

Goal 2. Zero Hunger. «End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture».

The Second Kharkiv Food Forum "Kharkiv on the Path to Food Security: Challenges, Risks, Overcoming Perspectives" took place at Karazin





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Participation in the discussion on food security, development of local initiatives, response to wartime challenges through demining and volunteer activities — all these are elements of building a resilient, accessible, and safe food system, which is the main goal of SDG 2.



Within the walls of Karazin University, the second Kharkiv Food Forum "Kharkiv on the Path to Food Security: Challenges, Risks, Overcoming Perspectives" took place as part of the International scientific research project Fusilli (which was won by the team of the School of Sociology in 2020). The meeting was held in a hybrid format: participants and guests joined both in person and online to exchange experiences and discuss issues related to the transformation of food systems in Kharkiv and the region in times of war. The forum focused on coordinating humanitarian aid, volunteering activities, demining agricultural land, transforming logistics and food systems, local food initiatives, building a food security system, Sustainable Development Goals, and state policies in finance and food policy in Kharkiv and the region.

The opening speech was given by the Rector of Karazin University, Tetyana Kaganovska. She noted that Karazin has always been a platform for implementing significant ideas and initiatives, and now we are looking for the right solutions to overcome the challenges of war in the field of food security.

The Meeting with Food Security Experts

Took Place at Karazin University

The participation of representatives of the UN World Food Programme, discussions on food security, the restoration of livelihoods, and the resilience of regional food systems — all of this directly aligns with the main objectives of SDG 2.



On April 18th, the Rector of the University, Tetyana Kaganovska, and the Dean of the School of Sociology, and Head of the Kharkiv team of the Fusilli project, Olena Muradyan, met with leading experts on food security.

In particular, the meeting was attended by the Head of the office of the World Food Program of the UN in Dnipro, Salim Musa, the specialist in coordination and management of information of the Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster of the Eastern Hub, Vitaliy Razhivin, a graduate of Karazin University, a leading expert in program policy, agriculture, and mine action project of the UN WFP, Nina Yarosh.

During the meeting, the participants discussed future cooperation of Karazin University with key stakeholders involved in shaping the strategy of food security, energy independence, and sustainable development of the Kharkiv region.

The meeting marked the beginning of an important dialogue aimed at increasing the efficiency of cooperation regarding future development of the region.