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# How to write about the environmental consequences of Russia's war in Ukraine

WEBINAR #7

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# Where to find accurate information about the environmental consequences of the war in Ukraine

Speaker: Aleksij Ovchinnikov, editor in chief, UWEC Work Group, Green Network member



- UWEC Work Group
- Topics covered
- Where to find information about environmental consequences



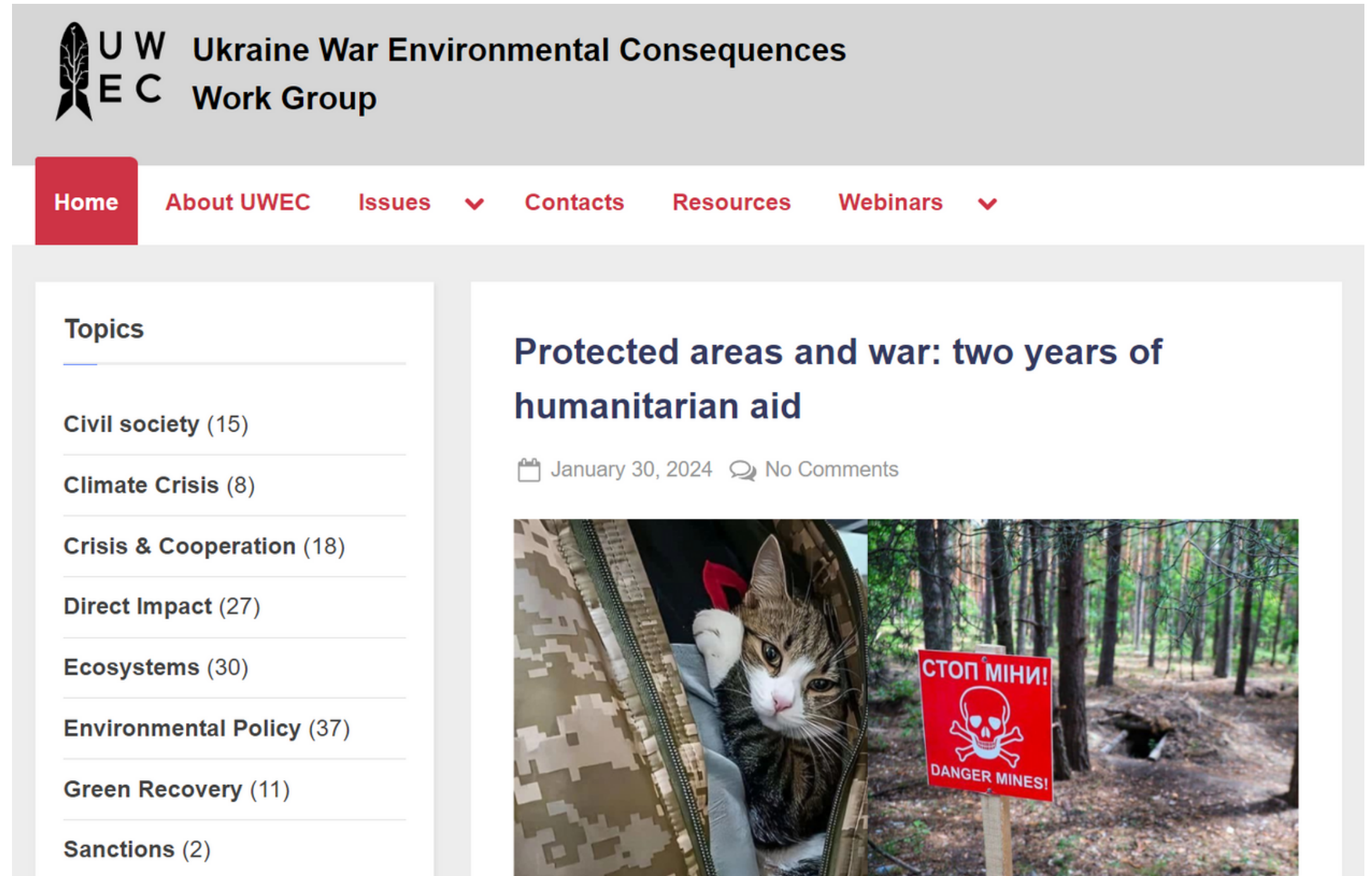


# UWEC Work Group



Analysis of the environmental consequences of Russia's military invasion of Ukraine

