On Saturday, October 12, representatives of the <u>Center for Ukrainian Culture and Assistance "The Power of Unity" in Crailsheim</u> took part in a conference in Stuttgart dedicated to the activities of (post)migration organizations and their role in society.



The conference was organized by the Land Association of (post-)migrant organizations Baden-Württemberg (<a href="https://lpmo-bw.de/ueber-uns/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR2ZZfvFFXuRDJkvl0BLqshHchxZmcvNlDBf7EeUhJENDfvha5YyUZtlquU\_aem\_H85cOU70s7I8h4hr0CIgog">https://lpmo-bw.de/ueber-uns/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR2ZZfvFFXuRDJkvl0BLqshHchxZmcvNlDBf7EeUhJENDfvha5YyUZtlquU\_aem\_H85cOU70s7I8h4hr0CIgog</a>)

"The event was attended by academics, employees of state structures and ministries. During the conference, it was possible to ask exciting questions about the functioning

of public organizations, interaction with state institutions, support and funding opportunities. Special attention was paid to the importance of the participation of public figures at all levels of social activity: involvement in the processes of building new structures and decision-making. It is important not only what migrant public organizations can take for their



work, but also what new things they can bring in terms of society. In the afternoon, all participants were divided into four groups according to thematic areas. Each group had the opportunity to join the discussion of one of the topics proposed at the workshops: democracy, social work and family and youth problems, language problems and learning in society, speaking in different languages and the Open World Café, where it was possible to discuss any issues in a free space. Each

conference participant had the opportunity to present themselves and their activities at common stands. It was also possible to present their organization within the framework of the workshop to other participants and exchange contacts, attract support, find like-minded people and partners. The international event united representatives of the public space of the state of Baden-Württemberg and allowed for an exchange of experience and ideas." Olena Homich

"The event took place in Stuttgart at the Sparkasse Academy and was organized at a high level.

The event program consisted of several parts, each of which had its own goal and direction. During breakfast, lunch and dinner, the conference participants had the opportunity to make acquaintances with like-minded volunteers from other cities and towns of the state, to talk about their organization and its activities. It was during such activities that we met colleagues from Stuttgart, Tübingen, Heilbronn, etc., both from Ukrainian organizations and representatives of other nations.

In the welcoming speech and panel discussion, representatives of the conference organizer and invited experts outlined the pressing issues that concern them as part of the (post-)migrant community, and the speech of the Minister of Social Policy and Health of Baden-Württemberg, Mane Luka (by the way, very lively and rich) highlighted the point of view of the state government on pressing problems related to migration.

In turn, thematic workshops in 4 areas (Post-migrant organizations as actors in social work, Post-migrant organizations as co-creators of a democratic society (this workshop had 3 subgroups), Post-migrant organizations as central actors in multilingualism, Open World Cafe: new ideas for post-migrant organizations) allowed us to discuss in more detail various aspects of our organizations' activities.

It should be noted that Ukrainian organizations, at present, are mostly going through the process of formation and beginning of active activity, gaining experience and acquiring the necessary competencies that are already available in other international and national associations.

Currently, Ukrainians are not yet sufficiently represented in associations of the land or national level, which is a challenge and at the same time a point for growth. Such lack of representation also determines the range of issues that were raised during the discussions at the conference. In particular, special attention was paid to the issues of racism, the growth of the popularity of right-wing and other radical political forces and movements.

With all this, we need to work at the macro level, continuing to act in the places where we are now, marking our position in society with our actions and supporting the Ukrainians around us and Ukraine and its struggle for life and freedom. Together - we are a force!" @ Ilya Modenov

"Our present dictates its own rules and requirements. We are trying with all our might to convey to the world the truth about the life of our state, about the war and the struggle for values, about the importance of Ukrainian identity in the world. We represented our charitable organization, and the information stand also displayed information and a photo report about our activities, which was prepared by Ilya Modenov. It was very interesting. We made new acquaintances, new information, and set new goals for future cooperation. Thank you to our volunteers Olena Khomych and Ilya Modenov for their activity and openness to new knowledge" Alla Bakhmisova

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