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### Co-design plan WP2A1

**Offline Event within the UANITED Project – Round Table Discussion:**  
**"The Needs of Young Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Today: Towards Building a Life and Integration into Society During the War and in the Post-War Period"**  
as part of the module **"Mapping of Needs and Co-designing for Young Displaced Ukrainians in the Country"** of the Erasmus+ Programme **"Fostering Youth Empowerment for Ukraine through Open Innovation."**

#### Event Organizer:

- Charity Fund of the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry “Together with Ukraine”

#### Project Partners:

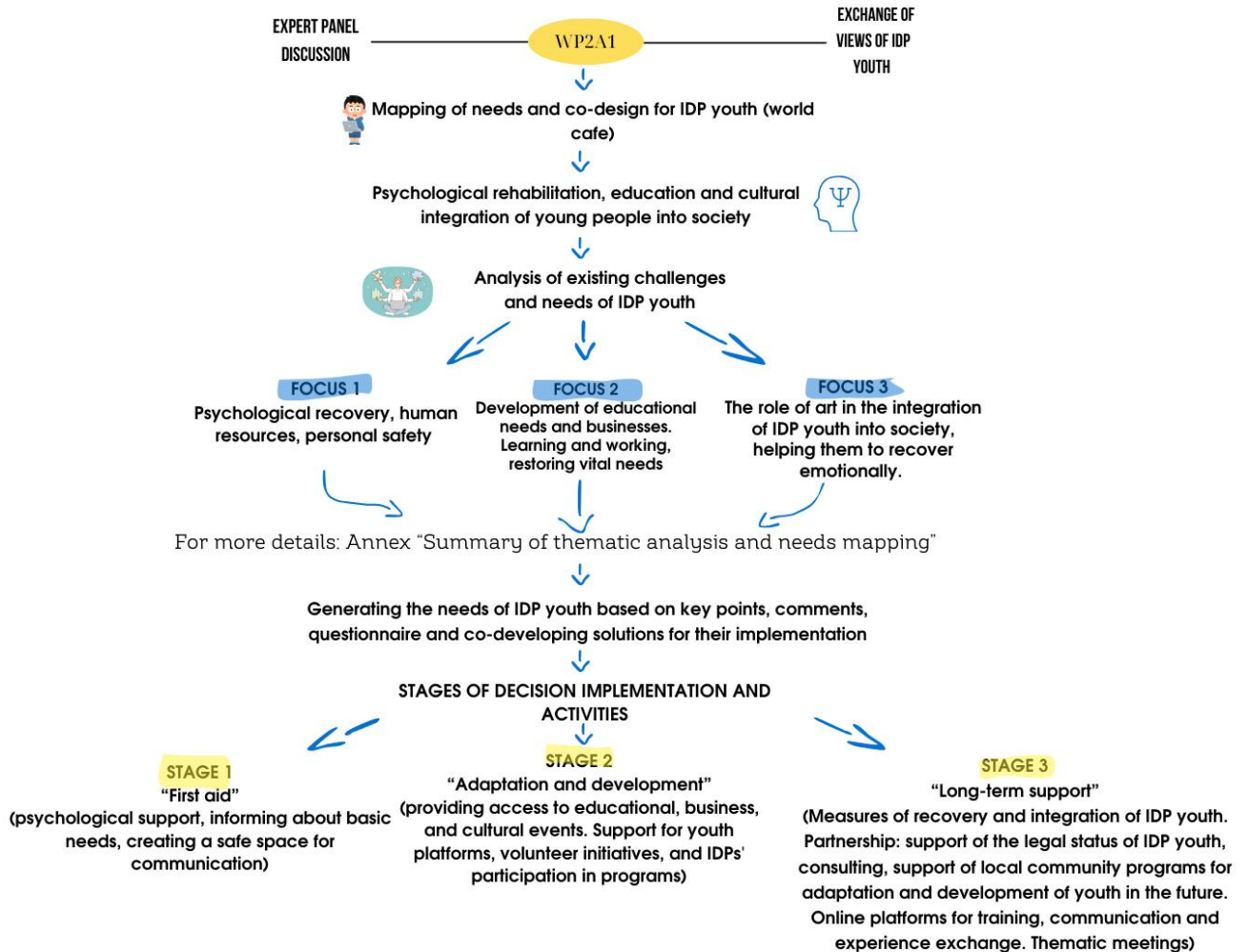
- LUkraine (Luxembourg)
- Web2Learn (Greece)
- Liberitutti Societa Cooperativa Sociale (Italy)

The overall goal of **UANITED** is to empower internally displaced persons (IDPs) through open innovation initiatives that promote youth engagement and resilience in times of crisis.

