style of the German national team.

There are plenty of reasons to remain engaged in Euro 2012, though Ukrainians needed very little extra motivation. They had already shrugged off plenty of reasons to tune out.

There were wide-spread rumors of corruption during the preparations and seemingly daily criticism from

outsiders with limited knowledge of the culture. Instead of succumbing to the negativity, many maintained a boundless optimism toward the tournament.

"For our country, (the tournament) is very important because the government improved the stadiums and transportation and hotels," said Ukrainian fan Andriy Gnibulsky.

"It is chance to improve our country."

Part of this opportunity for improvement came from interactions with visitors and, from the start, the Ukrainian people have taken full advantage. This has been a tournament of hospitality. Eager to dispel misconceptions, Ukrainians went above and beyond in their role of hosts.

"It was great for the image of Ukraine, to have people from Europe come in," Frankov said. "They could see a big contrast (from the media portrayal). They heard about Ukraine as a very bad country ... but they flew into Ukraine and saw that it was a normal country — with problems, yes, but small problems. There were no problems with the people — people are our main resource. All of our people were very glad to have foreign guests."

Kyiv has one match left to graciously host: the final on July 1. Don't be surprised when the Ukrainian fans steal the show.

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Pifer, Chow: US unhappy with Yanukovych's record

→4 football championship, but if it did, Obama would not be traveling to Ukraine to watch it play.

Third, while Chevron has won a tender to develop shale gas, many steps remain necessary before an actual contract can be signed. We hope the Chevron (and Shell) investments will succeed, but we also remember the international energy industry's interest in Ukraine in the late 1990s to participate in the ample geologic opportunities to increase conventional gas production onshore, followed by the interest in 2005-2006 to explore offshore Black Sea resources. How much new production resulted?

The kinds of barriers to these investments over the past 20 years in the non-transparent Ukrainian energy sector—gas price controls at the burner-tip and wellhead, selective access to the market and even data, state assets hijacked for private use, corporate raids on private energy investors, corrupt middlemen in energy trading, ineffective regulation, inefficient state energy companies—remain in spite of campaign promises made in 2009 on energy reforms by the current government.

The Kharkiv agreement in April 2010 failed to stabilize the critical gas relationship with Russia. Our recent conversations with a broad range of Ukrainian colleagues led us to be concerned that investment conditions have deteriorated in the last two years for everyone except for favored insiders. Given this background, we tend toward cautious optimism for the shale gas



U.S. President Barack Obama shake hands with Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych at the Nuclear Security Summit on April 12, 2010 in Washington, D.C. (AFP)

(and future offshore) tenders. We suspect the U.S. government does as well. Large energy investment projects take a long time and serious effort to negotiate properly, execute and mature. Governments should invite world-class companies, such as Chevron and Shell, to invest for sound economic reasons, not in an effort to achieve short-term political gain. And Bankova should disabuse itself of any notion that going

forward with such investments will buy it a "pass" in Washington on democracy problems.

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Welcome Sir Elton to Kyiv, again

Famous British singer Sir Elton John performs in Kyiv on Nov. 8, 2011. He returns on June 30 for a concert at 8 p.m. on Independence Square. (UNIAN)



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Shades of Soviet times in sunny Kyrgyzstan

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan – In Soviet times, it was promoted as “Sunny Kyrgyzstan.” Many citizens traveled to Lake Issyk Kul or Tian Shan Mountains. It was a cheap and safe way to spend holidays.

But now the Central Asian country is not so popular among Ukrainian tourists, and tickets to Bishkek are as expensive as those to New York. But if you like to discover out-of-the-way places, then welcome to Kyrgyzstan!

It's a place with a Soviet soul and a smiling, friendly Asian face, where the Russian language is still fondly spoken, and where an unhurried Islamic culture flows from climate and tradition, even as modern conveniences take hold.

My plane landed in Kyrgyzstan's Manas airport, where there is a transit center of U.S. armed forces and where the roar of huge transport planes annoys nearby villagers.

Arriving in Bishkek (it takes about 10 minutes and \$4 to get from the airport), I was astonished with its geographical position. It is lying in the valley surrounded by ancient rocky mountains. While going along the straight wide streets, I saw the old buildings with funny old-time warnings such as: “Keep matches away from children” or “Don't forget to switch off home appliances.”

The sun is almost at its zenith, so it's rather hot. But on every corner, citizens are sipping a traditional kyrgyz drink called shoro. Its recipe is a secret, but the barley-water brew costs 20 cents for 0.2 liters. Many citizens are wearing the national thick felt hat – Al Kolpak. The other outstanding feature is gold mining, with unique gold jewelry found at the airport duty-free store.

