## **Ukrainian Film Days in Helsinki and Vilnius**

## Vision of the project

The Ukrainian Film Days showcased a mix of Ukrainian features and documentaries that presented Ukrainian culture, history, and the current societal situation. That year, the focus was on the theme of "Women in Wartime," as conflict often brought forth complex perspectives on gender equality. The programme explored various subtopics, including women's roles in the film industry, their contributions to the military, experiences of violence, and shifts in social roles over time.

Each screening was accompanied by a Q&A session, providing audiences with a unique opportunity to engage with Ukrainian filmmakers and gain deeper insights into the themes explored.

The goal of Ukrainian Film Days was to engage with local audiences and support Ukrainians abroad by offering them the chance to experience new films in their native language. The objectives included increasing the visibility of Ukrainian culture internationally, raising awareness about the situation in Ukraine, fostering connections between Ukrainian and foreign filmmakers, and garnering attention for the topic in local and international media outlets.

# Meet the Key Partner

The **Independent Cultural Initiatives** NGO (Nezalezhni Kulturni Initsiatyvy, GO) was founded in 2018 with a mission to strengthen international culture connections and develop social and educational initiatives. The organization has been informally uniting professionals with deep expertise and experience in international culture, film industry, and visual education for the last decade. The realized projects include: The American Independence Film Festival (AIFF), Ukrainian Film Days in Helsinki (Finland), Ukrainian Film Days in Vilnius, and others

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### **Partners**

#### **Independent Cultural Initiatives**

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### The Ukrainian Association in Finland

Helsinki, Finland

#### Locations

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