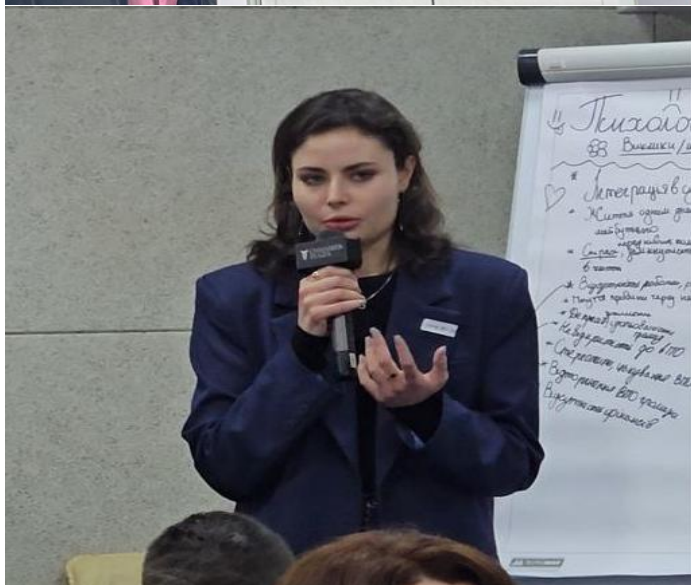
#### During the event:

- Panel discussion featured insights from invited experts on the event’s key topics;
- Participants generated their own vision of the urgent needs of internally displaced youth during the war, focusing on psychological recovery, the development of educational needs and businesses, and the role of art in social integration;
- Conducted a mapping of needs and launched the co-design planning process aimed at developing solutions to support youth life in Ukraine today through open innovation;
- Laid the groundwork for future thematic meetings within the project.