But modern-life has indeed intruded and nobody has to worry about Internet access: free Wi-Fi spots are dotted all around the center of Bishkek, courtesy of Kyrgyztelecom company. Almost all cafes and shopping malls provide wireless communication.

And free maps at art shops will help tourists find their way around.

What to see?

Along the longest street, Chui Boulevard, monumental architecture shows the power of the republic. Here are the House of Parliament, the huge National Philharmonic House, the National Opera, the → 22

BY DARYNA SHEVCHENKO
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Elton John must like Kyiv. He's coming to sing here again, and he is doing it for free.

On June 30, the day before the final match of Euro 2012 in Kyiv, the British singer-songwriter legend will be performing in the fan zone of Maidan Nezalezhnosti. He will share the stage with Queen+Adam Lambert.

Olena Pinchuk's ANTIAIDS Foundation is organizing the event in cooperation with the Union of European Football Associations. The performance is organized as an anti-AIDS benefit, with the slogan: “Your life is not a game! Let's stop AIDS together.”

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to attend the concert. Millions will have a chance to watch it live on TV in Ukraine and Poland, according to the foundation's press statement.

There will be an invitation-only VIP

zone. Those who get in there are expected to donate to fighting AIDS, though. Elton John has his own AIDS Foundation.

Born Reginald Kenneth Dwight in 1947, the multiple Grammy winner has visited Ukraine at least four times in recent years.

He came for gala performances in 2007 and 2011, and once for a private performance at former President Leonid Kuchma's birthday party. Olena Pinchuk, whose foundation invited Sir John this time, is the ex-president's daughter and the wife of Viktor Pinchuk, one of Ukraine's richest billionaires.

Apart from joint projects and friendships with the Kuchma-Pinchuk family, Elton John has developed a tie of his own in Ukraine. In 2009 he and his partner, David Furnish, expressed a wish to adopt a Ukrainian child from an orphanage for AIDS-affected children.

Lev, then a 14 months old boy, and his brother had parents who could not take care of them. Yet the Ukrainian

authorities rejected the duo's request for adoption for two reasons: At age 62, Elton John was too old by Ukrainian law to adopt a child. They may have gone around that obstacle by getting Furnish, then 46, to adopt the child, but Ukrainian law does not recognize same-sex marriages.

“That is a disgrace and I am afraid Ukraine is far behind the rest of the world. Wake up, Ukraine. Wake up to people rights. You are living in the 19th century. Get to the 21st century and start treating gay people as human beings,” Elton John said then.

Nevertheless, he vowed to continue supporting Lev and his brother. He is now funding up to three dozen AIDS-related charity projects in Ukraine, where about 1.6 percent of the population is infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, according to non-government organizations' estimates.

In his comments to the Independent newspaper last December, Elton John said that the only possible way for Ukraine to stop the disease is to get rid

of a stigma in the country against those who are HIV positive and against the gay community in particular.

Elton John's activities in Ukraine are frowned upon by the local churches and religious groups, who even staged a protest against his arrival in winter 2011. Nevertheless, his arrival causes an excitement among his audience, which has been buzzing excitedly online about the free concert.

His concert in 2007 gathered a crowd of 200,000 people, and is expected to be even more popular this year, when passions are already running high because of the football championship. Coupled with Queen, another all-time favorite band of the Ukrainians, the crowds might get quite scary.

Elton John and Queen with Adam Lambert

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Night Owl

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An outdoors party

Near parliament yet hidden in lush-green hills stands possibly the strangest club in Kyiv – the Green Theater. Once a ruin of a fortification structure, it served as an outdoor theater briefly during Soviet times. Along with the Soviet Union, the Green Theater decayed and became shelter for hippies, wanderers and other forsaken souls.

But ultimately, it was quietly privatized, fenced off and turned into a summer party zone. To find it, you have to head along Parkova

Alley following directions to Kureni, the famous ethnic restaurant on the hills. The fence around the Green Theater is hard to miss. You will go down a few steps as you enter its territory, and will find a stage with seats at the end, with a bar stretching on your right to pick an aperitif.

This year, it opened the season on the same day that Euro 2012 football championship games kicked off – on June 8. Parties have been kicking four times per week and will continue in this high-paced rhythm until about September.

Entrance is Hr 70 or Hr 50 if you are lucky enough to be handed a leaflet in the street. Rain is not a problem, either. A part of the club has a marquee stretched over it.

Drinks are reasonably priced. The cheapest thing to drink is juice (Hr 10). But who needs that when vodka shots go for Hr 20 and long drinks for Hr 30-40.

Music here varies. A live act is often followed by indie or rock, after which electronic DJs kick in. Sometime you find yourself dancing and even singing to silly pop tunes. Usually and whatever the music, big crowds get lure into the magic atmosphere provided by dancing outdoors at a "Green Theater."

