



## Back to MDEM sport traditions



**MDEM is well known for its sporting traditions. Passion for sport, for football and basketball games unites employees for many years, as well as an annual spartakiada. Moreover, it is not just a hobby or a team-building tool; MDEM Football and MDEM Basketball teams are known for their players and achievements both in Ukraine and abroad. MDEM Director, Olena Zhukova, is a world champion and a professional basketball player for the Ukraine United national team.**

The war has become a challenge for Ukrainian sports, and the usual sports life of the MDEM team is currently on hold. However, the sporting spirit encourages us to seek any opportunity to prove ourselves.

Therefore, a mini-table tennis tournament took place at the MDEM Western Ukrainian location in Uzhhorod this weekend. The tournament gathered MDEM employees and invited veterans of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Fierce competition, sporting excitement, friendly kindness, gratitude for the opportunity to join – all these emotions united participants of the tournament.

As for result, the winners in the single's competition have become Olena Arlamenko and Ivan Balashov, in the individual competition - Ivan Balashov (Ist place), Vladyslav Krachkovskiyi (IIInd place), Oleksii Kovalenko (III place), and in the double's competition - Ivan Balashov and Valerii Litvinov (Ist place), Oleksii Kovalenko and Bohdan Sakutin (IIInd place), Vladyslav Krachkovskiyi and Oleh Nester (IIIrd place). Ivan Balashov, on behalf of the veteran community, thanked MDEM as organizer of the tournament, and we, in turn, are grateful to our guests for participation and judging.



The next day, MDEM employees were invited to join the cycling movement of Zakarpattia from the PO "Forza". An active bike ride through the Uzhhorod places of interest, the fresh air, and friendly company - the spring cycling season has officially started!

Sport is more than simply a physical activity. It is physical and mental health, social interaction,

character development - a necessary foundation for every individual and a strong team. We are grateful to the Armed Forces of Ukraine for the opportunity to live on our native land, to work, putting all efforts into the economic development of our country. We are looking forward to the next opportunity to showcase our sporting talents within the MDEM circle! <<