- Established in May-June 2022
- Main goal – share information about the war's environmental consequences, not only for Ukraine but for the whole region
- Participation in international initiatives to analyze environment and climate consequences of the war



**90+** analytical articles published

**7** webinars for journalists (available in Eng and Rus on YouTube)



# Topics covered:

- Protected areas in wartime
- Militarizations of border areas
- Collecting data on environmental consequences, OSINT-analysis, field research
- Environmental consequences of the destruction and restoration of artificial water reservoirs (Oskil, Irpen, Kakhovka Reservoir)
- Green recovery of Ukraine
- War's influence on transboundary areas such as the Black Sea
- Crisis between international environmental and climate policy

On the path to international recognition of ecocide

September 4, 2023 2 Comments



Gas intrigues: Pipelines, nature reserves, NGOs and the war

September 10, 2023 3 Comments



UNESCO condemns construction of border fences

November 16, 2023 1 Comment



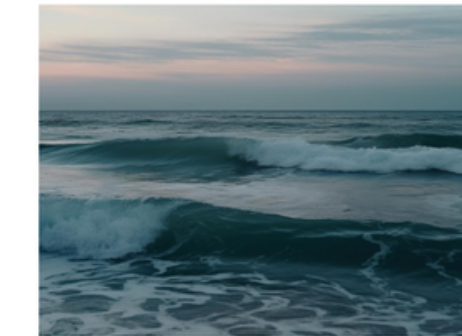
Russia opens a new front in its information war against Ukraine

December 1, 2023 No Comments



Black Sea heals its wounds: 4 months after the Kakhovka catastrophe

November 22, 2023 3 Comments



Ukrainian environmentalists unite against reconstruction of Kakhovka dam

December 21, 2023 1 Comment



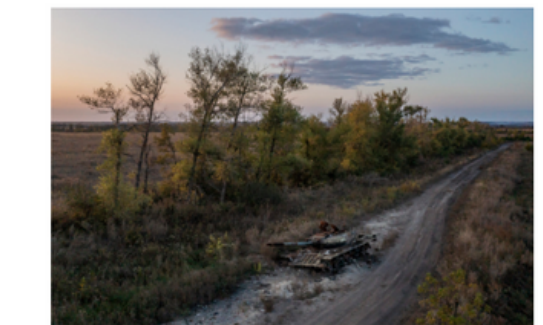
Fires in Askania-Nova: Consequences of military occupation of a reserve

October 8, 2023 2 Comments



Restoring Ukraine's nature post-war: Hopes and risks

November 10, 2023 No Comments





# Finding information on environmental consequences



**UWEC Work Group List of specialized information resources >>>**

We collected sources of information in [one table](#) (opens in new window):

UWEC List of Information Centers and Monitoring Tools.xlsx					
Name of project or database	Organization	Partner(s)	Scope: 1 war and environment // 2 environment // 3 war damage // 4 other //5 old data	Link	Key inform crises and
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Russian War Against Ukraine: Energy Dimension	Dixi Group		1	<a href="https://dixigroup.org/en/analytic-cat/war-in-ukraine/">https://dixigroup.org/en/analytic-cat/war-in-ukraine/</a>	DiXi Group consultation
Information centers & databases <a href="#">Reports &amp; research papers (under development)</a>					





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# Ukraine conflict environmental briefing

*Photo: скрин <https://ceobs.org/>*

## **CEOBS**

Conflict and Environment Observatory

**One of the largest research centers**  
specializing in the analysis of the impacts  
of military conflicts

Together with Zoi Environmental Network,  
CEOBS has published a **research series** on  
the influence of the war on Ukraine's and  
the larger region's environment





# Introduction to Ecoaction: our work during and beyond the war

Photo: скрин <https://en.ecoaction.org.ua/>

## EcoAction

A Ukrainian environmental organization that is **actively campaigning to monitor the war's environmental consequences**, advances Ukraine's **green recovery processes**, and advocates for a **carbon embargo**.