Mathew Hunter, a designer living in Kyiv, came to the club for the first time on June 8. He had not heard any of the legends or stories associated with the place.

"I'm here for the first time, and never heard any myth about this place, but surprisingly everyone else did," says Hunter. But that's not what he came for, anyway. "I didn't like the music in the beginning because I don't have any clue who was singing, but the next DJ who played was good."

On the night Kyiv Post visited, the atmosphere was relaxing. People were young, friendly, chatty and interesting. The word "non-conformist" comes to mind.

"I was pleasantly surprised when Green was open. People here look adequate and interesting. I feel comfortable among the hipsters public," says Daryna Hozeeva, who works as a tour organizer for trips to the Carpathian Mountains.

"But the main advantage is the location. The panorama of Kyiv is awesome," she added.

Apart from the panorama, the place offers a range of simpler human comforts. Down the hill from the main white dance and lounge area, a separate building houses toilets no worse than the ones in the fan zone on Khreshchatyk.

Those people seeking privacy or just rest from the music and crowd can hide in an alcove of the ancient fortification wall, or choose a seat there that allows one to observe the panorama of Kyiv.

Air! That's the main advantage of the club. It does not matter how many people smoke, there is always plenty to breathe which, in turn, allows you to party till the small hours of dawn.

It's a great feeling when you're dancing and suddenly realize the sun is rising in the sky. The night flies by, but somehow you still feel fresh and happy as a new day starts without the regular hours of sleep.

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Outdoor parties at the Green Theater offer a lot of fun, music and alcohol. (Courtesy)



Husband hunters scout football fans

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The beauty of Ukrainian women has earned them international fame, but it's not helping some of them find prospective husbands among the thousands of male football fans who came from abroad to the Euro 2012 championship.

Although the fans seem to be happy to meet the women, tying the knot does not seem to be on their agenda.

"We came here because of the reputation of Ukrainian women for being beautiful and seductive," says Frenchman Patrick, who does not want to give his last name because "it was difficult to convince our wives to let us go."

Patrick said only one of his friends is looking for a woman for a long-term relationship.

All in their 40s, they have been struck "by the amount of beauty per square meter," as he puts it. They have had a good time trying to "meet people, eat with them, talk with them, play football."

"The level of welcome that we have received was phenomenal, people really opened their hearts," says Laurent, the one Frenchman looking for his Eastern European love.

She might have been just a few steps away.

Two young Ukrainian ladies, both 17, have spent a lot of their time just outside the official fan zone in Kyiv. Despite their youth, Anastasia Ishchenko and Masha Komova thought Euro 2012 presented them with the perfect opportunity to meet the loves of their lives.

They haven't had any luck yet, or even much attention, but still hope that anything can happen. "Of course we want to meet new people. There are a lot of people and a lot of handsome men here," Komova says. Both young women agree that nationality and religion do not matter when it comes to love.

The hot weather enveloping Kyiv has prompted young women to dress lightly. Combined with the beer that fans drank to stay cool, these chance



Foreign football fans in Kyiv for the Euro 2012 tournament relax on Khreshchatyk Street as a woman strolls by. (Ganna Beryk)

encounters are often filled with effusive, alcohol-fueled – though undoubtedly sincere – compliments.

"Ukrainian girls are very, very beautiful and very friendly," says Claes Furk, a 38-year old Swedish fan. Along with two of his buddies, he has tried to make friends with some Ukrainian beauties, but has had no luck so far.

"We sat and talked to them for about two hours, but when we asked them to show us around the city they just disappeared," he complains. Furk says he still hopes to meet a couple of nice Ukrainian women before the end of the tournament.

He might be lucky, as Ukrainians have really liked the friendly Swedes, who sadly departed after their team was knocked out of the tournaments. Ukrainians swarmed to Trukhaniv Island, where the Swedish camp is located, for a closer look. Dozens of beauties relaxed on the nearby beaches, in bathing suits and without. But the Swedes don't yield to easy temptations.

Maryna David, 45, who had succeeded in marrying a foreigner in the past, says she understands those women who want to do the same. "Ukrainian men mostly lack generosity and good manners," she says. At the same time,

she warns Ukrainian women to be careful not to create the wrong image for themselves and fellow ladies.

"Many Ukrainian girls behave the wrong way trying to attract foreigners' attention," she says. "If a girl wears a short skirt, she will attract men's attention - though most likely not the kind of attention she wants."

David, a psychologist, is sure that the majority of foreigners who came here for Euro 2012 are not looking for a serious relationship and don't take Ukrainian women seriously.

Furk, the Swede who was charmed with Ukrainian beauties, agrees. He and his friends burst out laughing when asked about how serious their intentions are for Ukrainian ladies. "This is just for fun," Furk says.

