

2011 Yalta Conference of the Kyiv Initiative

On May 26-27, 2011, the International Conference "Kyiv Initiative and the Eastern Partnership - cooperation and synergies" took place in Yalta, Ukraine. It was organized by the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine and the Council of Europe as one of events in the context of the Ukrainian chairmanship in the CoE Committee of Ministers. Conference participants included ministerial officials of countries participating in the Regional Programme "Kyiv Initiative" (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), the Vice Minister of Culture of Lithuania, representatives of the European Commission, UNESCO, the Council of Europe, the Ministry of Culture of Crimea as well as international experts and journalists.

One of the conference panels was devoted to the Compendium as an information system and analytical tool of regional cultural policies. Moderated by Council of Europe expert Terry Sandell, Kathrin Merkle, Head of the Cultural Policy, Diversity and Dialogue Division, Council of Europe, and Oleksandr Butsenko, author of the Ukrainian Compendium profile and Director of the Development Centre "Democracy through Culture" presented the strategies, structure and content of the Compendium and highlighted the importance of this tool for reaching synergies between different programmes supported by the Council of Europe and the European Commission, in particular the Kyiv Initiative and "Intercultural Cities". Thanks to the Compendium, the Intercultural Cities Index is now available for a wide audience and achievements of the Kyiv Initiative are presented in national profiles. The Yalta Declaration adopted by the Conference underlines the significance of the Compendium for the dissemination of results and impacts of European programmes for both national and regional development efforts.