

Letter N2

To go or to stay

Wartime requires adult decisions. Everyone makes decisions for themselves. In short, my team and I decided to stay.

— Maksym, you used to travel around Europe. Give me advice. Where is it better to go?

— It is better to stay here. And I have plenty of arguments to support this position.

Our Green Road map of ecovillages has already been viewed by more than 70 thousand people and there are +10k new views every day. People are actively moving west in search of places to stay.

Many have lost their homes and loved ones, some are fleeing the horrors of war, and some are simply in search of a better life. Yesterday I had a difficult phone conversation. Recently I have received calls on many different issues. I do not like calls, I prefer communicating via messengers. But now times have changed and sometimes a call is the only possible way to reach out.

We need a cow

They are asking for different things. Because the logistics are broken and we are resettling people in our ecovillages in Ukraine. There are about 60 of them, all full of many special requests from shoes to motors. But one woman has asked for a cow.

She says there are a lot of refugee children and no cows around.

— And I have been dreaming so much about a cow. We have a barn, grazing, everything!

We are forming lists for humanitarian goods and looking for delivery options. But suddenly I was asked where the best place to go in Europe was, and I frankly do not like this question.

There are 200 locations all over Europe on our map — make your choice! I recommend the closest ones to the border: Moldova, Slovakia. Good places, I have visited them. Just please not Poland, Poland is super full now. But for some reason, everyone wants to find sour cream on a piece of shit, as my grandma used to say.



— Nobody calls us!

You know, Maksym, we have not decided yet whether to stay or leave. We have houses at our hamlet, but no one calls us. And we do not see any prospects here, our production has stopped, debts, small children. What should we do?

— Well, do you want me to make this decision for you?

— No, of course not!

Well, for starters, you should probably step out of the role of victim. I was not very nice to them. I taught them a lesson or two. My old friend got offended and hung up.

He probably wanted to hear some words of support. But I lashed out... I am still far from Gandhi, and now I am noticeably becoming a harsh car in this accelerated hackathon.