Yulia Titova, manager of a dating agency in Kyiv, said nothing has changed in terms of long-term interest in relationships between Ukrainian women and foreign men. "Ukrainian women have not become more interested in foreigners, and foreigners have not become more interested in Ukrainian women," she concludes.

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June 29-30

Andriyivsky Uzviz goes musical

Andriyivsky Uzviz may be known as the place of arts and crafts, but there's no reason it shouldn't be a music destination, too. **Two days of rock, jazz, lounge and electronic music** are awaiting those who visit it on June 29-30.

The bands range from startup acts to stage veterans and include The Vjo, Grozovska Band, ILLARIA, Shopping Hour, Asia Tengri, Qarpa and Vexlarsky Orchestra. Bands from Ukraine, Serbia, the U.S. and Kazakhstan will also perform.

Master classes and talks with musicians are also planned. The festival is taking place for the first time, but organizers hope it will become an annual tradition.

Andriyivsky Uzviz music festival. June 29-30. 30-34 Andriyivsky Uzviz. Free

Friday, June 29

Classical music

Evening of Jazz. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 45-90 1

Classics on Fridays. Works of Debussy, Stravinsky (piano). Master Klass. 8 p.m. Hr 40 5

Live music

Bangladesh Orchestra & Red Rocks (rock hits). Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 50 1

Tabula Rasa & Partizanskiye Vytivky (Russian rock hits). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 50 2

Without Limits (rock). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 50 4

TaRuta (ethno rock, disco). Divan. 8 p.m. Free 5

Stepan I Meduza (art rock). Green Theatre. 8 p.m. Hr 70 2

Clubs

Shushukin (Futuristic DJ from Moscow). Mantra. 10 p.m. Hr 100 for females, Hr 200 for males 4

Summer Bash. Green Theatre. 10 p.m. Hr 70 2

Samohon Party. Saxon. 10 p.m. Hr 15-30 for females, Hr 20-40 for males 5

Classic Trance, Vinyl Edition. Forsage. 11 p.m. Hr 20-40 for females, Hr 25-50 for males 10

Theaters

Family Dinner (comedy). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-200 2

Giselle (ballet). Kyiv Opera and Ballet Theater for Children and Youth. 7 p.m. Hr 20-50 10

Eugene Onegin (opera). Opera Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 10-200 6

The Marriage Of Figaro (comedy). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-150 1

Movies

You Instead. Zhovten. 1:40 p.m., 3:10 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8 p.m. Hr 24-35 1

You Instead. Kyiv. 4 p.m., 7:20 p.m. Hr 30-40 2

Miscellaneous

Andriyivsky Uzviz Music Festival. Andriyivsky uzviz. Free

Euro 2012 Flower Exhibition. Spivoch pole park near Lavra. Hr 20 10

Ukraina Terra Cossacorum. Polish and Ukrainian Culture Fest. Mamayeva Sloboda. Hr 40, Hr 20 for kids 6

Kyiv Sculpture Project. Central Botanical Garden. Hr 20 2

Cultural Luggage (art exhibition).

National Art Museum of Ukraine. Hr 10-20 5

Ukrainian Fireworks (art exhibition). Mytets Gallery. 11 a.m. Free 2

Trypilske Kolo (ethnic music festival). Rzhyschiv village in Kyiv Oblast. Hr 100-200

Shows

The Doors. Stereo Plaza. 9 p.m. Hr 350-2,500 5

Nikita. Just C.A.F.E. 10 p.m. Hr 200-400 2

Saturday, June 30

Classical music

Works of Charles-Marie Widor (organ). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 30-100 2

Symphony Orchestra of the National Philharmonic of Ukraine **Playing Brahms, Shostakovich.** National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 30-120 1

Live music

Renaissance & Tex-Mex Company. Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 50 1

April & Honey Top (modern covers). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 50 2

MJ Project (cover band). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 50 4

Rolyova Model (punk rock). Divan. 8 p.m. Free 5

Clubs

Radio Ajour Party. Ajour. 9 p.m. Free for females, Hr 150 for males 2

Kiev Underground. Forsage. 11 p.m. Hr 20-40 for females, Hr 25-50 for males 10

Wow Shop Dream Night. Crystal Hall. 11 p.m. Hr 50, Hr 20 for those in list 2

Theaters

Zorba The Greek (Life and Adventures of Alexis Zorbas). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-200 1

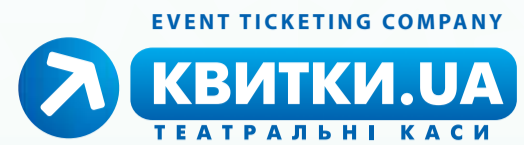
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Miss Kyivska Rus (beauty pageant). Kyivska Rus Park. Hr 60 10

