

Life as a freelance correspondent



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1. Moving to Ukraine in 2019:

- Language problems
- Lack of sources and understanding of country
- Was not mentally ready
- Believed in ourselves
- Problems with money

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Need to make a living



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Think out of the box to find customers



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I Ukraine er krigen med i skole
 Den russiske invasion af Ukraine sendte millioner på flugt og det ukrainske uddannelsessyste...

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You will get the chance

euronews. My Europe World Business Sport Green Next Travel Culture Video Programmes

my.europe Europe News Ukraine

Corruption in Ukraine: Is time running out for Zelenskyy to reform the country?



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Invest all the time that you have



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2. How is life as a freelance journalist?

- A lot of freedom
- Money problems
- Mentally challenging
- Alone with security problems

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It can be exciting



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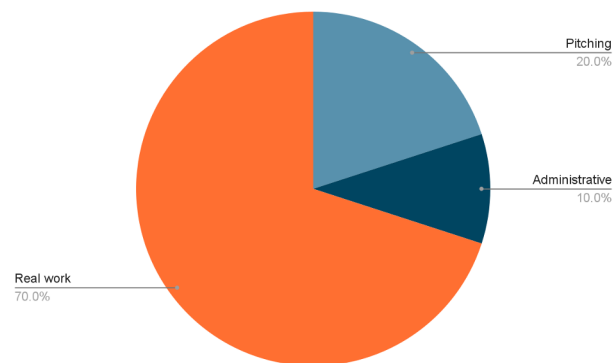
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But most of the time: You will wait



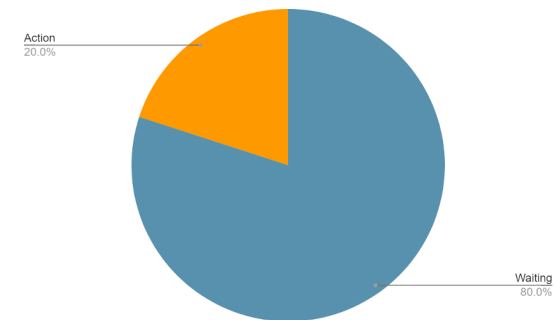
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Your day might look this:



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But most of your "real work"-time is mostly waiting



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3. How to plan a trip? Example with current trip to Donbas

- First: Insurance
 - "Battleface" normally an option
- Second: Budget
 - Hard to say how much you need but add 20 percent at least.
 - Balance between difficult stories and hard ones.
 - Some will not work out
 - In Donbas, I normally have ten things approved
- IT-security: Take care of yourself and your sources.
- Other concerns:
 - Car ready.
 - Fixer.
 - Equipment working.

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Stories:

Trip to bombed village Hroza

Torture victims in Balakliia

Winter is coming - visit to missile graveyard

Following a nurse at the frontline - newborn babies

Trip with military - see training

Trip with Azov near the frontline

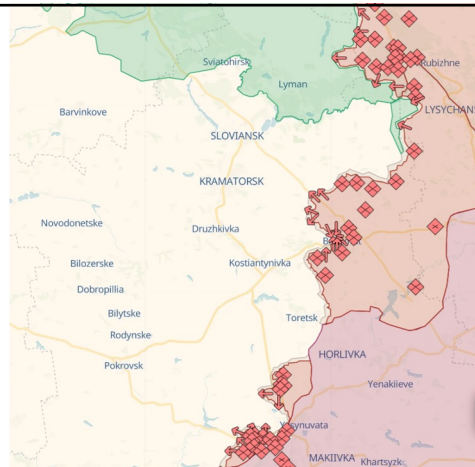
Visit field hospital at the frontline

Trip to the frontline - follow the soldiers for a couple of days

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Where to live:

- I normally live Kramatorsk
 - Good distance from frontline
- 30 kilometers
- Always think of safety
and access to stories



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What do I bring to the frontline?



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