

## Let's have a look together on how our year was until now

### January

On the **14th of January** the second call for proposals of Friend CCI closed with some phenomenal numbers. We received more than **40 project proposals**, from which **12 were chosen** and will receive fundings. The chosen projects are all very different from each other, and contain a vast diversity of themes. Some of the projects focus on music festivals, some on AI technologies and on production of documentaries and so on. To know more about the funded projects you can follow us on social media where every projects is being introduced.

### February - 3rd Transnational meeting Zaragoza

The **27th and 28th of February** the Consortium held his **third general assembly** in the beautiful **Zaragoza**, welcomed by the parter Cluster IDiA. Two days filled with exciting exchange of knowledge, experiences and lessons learned in the years.

During the stay the consortium had the opportunity to visit local firms that participated in the call.

### March

The **15th of March** the Friend CCI Consortium held an online meeting with the **European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA)** and **DG GROW**.

They discussed objectives, achievements, and challenges, delved into each work package, and planned future steps and milestones. The open discussion and Q&A gave valuable insights, shaping the next steps. This meeting wasn't just routine; it's a crucial step forward for the consortium.



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**May**

## **European Meta-Cluster for Cultural and Creative Industries Launched**

At the European Cluster Conference 2024 in Brussels, a significant agreement was signed between the FRIEND CCI EUROCLUSTER and Creathriv-Eu EUROCLUSTER, with the support of the European Clusters Alliance, ECCP, and EISMEA. This marks the creation of the European Meta-Cluster for Cultural and Creative Industries (CCIs).

This new initiative will unite companies, public bodies, and universities to collaborate on managing, conserving, and enhancing cultural heritage and creativity. The Meta-Cluster aims to foster a collaborative environment, explore new supply chains across various sectors, and drive economic sustainability and innovation within the CCI sector.

## **Share Your Insights: Quick Survey on CCI Sector Challenges**

We're excited to invite you to participate in a brief survey as part of the Eurocluster FRIEND CCI initiative. This is your chance to share valuable insights on the key challenges facing the Cultural and Creative Industries (CCI) sector.

Your feedback is essential in helping us better understand the current landscape and identify areas for growth. The survey takes just 10 minutes to complete, and your responses will play a crucial role in shaping the future of the CCI ecosystem.

We appreciate your time and look forward to your valuable input!

Take here our [SURVEY](#).

## **Overview of the project**

Let's summarize the results of both calls to see together the numbers that we reached:

- 161 SMEs
- 70 projects submitted
- 22 funded projects
- 84 registered service providers
- 1 076.000,00 EUR that are goign directly to the SMEs



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