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Euro 2012 Flower Exhibition. Spivoch pole park near Lavra. Hr 20 10

Ukraina Terra Cossacorum. Polish and Ukrainian Culture Fest. Mamayeva Sloboda. Hr 40, Hr 20 for kids 6

Kyiv Sculpture Project. Central Botanical Garden. Hr 20 2

Cultural Luggage. National Art

Museum of Ukraine. Hr 10-20 5

Ukrainian Fireworks (art exhibition). Mytets Gallery. 11 a.m. Free 2

Shows

Elton John and Queen. Kyiv Euro 2012 official fan zone. 8 p.m. Free 5

I Miss My Death. Club To Be First. 5 p.m. Hr 50 2

Sunday, July 1

Live music

Antitela. Docker Pub. 11:30 p.m. Hr 75 1

Animals Session (classic rock). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Free 2

Soyuz 44 (jazz jam session). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Free 4

Miss Kyivska Rus

June 30



This won't be your ordinary beauty contest. The Kyivska Rus medieval theme park in the Kyiv region is set to prove that **modern Ukrainian women are at least equal to the Kyiv Rus princesses in both beauty and wisdom.**

Ladies from all over Ukraine are competing for the title of Miss Kyivska Rus. Their talents, including intellectual and sports skills, will be judged by an expert jury. There will also be some posing on the catwalk, with women wearing medieval clothing, modern beachwear and evening dresses.

Apart from the competition, the park's horse theater will perform, and the evening will end with a fireworks display.

Miss Kyivska Rus. June 30. Kyivska Rus Park. Hr 60

Kiev Cricket League (KCL) - 2012

Fixtures

Match No	Date	Team 1	Team 2	Time
League Stage				
7	30.06.2012	KCC	Kagarlyk	12:00 PM
8		KCC II	Friends	4:00 PM
9	01.07.2012	KCC	KCC II	12:00 PM
10		Kagarlyk	Seniors	4:00 PM
11	07.07.2012	Friends	Kings XI	12:00 PM
12		KCC II	Seniors	4:00 PM
13	08.07.2012	Kings XI	Seniors	12:00 PM
14		Kagarlyk	Friends	4:00 PM
15	09.07.2012	Friends	Seniors	12:00 PM
16	14.07.2012	Team 1 Vs Team 2		9:00 AM
17		Team 3 Vs Team 4		1:00 PM
18	15.07.2012	Loser of Team 1 & 2 Vs Winner of 3 & 4		4:00 PM
19		FINAL		3:00 PM

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Bubbles Strike. Saxon. 11 p.m. Hr 20 ⑤
Back To USSR. Ajour. 9 p.m. Free ⑤

Theaters

Carmen (opera). Opera Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 20-200 ⑥

Movies

You Instead. Zhovten. 1:40 p.m., 3:10 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8 p.m. Hr 24-35 ①
You Instead. Kyiv. 4 p.m., 7:20 p.m. Hr 30-40 ②

Miscellaneous

Trypilske Kolo (ethnic music festival). Rzhyschiv village in Kyiv Oblast. Hr 100-200
Euro 2012 Flower Exhibition. Spivoche pole park near Lavra. Hr 20 ⑤
Ukraina Terra Cossacorum. Polish and Ukrainian Culture Fest. Mamayeva Sloboda. Hr 40, Hr 20 for kids ⑥

Kyiv Sculpture Project. Central Botanical Garden. Hr 20 ⑤
The Evening of Tango with Kiev Tango Project. Master Klass. 8 p.m. Hr 70 ⑤

Cultural Luggage. National Art Museum of Ukraine. Hr 10-20 ⑤
Ukrainian Fireworks (art exhibition). Mytets Gallery. 11 a.m. Free ⑤

Monday, July 2

Classical music

Organ Duo Evening. Works of Bach, Handel, Mozart, Grieg, Tchaikovsky. House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 30-100 ②

Live music

Tex-Mex Company. Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free ①
Hot Guys (cover band). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Free ②
Mlada (folk). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Free ④

Theaters

Too Happy To Be A Father (comedy). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 20-200 ②
Wife Is Wife (premiere). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-200 ①

Movies

You Instead. Zhovten. 1:40 p.m., 3:10 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8 p.m. Hr 24-35 ①
You Instead. Kyiv. 4 p.m., 7:20 p.m. Hr 30-40 ②

Miscellaneous

Cultural Luggage. National Art Museum of Ukraine. Hr 10-20 ⑤
Euro 2012 Flower Exhibition. Spivoche pole park near Lavra. 9 a.m. Hr 20 ⑤
Ukrainian Fireworks (art exhibition). Mytets Gallery. 11 a.m. Free ⑤

Tuesday, July 3

Classical music

Stabat Mater by Giovanni Pergolesi (organ, trumpet, harpsichord). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 20-80 ②

