

Real problem is Yanukovich's marsh, not Teutonic

“Teutonic marsh” of Mr Bondarenko is an article unusual and usual for the Ukrainian media space in the same time. Unusual - since it is obvious nonsense with anti-European taste. But such nonsense is part of the official propaganda and becomes more and more usual as Ukraine is moving away from Europe.

One needs to understand that Mr Bondarenko is not independent commentator. He is vice-chairman of Strong Ukraine party, whose chief is vice-premier Serhiy Tihipko. Strong Ukraine is going to flow into Yanukovich's Party of regions – the decision has been already taken. Besides of this Mr Bondarenko is positioning himself as political scientist and technologist. Under this cover he sometimes publishes articles, where represents and justifies presidential administration's point of view. For example, he insisted that Tymoshenko trial is not politically motivated in the recent article “Ukraine: Isolation is not the way forward” published on [www.Euractive.com](http://www.euractive.com) (<http://www.euractiv.com/europes-east/ukraine-isolation-way-forward-analysis-508831>) and in some Ukrainian media

Now it is obviously that “European integration” by president Yanukovich is going to finish. Indeed, it was pseudo-integration. Yanukovich will not be able continue his game: to declare intention to integrate country to the EU, but in the same time to strengthen authoritarianism. Most likely, Association agreement will not be concluded and next EU-Ukraine summit, scheduled for December, 19, will not bring good news – if it will happen at all. So Mr Yanukovich needs to explain for the society this failure and find someone who will be guilty. For this goal presidential administration needs to convince people that it is not Mr Yanukovich who deprives Ukraine European future, but absence of the membership perspectives in the text of Association agreement. In this case Germany is perfect candidate for the “guilty” position.

It is not secret that Germany does not support membership perspectives of Ukraine. Everybody knows that Berlin has special relations with Moscow and is not such prominent supporter for European aspirations of Ukraine like Poland. German consulate in Kiev well known with its absurd refusals in visas, that often seem like erection of the modern Berlin wall between Ukraine and Europe.

But despite of all this it is not Germany and the Germans who destroy European future of Ukraine and makes conclusion of the Association agreement impossible. All obstacles and reasons lie in Ukraine, not abroad. It is not Germany, France or Netherlands who encourage Mr Yanukovich and his entourage to jail Yulia Tymoshenko, suppress democracy, violate human rights and promote corruption. Finally, Germany is not only EU country which is against granting Ukraine membership perspectives. At least half of member-states have the same point. Also it was well known from the beginning that membership perspectives can not be subject of the negotiations on Association agreement.

Indirectly “Teutonic marsh” demonstrates that president Yanukovich has chosen confrontation with Europe. There are less and less hopes for the happy end. More and more sameness with Belorussian president Lukashenko and his regime, and articles like “Teutonic march” are the confirmation of this.

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