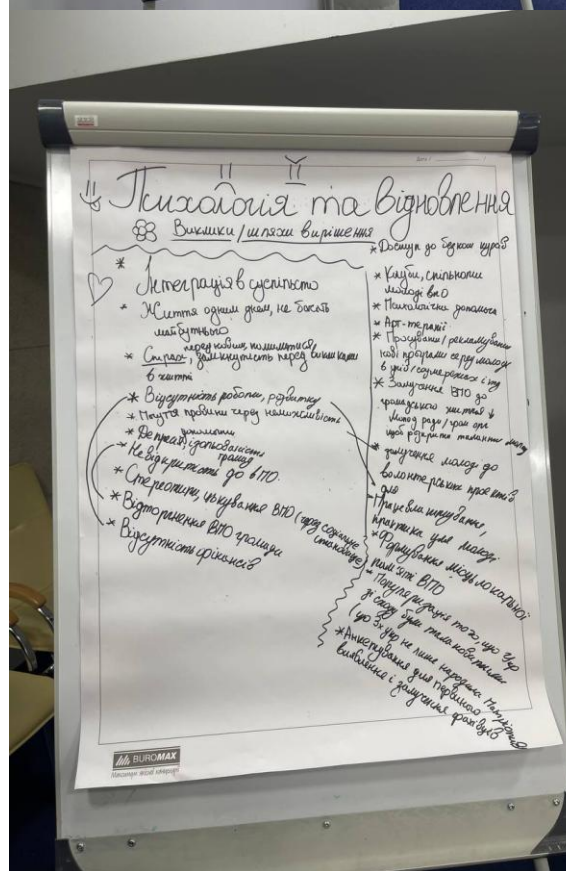
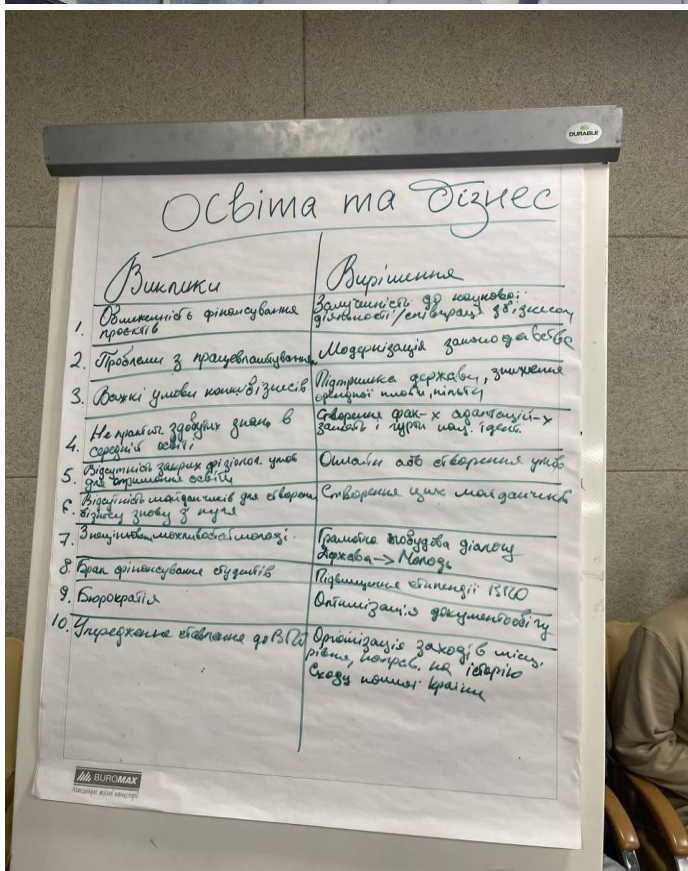
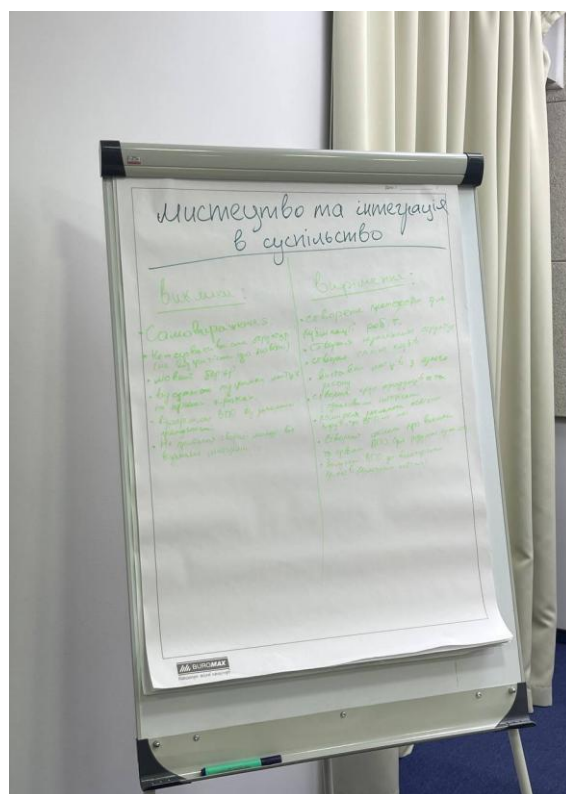
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Young people in the process of generating ideas using the World Cafe methodology. Photo from 6 and 13 march that was collected during the hour of round tables.







**Summary of Thematic Analysis and Mapping of Urgent Needs of Internally Displaced Youth Aimed at Developing Solutions for Rebuilding Youth Life in Ukraine Today Through Open Innovation (Generated Needs of Youth – Key Insights, Comments, and Co-designed Solutions Based on Respondents’ Input During the World Café Format)**

<b>Challenges and Specific Aspects</b> of Life of Internally Displaced Youth in the Community / Locality During the War	<b>Urgent Needs and the Impact</b> of War on Youth Development, Recovery, and Resilience to Crises	<b>Aspirations, Action Areas, and Solutions for Improving Life</b> and Integration into Society
<b>FOCUS 1. Psychological Recovery: Human Resources and Personal Safety (Physical and Psychological)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “in the first days of the full-scale invasion, there was no fear... because we didn’t realize it was a new reality.”</li> <li>- “later, with the occupation and intensification of fighting, a general sense of depression and helplessness came.”</li> <li>- “the realization of the inevitability of fate.”</li> <li>- depression, isolation;</li> <li>- however, the understanding that «everyone is not alone in their misfortune»;</li> <li>- «the desire to believe that 'this is a dream that will pass»;</li> <li>- «real fear for the lives of their loved ones and the absence of fear for their own lives»;</li> <li>- “A distant but bright thought that everything will pass, that this just needs to be endured.”</li> <li>- “The realization that those who left earlier might never</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the need for "openness" to internally displaced persons (IDPs).</li> <li>- the need to change the stereotypes of bullying IDPs based on their social status.</li> <li>- the need to overcome rejection of IDPs in communities.</li> <li>- the absence of finances exacerbates psychological distress.</li> <li>- lack of employment.</li> <li>- living one day at a time, unable to see the future...”</li> <li>- at first, they didn’t believe that this would last for long.</li> <li>- “feelings of guilt for not being able to contribute to the most useful work for the community.”</li> <li>- in the early days, realizing their own weakness and helplessness.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- surveying for the initial identification of existing needs and involving relevant specialists/experts.</li> <li>- a desire to feel unity and real actions in the “desire to live better.”</li> <li>- recovery trips with psychological training are needed now.</li> <li>- access to free psychological relaxation courses.</li> <li>- clubs, communities for displaced youth, psychological support, Art Therapy.</li> <li>- creation of Local Memory spaces for IDPs.</li> <li>- popularization of Talented Ukrainians-Patriots from the East, South of Ukraine, Leaders of Spirit and</li> </ul>