Live music

Animals Session (classic rock). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free ①
Chill Out (disco rock). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 20 ②
Murenko Trio (jazz). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Free ④
Vertitski. Divan. 8 p.m. Free ⑤

Theaters

Marriage (based on Nikolay Gogol)



The Doors of 21st century

This Saturday will be a great day for rock lovers. Two former members of The Doors, one of the **most influential and controversial American rock band of the 1960s**, are coming to Kyiv to perform the band's best hits. Ray Manzarek and Robby Krieger are the real granddads of psychedelic music. Even after the death of the band's legendary frontman Jim Morrison in 1971, their music continues to fascinate generations of rock fans. The band's best albums were re-released and several movies about them were filmed. The Manzarek-Krieger Kyiv show is supposed to be a mixture of old good American rock, decadent atmosphere and strong sound.
The Doors. June 29. Stereo Plaza. 9 p.m. Hr 350-2,500

play). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-150 ①

A Mad Night Or Pigden's Marriage (comedy, based on Ray Cooney's play "Out of order"). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 20-200 ②

Zorba The Greek (ballet). Opera Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 20-300 ⑥

Movies

You Instead. Zhovten. 1:40 p.m., 3:10 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8 p.m. Hr 24-35 ①
You Instead. Kyiv. 4 p.m., 7:20 p.m. Hr 30-40 ②

Wednesday, July 4

Classical music

Lyatoshynsky Classical Music Ensemble Playing Bach's Cantatas. House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 30-90 ②

CELLOvek Concert. Works of Bach, Boismortier, Guy, Sollima (violin/cello). Master Klass. 8 p.m. Hr 40 ⑤

Theaters

Heavenly Deal (premiere). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-200 ①

Carmen Suite. Scheherazade (one-act ballets). Opera Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 10-200 ⑥

Live music

Rockin' Wolves (rock). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free ①
The Magma (pop rock). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 30 ②
Cadillac Records (blues rock). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Free ④
Jazz Wednesday With Silvery Tone. Divan. 8 p.m. Free ⑤

Movies

You Instead. Zhovten. 1:40 p.m., 3:10 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8 p.m. Hr 24-35 ①
You Instead. Kyiv. 4 p.m., 7:20 p.m. Hr 30-40 ②

Miscellaneous

Biennale Night. Mystetskyi Arsenal. 9 p.m. Hr 20 ⑦

Thursday, July 5

Classical music

Kyiv-Brass Chamber Ensemble Playing Handel, Mendes, Piazzolla, Khachaturian, Shostakovich, Bilousov. House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 20-80 ②

Live music

Mama Mia (italiano disco). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free ①
Ruki V Briuki (rockabilly). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 30 ②

Balkan Music. Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Free ④

Epheer (acoustic). Divan. 8 p.m. Free ⑤

Theaters

Cross Paths (based on Ivan Franko's novel). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-200 ①

Family Dinner (comedy). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-200 ②

Natalka Poltavka (opera). Opera Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 10-200 ⑥

Movies

It looks pretty from a distance. Zhovten. 6 p.m. Hr 32 ①

Friday, July 6

Classical music

Classics on Fridays. Works of Tchaikovsky, Strauss, Mozart, Verdi, Gounod, Kalman, Kolpakov, Shevchenko (piano, vocal). Master Klass. 8 p.m. Hr 40 ⑤

Live music

Motor'rola & Some Like It Hot (jazz rock). Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 75 ①

Bangladesh Orchestra & Tex-Mex Company. Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 75 ②

Theaters

Edith Piaf. A Life On A Loan (musical). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-200 ①

Overture, Goodbye (based on Ivan Franko's novel). Franko Theater, chamber stage. 7 p.m. Hr 30-70 ①

Swan Lake (ballet). Opera Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 10-200 ⑥

Shows

Katya Chilly (folk, world, jazz). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Fee to be announced ④

Saturday, July 7

Classical music

Works of Vivaldi, Bach, Handel (organ). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 20-80 ②

Live music

Tabula Rasa & Dydyia Vasya. Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 75 ①
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TUID Wins Business Association Football Championship

The Vice President of TUID Burak Pehlivan is opening the tournament and Mustafa Tanyeri from TUID



All team (TUID, DWK, ACC, AIU)

The President of DWK Hilmar Enke is watching the matches with Burak Pehlivan the Vice President of TUID

A team representing the Turkish and Ukrainian Businessmen's Association (TUID) became champions of a football tournament jointly organized by TUID, the German Business Club of Ukraine (DWK), the Italian and Ukrainian Businessmen's Association and the American Chamber of Commerce.

The event, which took place in the European Village located under the Friendship Arch in Kyiv, made an excellent impression on the members of the four international associations who were present. Food and drinks were provided by Tike Turkish restaurant.

