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## The Working Group Meeting on Tourism Development in Odessa

The meeting of the working group on tourism development took place in Odessa City Council under the leadership of Zenaida Tsvirinko, Vice-Mayor on April 25, 2016. Deputies, the representatives of the Department of Culture and Tourism of Odessa City Council, tourist industry, as well as the representatives of National University "Odessa Maritime Academy" attended the meeting.

During the course of the meeting, the participants considered the issue of preparing the city for the tourist season of the present year.

Deputies of the Odessa City Council, Oksana Kuznetsova, Director of Odessa Tourism Association, the representatives of the Association of the Odessa region development, Alexander Grabowski, President of Odessa Association of Tour Operators and Agencies, Irina Medvedeva, Birector of hotels chain "Continental", Yuri Golovchenko, General Manager of Modes Travel Company, Sergey Zaichko, Vice-Rector on Scientific-Pedagogical Work and International Activity of National University «Odessa Maritime Academy» made suggestions to ensure the success of the tourist season, as well as discussed future development of the tourism sector in Odessa.

The participants made proposals regarding the format of interaction between the authorities and the tourist industry under transparent conditions, payment and effective use of the tourist fee, as well as streamlining of transport in historical areas of the city in order to provide the tourists' barrier-free access to the places of interest and others.

