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### EU sanctions Ukraine's elected opposition leader

Brussels has accused Viktor Medvedchuk of “disseminating pro-Russian propaganda” in his own country and abroad



Exiled Ukrainian opposition leader Viktor Medvedchuk gives an interview to the Russian media. © Sputnik / Kristina Kormilitsyna

The EU has sanctioned exiled Ukrainian opposition leader Viktor Medvedchuk as well as 20 other individuals and six entities on accusations of being involved in what it described as “Russia’s destabilizing actions abroad.” Moscow has repeatedly rejected claims of meddling in internal affairs of the bloc’s member-states.

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Medvedchuk, who has been blacklisted by the EU since May 2024, was slapped with additional curbs on Tuesday when the European Council announced its 17th round of sanctions against Russia over the Ukraine conflict.

The restrictions against the former leader of Ukraine's banned Opposition Platform – For Life party and the others included an assets freeze in the EU and a ban on entering the bloc or transiting its territory, the council said in a statement.

The EU claims that Medvedchuk and his associates Artyom Marchevsky and Oleg Voloshin, who have also been sanctioned, *“controlled Ukrainian media outlets and used them to disseminate pro-Russian propaganda in Ukraine and beyond.”*



*“Through secret financing of the Voice of Europe media channel – also listed today – and his political platform Another Ukraine, Medvedchuk has promoted policies and actions intended to erode the legitimacy and credibility of the*

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German bloggers Thomas Roeper and Alina Lipp, as well as Turkish journalist Huseyin Dogru, the founder of AFA Medya company, are also among those added to the sanctions list.

Medvedchuk used to be the head of the largest opposition faction in the Ukrainian parliament. But after the escalation between Moscow and Kiev, he

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was branded a traitor and arrested. The 70-year-old businessman and politician spent months in detention before being handed over to Moscow in a prisoner swap in September last year. He has remained in exile in Russia since then, with his Ukrainian citizenship revoked and his party branded illegal, along with a dozen groups that opposed the government of Vladimir Zelensky.

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Moscow has on many occasions denied accusations of interfering in the electoral processes and internal affairs of EU nations. Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova previously accused the bloc of *“switching from propaganda to direct persecution of media outlets and journalists based on political, ethnic and cultural grounds.”*

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EU sanction Ukraine opposition leader, France prosecuted & banned opposition presidential front runner Le Pen from election, German government order secrete service to monitor biggest opposition party AfD and attempted to outlaw the party, Romania invalidated Presidential election result because pro-Russia candidate won, EU threaten to sanction Georgia if its election deposed pro-EU government, Moldova president stole election win by phantom oversea voters while losing domestic vote tally..... all the sign pointing EU to autocratic government with deteriorating democracy

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.....and add to that 2014 elections in Ukraine as well.

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Plus, who can forget Venezuela few years ago.

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**Zulo** 5/22/2025 at 5:40 PM ↑

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How many nations have been screwed over by the corporate system and denied independence over the past several decades.

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**Atim Harrydes** 5/21/2025 at 8:01 PM ↑

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And the elections of Belarussia, Turkiye, Pakistan's Imran Khan and still counting

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**D** **Dominique A.** 5/21/2025 at 8:04 PM 1


It's amazing how the EU still proclaims to be a beacon of democracy, liberty and freedom. Actually, the EU embodies all the opposite.

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 **M** 5/21/2025 at 8:09 PM 1


The more they say they are something, the less of that something they are.

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 **Zulo** 5/22/2025 at 5:38 PM 0

Those ghouls are simply trying to ripe the social fabric apart so that ever citizen follows their cult extremist pseudoscience sick ideology!

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Just showing its true colors as is NATO/UK/US the ghouls are fully exposed and they cannot hide their eugenics lockstep warp-speed agenda,

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**M** **Matthew** 5/21/2025 at 8:30 PM 3

Free speech in the EU – what free speech? The Iron Curtain is now descending on Europe from the West.

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Even in the soviet era, we had no problems identifying a male and female.

IT WOULD SEEM THE ENTIRE SWAMP OF THE wef/ eu/uk/us, seem to be hell bent on global dehumanization and eugenics just following the same handbook that the little DEAD fella was giving by the necrotic and parasitical Rothschild swamp!

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**G** **Gregory Bradley** 5/22/2025 at 12:40 AM

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Apparently in order to preserve «democracy» in the eyes of the EU, the first and most important step is to eliminate freedom of speech.

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