During his introduction to the tournament, DWK President Hilmar Enke emphasized the importance of joint events like the tournament. He said that he would like to see other joint programs in the future which would build friendly relationships between foreign businessmen in Ukraine.

"It doesn't matter who wins today, but let it be fair play," he concluded.

TUID Vice President Burak Pehlivan said that he felt that the social and cultural bonds between members and officers of international business associations in Ukraine were becoming stronger every day, and that similar events should be organized more often. He noted that the tournament was the first event to bring four business associations from four different countries together.

"Herr Enke's speech was excellent as usual," he said, adding, "I completely agree with him that the victory of friendship among gentlemen is above all, but if the cup is won by the Turkish team in a fair game, that won't be bad at all!" He thanked the sponsors that helped hold a high-quality event.

The Turkish team won all of its three matches to win the tournament. The Germans took second place, and Italy was awarded third place.

band). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 75

MJ Project (cover band). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 50

Theaters

1001 Passion, Or The Little Nothings Of Life (comedy). Lesya Ukrainka Theater, new stage. 6 p.m. Hr 100

The Dream Of A Ridiculous Man (based on Fedor Dostoyevsky's story). Franko Theater, chamber stage. 7 p.m. Hr 30-70

The Taming Of The Shrew (based on William Shakespeare's play). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-200

Don Carlos (opera by Giuseppe Verdi). Opera Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 10-200

Miscellaneous

Cossack Mamay Knight Championship. Mamayeva Sloboda. Hr 40-100

Sunday, July 8

Live music

Chill Out (disco rock). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free

Some Like It Hot (jazz rock). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Free

Soyuz 44 (jazz jam session). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Free

Trypilske Kolo fest

The fifth Ukrainian ethnic music festival Trypilske Kolo takes place on a picturesque field near Rzhyshev, a town south of Kyiv next to the Dnipro River in the cradle of ancient Tripillya culture on June 28 - July 1.

The festival targets children and adults, music and crafts lovers, and whoever is partial to all things ethnic and the idea of reconnecting with nature and your roots.

The festival's master-classes will teach you to make things like traditional dolls. You will be able to get a henna tattoo, a vyshyvanka (a Ukrainian embroidered shirt) or beautiful handmade jewelry presented by craftsmen from all over Ukraine and neighboring countries.

Trypilske Kolo (ethnic-music festival). June 28 - July 1. Rzhyshev. Hr 200 for three days, Hr 150 for two days.



Through July 1

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Club 44. 10 p.m. Free

Theaters

Romeo and Juliette (tragedy, based on William Shakespeare's play). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-120

Last Love (drama). Lesya Ukrainka Theater, new stage. 6 p.m. Hr 50

Shows

Vasya V. (Kirpichi). Underground Music Hall. 8 p.m. Hr 90-110

Miscellaneous

Cossack Mamay Knight Championship. Mamayeva Sloboda. Hr 40-100

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World Traveler: Wonders of Kyrgyzstan



The yurt for Kyrgyz is not only a national symbol but a place for shepherds to live. (Olena Goncharova)

→ **17** Historical Museum and the other interesting places. Cozy parks with chinar trees are the best places to relax and play a favored game of table tennis.

Sunny weather helps for a nice tan, even if you don't have time to visit a famous recreation place such as the giant Lake Issyk-Kul, which means "warm water" because it never freezes over. A marshrutka shuttle bus from the central Bishkek station can, however, take you there in five hours for \$9. Booking hotels in advance helps save money and taxis can even be ordered from the airport to the resort.

Another attraction is the Ysyk-Ata resort, 80 kilometers from Bishkek, where there's well-known hot springs resort in the country.

Savage mountain landscapes are available for the rugged traveler. Peak

Jengish Chokusu (Pobeda Peak or Victory Peak) is the highest point of the country at some 7,439 meters. There in the mountains you see yurts where shepherds live. Travel by car is rather cheap here.

What to eat?

For national cuisine (caution: very spicy!), head over to the city center for meat dishes and don't forget about coffee drinks for \$2. We rested at a city cafe and ordered manty – mutton loaves and also samosa, a pastry with various fillings (especially peas, onions

Flight Kyiv-Bishkek return ticket – \$550 (Ukrainian International Airlines).
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or cheese), the favorite national dish. Fresh fruit, especially apricots and cherries, are in ample and cheap supply. Kyrgyzstan is a paradise for beer lovers, with the national beer sold in every market.

What to buy?

Souvenirs are also cheap. You can choose from a range of tea bowls with national ornaments (\$5) or a felt shawl or warm slippers. A variety of carpets with traditional symbols catch eye, and porcelain figures with petroglyphs from the mountains are very interesting to look at. Magnets cost about \$1-1.5. Also buy dried apricots, raisins, cashews, almonds and spices – all these can be found at the markets.

