



**GO
FORWARD**
Successful UA
Women in CCS

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»»» **TURNING CREATIVITY INTO OPPORTUNITY:**

We are excited to introduce the Go Forward project „**Social innovations to transform challenges to opportunities in employment and social inclusion of women fleeing from Ukraine**” an innovative European initiative funded under the **European Social Fund Agency**, focused on social and labour market inclusion of Ukrainian women through self-employment opportunities in the Cultural and Creative Sectors (CCS).

Running from **2025 to 2026**, the project brings together a dynamic consortium across **Lithuania, Cyprus, and Romania**, aiming to transform challenges into opportunities for women fleeing from the war of aggression of Russia in Ukraine. By applying social innovation methods, the project supports their motivation, skill development, and community integration.

»»» **WHO WE SUPPORT:**

The main target group of the Go Forward project is Ukrainian women displaced by the war, currently living in EU countries and looking to gain new skills and confidence to become self-employed, particularly in Cultural and Creative Sectors (CCS). It also engages organizations such as **migration centers, NGOs, adult education providers, and local businesses**, encouraging them to adopt the educational-social Model developed in the project and actively support the integration process.

**LET'S GO
FORWARD –
TRANSFORMING
LIVES,
BUILDING
FUTURES!**



The project kicked off with the first transnational partnership meeting in Kaunas, Lithuania in May 2025, where representatives from all partner organizations came together to ensuring strong cooperation, alignment of goals, and a shared vision for empowering Ukrainian women across Europe!

PLANS FOR THE NEXT PERIOD

In the upcoming period, the project will progress with the development of the introduction **"Why it is important to participate in the Motivation Workshop – Innovative Solutions in CCS for Ukrainian Women,"** the creation of a **Partnership Guide** for developing learning materials for the workshop, the development of an **e-Collection of Good Practices** in CCS implemented by Ukrainian women in partner countries, and the creation of an **e-Directory featuring media-based success stories** of Ukrainian women in self-employment within CCS.



THE ROLES OF OUR PROJECT PARTNERS



As the coordinator, SIF leads overall project management and coordination, and spearheads the development of the E-Studio and e-learning platform. With over 30 years of experience in social innovation, SIF ensures project excellence from planning to execution.



JITL leads the Piloting Phase, providing practical training opportunities in beauty and creative industries for Ukrainian women. Their tailored training programs support labour market entry with a focus on flexibility and inclusiveness.



CSI leads the Motivation Workshop and the creation of the E-Toolkit for Facilitators, while also taking the role of internal evaluator. CSI ensures that training methods are engaging and effective for empowering participants.



CPIP leads the organization of Ukrainian Women's Days and drives the Dissemination & Communication Strategy. With extensive experience in migrant inclusion, CPIP supports the visibility and impact of the project across communities.

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