## PRESS RELEASE Weave Up!

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On the 22 of May, 2025, HS\_Projets (France), Ideias Emergentes (Portugal) and the Vilnius Academy of Arts (Lithuania) will held a documentaries projection and an exhibition in the Showroom Galerie 7 (Lyon, France).

These documentaries and objects are the results of the *Weave Up!* project; a contribution to Creative Europe programme and co-financed by the European Union, from 2023 to 2025. During this period *Weave Up!* aimed to bring together 24 young designers, led by 4 master designers, to european textile materials: linen, wool, cork and leather alternatives, and all the workers around them. Residencies and workshops were held during 2 years around France, Portugal and Lithuania.

It was an opportunity for these designers, professionals, companies and craftmen to have a better understanding of innovative and sustainable properties of these 4 materials. On top of an intergenerational networking and specific knowledge passing between professionals, *Weave Up!* is also a way of raising public awareness of an European sense of belonging and natural materials importance, with the ultimate aim of transforming consumar habits.

This led to several experiments which have been documented in a documentary specific to each material;

- "Cork-thèque: reimagining nature's second skin" shows the cork industry in Portugal and how it can be applied to textile practices.
- "The linen: to be connected by a single thread" retraces the issue of linen heritage and nowadays production in France and Lithuania.
- "The wool: an ecological network in Europe" introduces the ecological innovations that can be done thanks to wool.
- "Leather-thèque : and other skins" showcases biomaterials tests in order to imagine new possibilities for organic waste.

The 4 documentaries were all edited by Villageproduction.



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