

## ODU ACTIVITY PLAN 2020

Through its three thematic tables – **economy, humanitarian affairs, and culture & civil society** – OpenDoorUkraine.NL (ODU) is continuing to bring together actors and stakeholders from Ukraine and the Netherlands.

Given the unexpected circumstances of the COVID19 pandemic, the fundraising capabilities of ODU in 2020 will be severely constrained. Moreover, the arrangements of in person events in both countries and the delivery of humanitarian goods to Ukraine will be postponed until the lockdown measures put in place will be eased.

Nevertheless, ODU will maintain and possibly expand cooperation with Dorcas (Dutch NGO for relief and development) which works on a promising project that plans to solidify prospects for sustainable socio-economic development by first introducing Dutch expertise for sustainable water solutions in the pre-defined area of Eastern Ukrainian Donetsk province.

Some financial means at the disposal of ODU shall be also used to develop joint projects with the Ukrainian embassy in the Netherlands.

The Economic Table of ODU will be engaged in organising virtual events in the autumn of 2020 to advance business opportunities in the framework of Dutch-Ukrainian relations. ODU is also concluding cooperation arrangements with various partners, such as Arzinger Law Firm, Ekol Ukraine and ARENA CS.

ODU is dedicated to arrange a fundraising event for the Ukrainian participants at the next Invictus Games. This aspiration is conditional, however, on the developments concerning the national and international regulations related to the COVID19 pandemic.

Moreover, the Humanitarian Table is considering to get engaged in the “Humanitarian Days”, the format of which is equally dependent on the changes related to the lockdown measures. ODU will keep joining forces with other aid organisations to discuss eventual reoccurring problems related to the delivery of humanitarian goods to the needy in Ukraine.

Efforts to appoint a suitable chair for the Culture & Civil Society Table will be continued. In the meantime, by reaching out to Ukrainian language teachers, the possibility of intermediating in providing online language tutoring will be considered.

Last but not least, ODU is going to strengthen its online presence via its website and its Facebook and LinkedIn pages. By regularly posting information about developments in Ukraine, it is planning to intensify its contribution to increase the understanding about Ukraine in the areas of business, culture and humanitarian cooperation.