<p>return to their native community — despair.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “the awareness that the dream of liberating the community’s territory from the enemy will become a reality.”</li> <li>- “...by the end of February 24, there was a strong desire to leave — because the inevitable advance of the occupiers was clear...”</li> <li>- “everything was in such a frantic state all the time, there was no time for negative thoughts — you had to stay in touch with everyone and stay composed...”</li> <li>- “now, as I realize my responsibility for displaced people, the anxiety grows. So many unresolved, urgent, and critical issues remain...”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the need to change something within themselves: "The internal psychological and emotional state remains difficult..."</li> <li>- a mindset of understanding towards the slow pace of recovery processes due to certain objective circumstances.</li> <li>- “since September 2022, we felt an improvement in our psycho-emotional state when recovery actions began, the work kicked off, and we saw how the community was functioning, how people were working...”</li> <li>- “because of Ukraine's resistance, we believed, but only when the internet was restored.”</li> <li>- “...in the morning, I wake up, hear the Ukrainian anthem on the radio, which means Kyiv is alive, working... The state is fighting, it’s alive.”</li> <li>- “...there were no ‘us’ and ‘them’, no barriers, we were looking for ways, and everything worked out, everyone was united...”</li> </ul>	<p>Will, to prove that Ukraine is united.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- involving IDPs in community life to reveal young talents.</li> <li>- promoting and advertising new programs for IDP youth on social media.</li> <li>- engaging displaced youth in volunteer projects.</li> <li>- caring for those who have suffered the most.</li> <li>- overcoming the "syndrome of restraint" when it’s necessary to openly talk about personal problems and losses.</li> <li>- for many, there is a reluctance to mentally return to the difficult days and nights spent under occupation.</li> <li>- the expectation of a "concentration of human resources" for joint actions under the leadership of activists, true volunteers, and "young leaders with a state-oriented mindset."</li> <li>- “there is a crucial need for psychological work with every member of the community, as anger and emotions accumulate. After everything that’s been</li> </ul>
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		endured, many people are psychologically traumatized; there is a need for a significant psychological support program, help... because for many, it hasn't gotten easier, and the perception of reality is worsening. The war continues..."
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**FOCUS 2. Development of Educational Needs and Businesses. Learning and Work. Life Needs. Losses/ Preservation/ Restoration of Housing, Social, and Production Infrastructure.**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- significant destruction of social infrastructure objects, including schools, kindergartens, administrative buildings, stores, etc.; damaged or destroyed transport infrastructure in the former community as mentioned by IDPs.</li> <li>- "...there was a lot of destruction, power grids were destroyed, gas supply was cut off, infrastructure was destroyed, so we tried to leave during the occupation, sometimes it worked..."</li> <li>- "currently, many universities are failing to properly provide services, there is corruption, bureaucracy..."</li> <li>- "the youth are intimidated by the threat of mobilization during their studies due to failure to succeed."</li> <li>- "sometimes there is bullying due to existing language barriers in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- awareness of the need to quickly remove "visual objects," narratives, and remnants of destroyed infrastructure, everything that reminds of the enemy's aggressive actions in the community during the war on a daily basis.</li> <li>- "there is a need for a sufficient number of shelters, as the sense of safety is extremely important, especially for participants in the educational process and all residents... currently."</li> <li>- "there are very few free platforms for professional development."</li> <li>- "there is a desire to unite efforts for a quick response to the acute needs of the community residents, among which a significant number are younger age groups, including those with special needs, requiring particular attention."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "provide opportunities for IDPs (Internally Displaced Persons) to realize themselves through projects, share stories in the media about how displaced youth are adapting in new communities."</li> <li>- "online courses, Ukrainian language learning clubs."</li> <li>- "creation of free courses for professional growth and career change."</li> <li>- "... creation of hubs that unite IDPs, such as the 'I am Mariupol' example."</li> <li>- "... constantly updated skills are needed, skills that were previously not acquired; this is necessary to keep moving forward, never stop, trust each other, and be united in our aspirations!"</li> </ul>