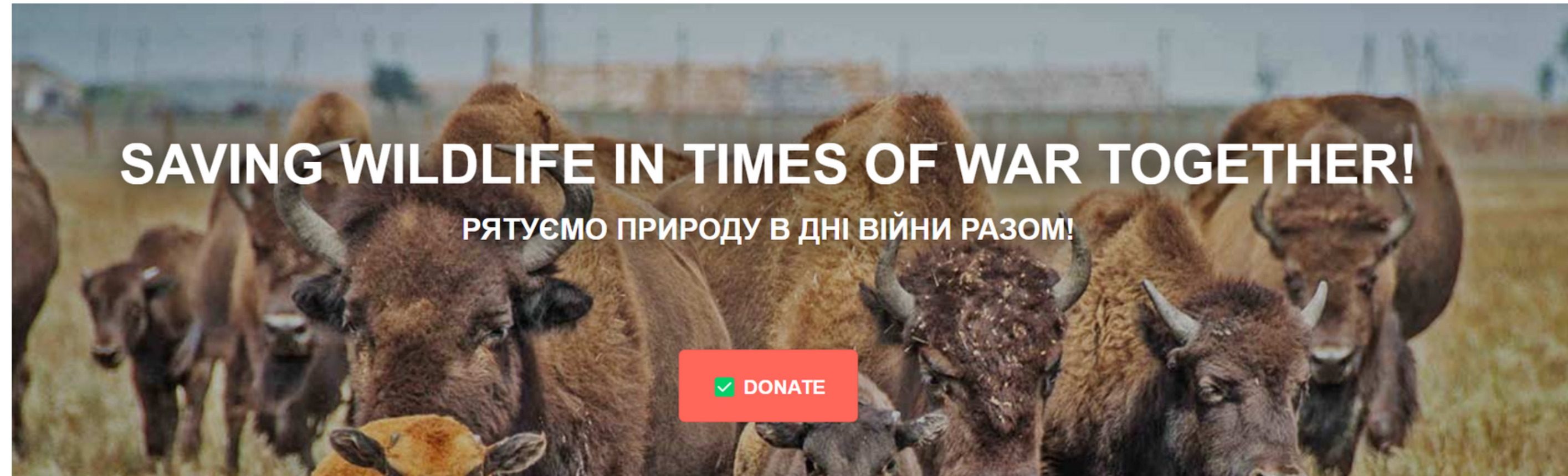


Photo: скрин <https://uncg.org.ua/en/>

## UNCG

Ukrainian Nature Conservation Group

The organization **analyzes the impact of war on ecosystems** and **supports the work of reserves and national parks**, many of which have been significantly damaged during the war.





