

## **Odessa held an all-Ukrainian scale event "Ideas Festival. Future of Communities"**

From **August 25 to 27** Odessa became the gathering point for the best representatives of the nation and foreign guests who showed their ideas to the society.

The **Ideas Festival "The Future of Communities"** is a large-scale event of all-Ukrainian significance that is aimed at the future communities development in accordance with the life activity spheres. Initiators and organizers were the **Social Innovation Center Impact Hub Odessa** in partnership with **The Aspen Institute Kyiv**.

More than **120** speakers, **1000** registered participants from all over Ukraine, **6** hosting locations and **3** days of motivational reports without thematic restrictions, all it served as the one platform formation for dialogue and experience exchange for all festival visitors.

The first festival day was really spectacular and informative, it was talked about social aspect in entrepreneurship, digital competence, the foundations of storytelling and new approaches to counter corruption. We managed to discuss the issue of the city space, within the framework of which the presentation of Evgenyi Mushkin, the head of the VDNG, took place. He spoke about the concept of the expocenter development for the next 40 years, built on the modern foundations of successful business cases.

The program also included one of the most anticipated speeches from the Deputy Project Coordinator for the OSCE in Ukraine, Jeffrey Ehrlich, with a report on the OSCE's multidimensional approach to security issues with historical flashbacks to states where the organization participated in the monitoring mission.

The official opening of the ideas festival took place in the evening at the open location of the Green Theatre under atmospheric sounds of jazz from the musical collective of Aleksei Kogan Jazz in Kiev Band with welcoming words from the organizers of the event (if possible, insert one quote). Guests of the event could informally communicate, exchange their impressions, conduct networking and take part in the social projects' fair.

The second and third days were the opening by the number of the festival favorites and received participants insights, showing high dynamics due to a rich and diverse program. Guests were maximally involved in all formats provided by the organizers - spiritual practices on the beach, open tables with speakers, lectures, master classes and workshops.