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Dreamy days to love Ukraine

Oleh Skrypka, organizer of the Krayina Mriy festival, performs.



The crowd enjoys the show.



Festival participants engage in the ancient sport of archery.

➔ The atmosphere of the 9th annual Krayina Mriy (Land of Dreams) festival, held in Kyiv on June 22-23, was bright, authentic and warm as always. The festival for the "dreamers," as the organizer calls festival participants, was created by Ukraine's rock star and leader of VV band Oleh Skrypka. Since that time, every June brings Ukrainians and their guests two days of non-stop music, national beauty and fun time next to one of Ukraine's most ancient monasteries Kyiv Pecheska Lavra on the territory of Spivoch Pole national park. This year's two festive days included various master classes of national dances from different countries, dozens art and craft master classes for both children and adults on calligraphy, toys making and origami. Literature lovers got a chance to enjoy Ukraine's popular modern writers, who read their works from two literature stages. A crowd in embroidered national shirts kept singing even when Skrypka finally left the stage and declared the festival closed. - Daryna Shevchenko (Photos by Ganna Bernyk).



A Ukrainian girl, dressed in traditional vyshyvanka, dances.



A musician plays an ancient musical instrument made of clay.



Various master classes in traditional crafts for children are organized during Krayina Mriy (Land of Dreams) festival.

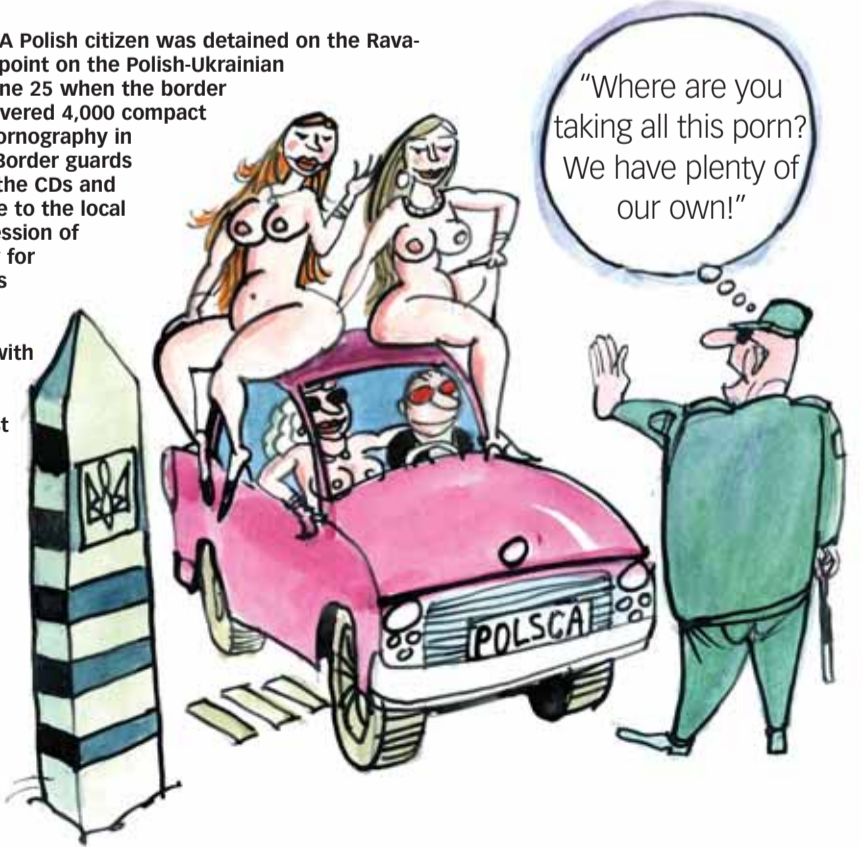
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"Be patient, guys, Euro 2012 is over soon. Until then - keep smiling!"

NEWS ITEM: President Viktor Yanukovich on June 25 praised the professionalism of Ukrainian Customs Service during Euro 2012, speaking on the Day of Customs Service of Ukraine. At the same time, the president reminded the government representatives that they are "one of main sources of filling the state budget" and asked them to improve their work. The head of the State Customs Service of Ukraine Ihor Kaletnik said the service generated Hr 60 billion for the national budget in the first half of the year.

NEWS ITEM: A Polish citizen was detained on the Rava-Ruska checkpoint on the Polish-Ukrainian border on June 25 when the border guards discovered 4,000 compact discs with pornography in his Fiat car. Border guards confiscated the CDs and sent the case to the local police. Possession of pornography for private use is not illegal in Ukraine, but possessing with the intent to distribute or sell is against the law.



"Where are you taking all this porn? We have plenty of our own!"