

## **Recommendations following the completion of the project “Initiating the Participatory National Dialogue in Ukraine”**

### **Recommendations on the national unity policy**

- To acknowledge the need for the **national consensus** regarding the Ukrainian state building.
- To draft and pass the **Law of Ukraine on the national unity policy**.
- To apply the principle of modern (political) nation building in Ukraine.
- To determine the **reintegration** of Crimea and uncontrolled territories of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts as the priority of state building.
- To determine a **human oriented principle as a priority** in the process of reintegration of Crimea and uncontrolled territories of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.
- To conduct an **inclusive dialogue** among the citizens of Ukraine, including those living in Crimea and uncontrolled territories of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, regarding the Ukrainian state building principles.
- To **develop the civil society organizations in the Eastern oblasts of Ukraine**, especially in the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.

### **Recommendations on the bridging over the divergence**

- To **redirect the public discourse** from the foreign policy issues to the internal policy level (fight against corruption, decentralization, reform of the judicial system and law-enforcement institutions, tax reform, reform of public administration etc.).
- To use Ukraine – EU Association Agreement primarily as the **means for modernization of Ukrainian economy and society**.
- To elaborate the concept of **modernization of the Ukrainian culture**.
- To elaborate the concept of the **Ukrainian variant of the Russian language** and its place on the cultural map of Ukraine. To introduce the **Ukrainian variant of the Russian language** as a legal notion.
- To **deprive the Russian Federation of the monopoly over the Russian language** and Russian-language culture and to use the Russian language as one of the instruments for influence on Russia with democratization aim.
- To develop the **inter-regional cultural projects**.
- To **taboo the use of the historical memory** and any other conflict issues dividing the society in the political competition.
- To establish the **League of civil society organizations for national unity** as well as relevant grassroots movement. To prevent the imitation of this process from the side of the political circles.
- To **monitor the electoral rhetoric of the candidates** at the local elections regarding the language of hate and divergence speeches. To organize the public pressure aimed to prevent the use of divergence rhetoric.
- To **analyze the bills and regulations** concerning the inter-regional diverge. To harmonize the current laws with the principles of national unity.

### **Examples of particular actions**

- To launch Ukrainian language and culture courses in the Russian-speaking regions.
- To develop the high-quality Russian-language products for the citizens of Ukraine and implicitly for the citizens of Russia and other Russian-speaking people in the CIS region.
- To build the roads and convenient transport connection between regions in Ukraine.
- To establish quotas for the representatives of the other regions at the national universities.
- To launch the inter-university exchange programs in Ukraine (like Erasmus Mundus in the European countries);
- To initiate the inter-regional exchanges of the teachers and university tutors.
- To promote the military service in the regions other than the place of person's origin.
- To twin the cities and towns inside the country.
- To study the national history through the family history and life of common people.