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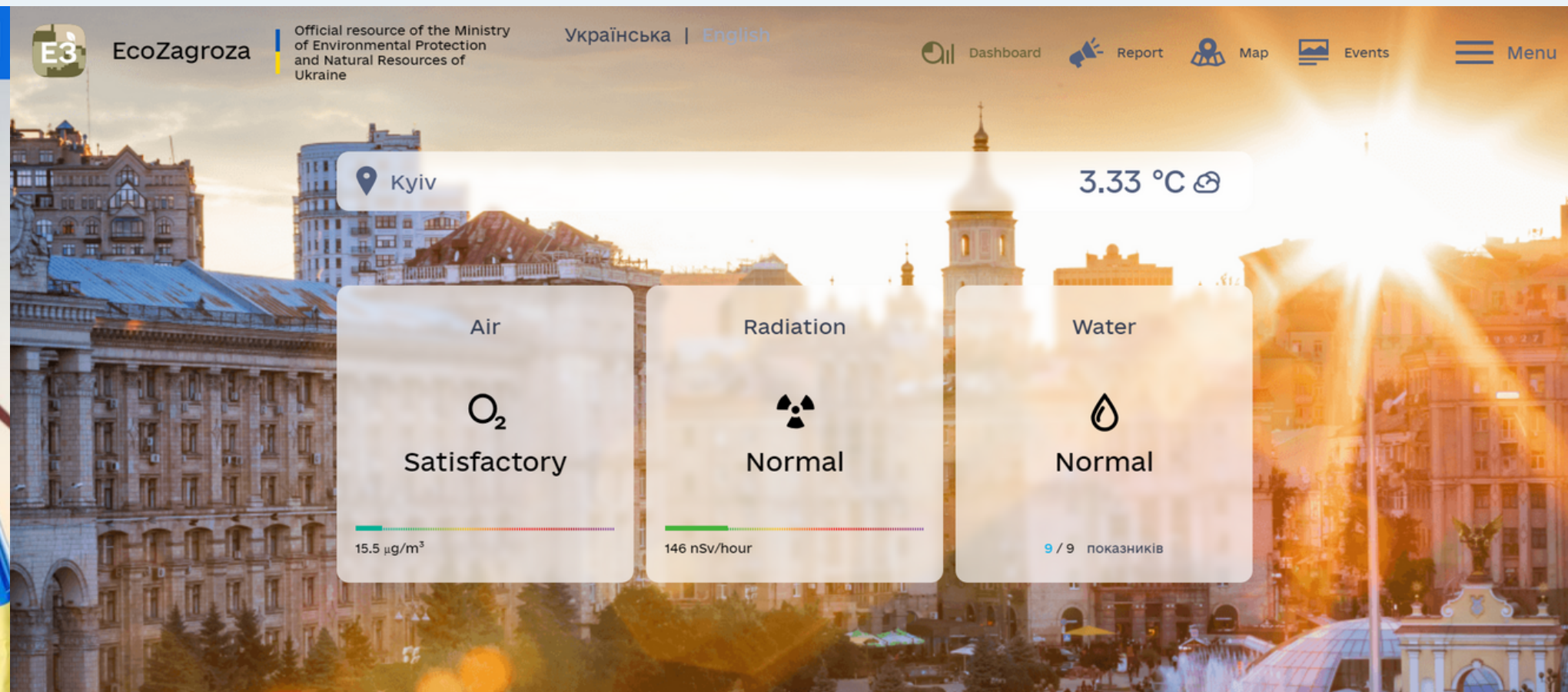
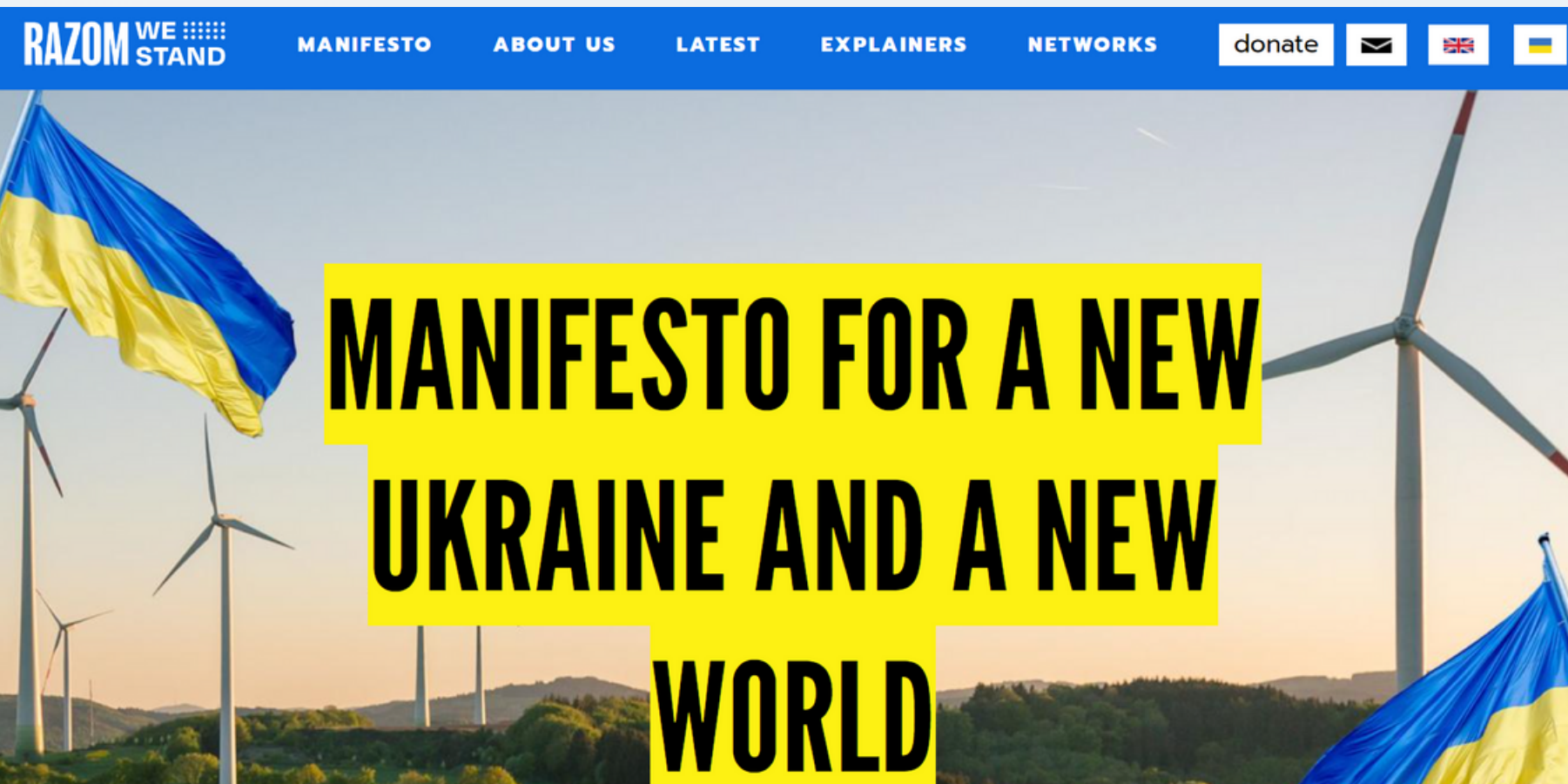