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<p>communication, when adaptation is still ongoing..."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "...it's frustrating that a large number of individual entrepreneurs (FOPs) are failing in competition."</li> <li>- "before the war, we were constantly developing sports, we have representatives in sports teams, we have a desire, but now there is no funding for sports..."</li> <li>- "we must also think about those who came to us and plan to build their life here because they have nowhere to return to... Among them are many great specialists, they are already our people..."</li> </ul>	<p>"awareness of the urgent need to develop preferential programs for admission to Ukrainian higher education institutions, and the dissemination of encouraging information."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "fairly high demands on administration, especially when everyone is able to objectively assess the role of local authorities in returning the community to life, learning, and work."</li> <li>- "special efforts are needed to restore infrastructure, with particular attention to transportation systems and accessibility. Small villages, which need to be inhabited and function within the community, require specific efforts in their restoration."</li> </ul> <p>"among the countries that helped the most were the USA, especially the 'To Ukraine with Love' foundation, as well as 'Caritas,' UNICEF, 'Red Cross,' 'Partnership for a Strong Ukraine,' and many others."</p> <p>"there are positive aspects, such as people who went abroad, saw a lot, and still returned to rebuild... here in Ukraine!"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "main expectations of IDP communities in terms of the restoration of homes destroyed by the enemy during occupation, receiving compensation from the state, and practical steps from businesses for reconstruction."</li> <li>- "demand for the swift restoration of social infrastructure in new communities, which are daily suffering due to the war, especially educational institutions and kindergartens."</li> <li>- "need for recreational places for youth, cafes, internet cafes..."</li> <li>- "infrastructure needs improvement, including transportation links, and providing jobs in the community; also, small settlements need to be developed intensively, as larger ones are already growing."</li> <li>- "... in my opinion, the principle of simply rebuilding everything as it was is wrong; there must be a comprehensive approach to how we are restoring, what we are developing, and how exactly we are rebuilding... the idea that we must rebuild everything as it was is wrong; it should be restored in a way that meets modern realities"</li> </ul>
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		<p>and certain better standards."</p> <p>- "... now there must be bomb shelters, shelters, everyone must know the evacuation plan, alerting plan, and first aid training, i.e., civil protection, which was previously neglected."</p>
<b>FOCUS 3. The Role of Art in the Integration of IDP Youth into Society and Support for Emotional Recovery</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "the cultural heritage of abandoned communities has been severely damaged, occupied territories have undergone transformation and the substitution of ideals, which is terrifying..."</li> <li>- "conservatism in cultural and artistic structures, the lack of openness to new ideas... hinders adaptation to local culture."</li> <li>- "there is a noticeable lack of accessible platforms for creative self-expression from scratch..."</li> <li>- "the local population of communities is often poorly informed about the regions from which the displaced youth have arrived."</li> <li>- "the lack of support for artists at the early stages prevents them from expressing themselves..."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "there is a need to improve the information campaign and state policy in the arts...";</li> <li>- "it is very important to maintain a healthy moral climate, culture will help with this, establishing contacts as much as possible, learning to communicate again...";</li> <li>- "there is a need to brand ALL THINGS UKRAINIAN abroad, this will be CULTURAL DIPLOMACY";</li> <li>- "...the Ukrainian nation is so strong, its cultural code and national spirit are invincible...";</li> <li>- "a presentation of Ukrainian figures from different regions and the exchange of cultural heritage is needed".</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "...small villages are extremely picturesque with beautiful natural conditions and can become centers of authentic culture, festivals, rural recreation, and tourism";</li> <li>- "modernization of existing and creation of progressive EVENT platforms, their financing";</li> <li>- "...webinars, seminars on cultural topics are needed...";</li> <li>- "...creating spaces or informing about opportunities to publish works...";</li> <li>- "creation of courses on UKRAINIAN LANGUAGE, this is a special component of culture";</li> <li>- "involvement in local cultural events in</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "creative youth is not accepted by established artists..."</li> <li>- "those who have survived occupation are already heroes, as are the guys in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, many of them have survived trials, they defend and work — they are all heroes. To every fallen — Memory!"</li> </ul>		<p>communities, in museum work";</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- joint events – school fairs and local community fairs aimed at raising funds for the Armed Forces of Ukraine (ZSU);</li> </ul>
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