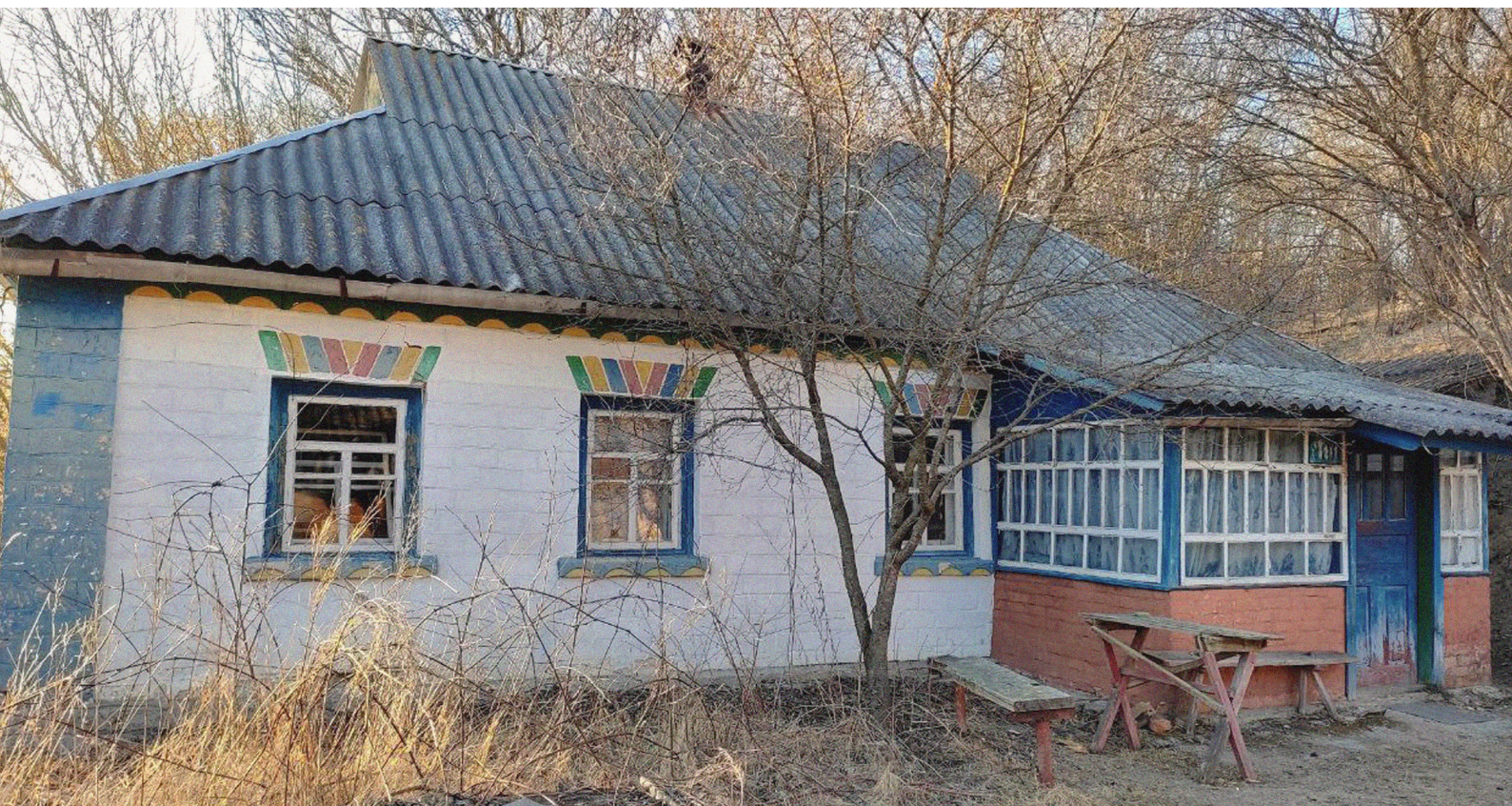
Soldier, volunteer, refugee

There can be three roles in a war. And you just have to choose something. Because this is not just a war, this is our defense of freedom!

But not everyone experiences it the same way. Some have been spending their nights in the subway hearing the sounds of explosions for a fortnight already, and some have not even heard any sound of sirens, planes or other signs of war.

If no one calls you and no one comes, if there is only silence, harmony and natural peace around and nothing is really going on, then you should become the epicenter of these changes. That is my position.

Because you have the quietest place on this planet right now! A place that millions of our people want to get to.



Not just one — you have to have two hundred houses at your disposal! You have to go to the municipality and join volunteer chats. Join the work in which the whole country is boiling right now.

You do not have to wait until Maksym calls you and asks if there are vacancies and what help is needed. You have to form these requests yourself and help coordinate them. Become the headquarters of this resettlement. That dozens of our settlements from the Dnipro to the Carpathians have already become. And we need more and more in myriads of other directions! There is still a place to shelter our women and children far from the sounds of shelling and explosions.

We have to, we MUST — those are the key words! Because it is a duty not to me or my family, but a little higher, to our big family called Ukraine. If for you there is still something beyond your own fence, and your own EGO.

Now many people go to the European ecovillages from our map. And there are some successful settlers already. But an ecovillage is not a comfort zone where you can fall on a couch as a banana and play the role of a victim of life's circumstances. It is also a family, a small tribe in which everyone takes an active part, morning and evening circles, common work, common lunches, common rest.

Believe me, your EGO will manifest itself very quickly and feel very uncomfortable there. Everyone works there until old age. And that will be volunteering, not paid labor. There will be no European salary with which you will then come back home to build your high gates and fences.

For such earnings you need to go somewhere else. As for debts, once I wrote a separate post on the topic, and the key question is — when did you find out that you have to pay them?... We have constant contact and regular calls with all European coordinators. If you create any difficulties with your pseudo-traumas or turn on your ego, we will learn about it very quickly. And you will find yourself in the queue of refugees just as quickly.



Do not forget about covid-19 tests, you will do them there on a regular basis. Covid in Europe has not been canceled. There are queues for everyone, big and long, and in them you are gray and invisible. Therefore, to me, your escape into a quiet, peaceful place means only one thing — you want to shift the responsibility on those who created this cozy place. There are a plethora of such people there and they have been working for this for a long time. But we are creating such places here in the same way as all other ecovillages did. The price for that is a road of 40—50 years of struggle.

Because an ecovillage is a struggle and a protest, not something that you imagined after discovering and studying my magical posts about my European tours. I visit the ecovillages of Europe and study their experience not to find the best one. I have been collecting those successful examples for us to implement all of them here, in Ukraine. And I am here in Ukraine now, because this is where everything is happening and only here can we build the better world that everyone dreams of.

So, if you do not see prospects here, if you have not seen them in the last 5-10 years, if you had not got involved in work and in close interaction with others... Then your way leads not into one of the European ecovillages, but right into where the notorious Russian warship went (* derived from the saying “Russian warship, go fuck yourself”). That is what I think.

And that is why I do not like talking about where it is better to go in Europe. Because WE are the Europe that the whole civilized world admires now. Despite all the horror and tragedy of this senseless war and genocide, which zombie followers of the “supreme state” keep on creating for us.

Together to victory. Everything will be Ukraine.