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<https://razomwestand.org/en/>; <https://ecozagroza.gov.ua/en>



## OSINT-analysis. Twitter, Facebook, Instagram

- analysis of satellite imagery
- announcing webinars and virtual events
- commentary on critical topics



Photo: скрин <https://twitter.com/wammezz>





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## Environmental journalism in field conditions in wartime Ukraine

Speaker: Viktoria Hubareva, Ukrainian environmental journalist, contributor to Rubryka Ukrainian Media Solutions, Green European Journal, UWEC Work Group



- Ukrainian Armed Forces accreditation is required
- Additional accreditation is required for some travel
- Restrictions on photography and video



# Who needs accreditation and how to get it?

The accreditation registration process requires:

- Media ID (Press card)
- Application ([sample](#))
- Letter from the media's editor-in-chief requesting accreditation
- Copy of passport
- Good quality photos

*UAF journalist accreditation sample*

The process requires **10 days** on average and is valid for **6 months**.

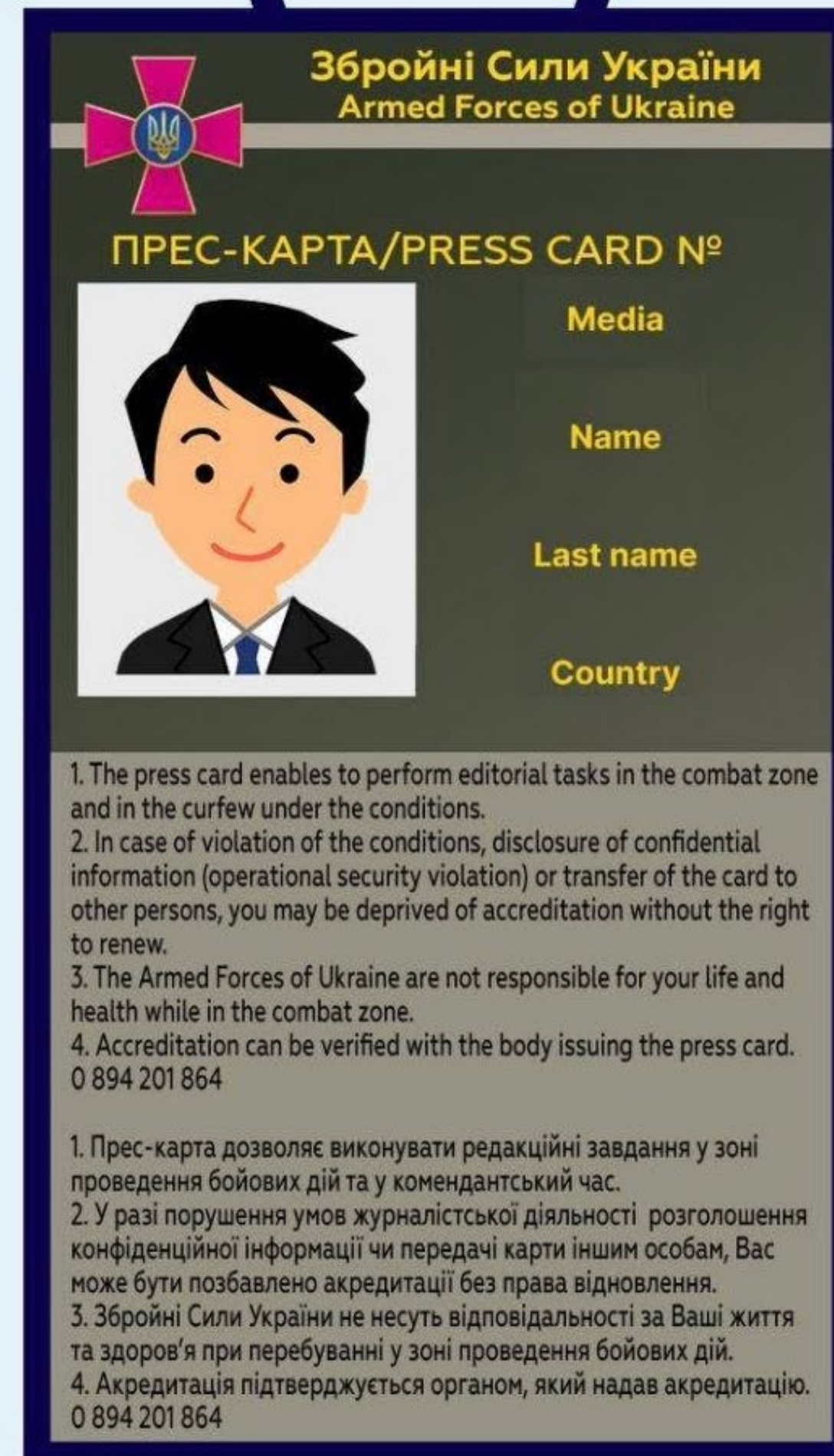


Photo: State Migration Service



# Limits on photography and video

In some regions, recording with drones is completely forbidden and limited in other areas. In order to make drone recordings:

- Obtain permission from the local Oblast Military Administration
- Inform the police



## No photography of:

military equipment,  
fortifications  
military areas, etc.

*Photo: forest in Carpathian  
Biosphere Reserve*

Photo: Николай Тимченко





Photo: Mykola Timchenko

Photo: border zone in  
Uzhansky National Park

## Consider:

- Official media form
- UAF accreditation
- Need justification

## Contacts for media



Ukrainian State Border Service

Ukraine State Agency for Exclusion Zone Management

UAF press contacts





# Thank you for your attention!



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**We love to hear from you.**



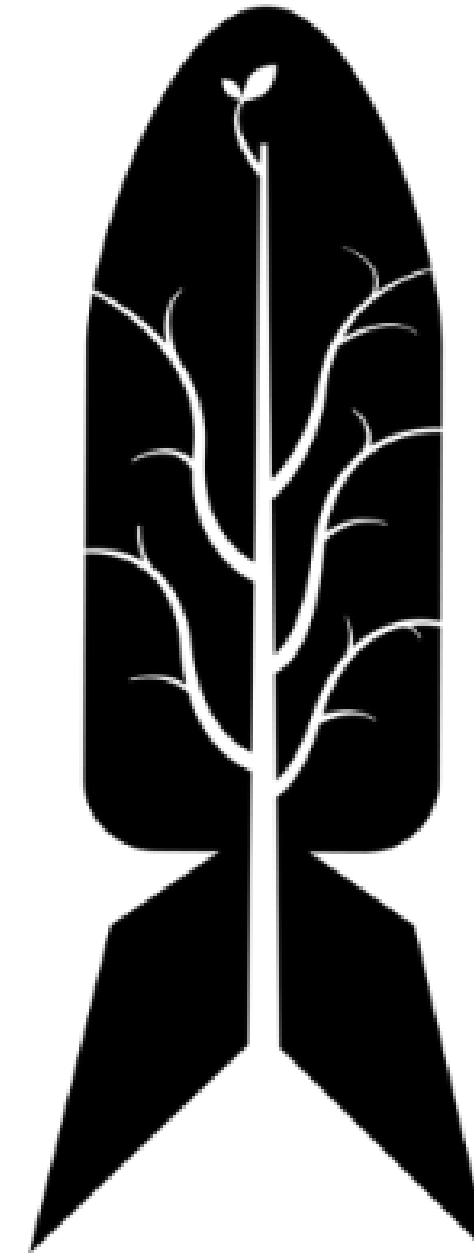
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