### **CREACT4MED Policy Action Plan**









#### **Global Context**



GDP per capita

4136 US\$



Population **5.4 Million** 





Median age



Unemployment rate



Youth unemployment × rate 23.8%



Female labor force participation rate 27.4%



Individuals Using Internet

86.5%



Mobile cellular subscriptions (per 100 people) **76.6** 



**Active Social** Media users 4.52 Million



World Heritage sites: 6



Films produced in 2023: 12



Global Innovation rank



2023: **92** out of 132



Global Creativity Index (GCI) 2015: 94 out of 139



International Property Right Index 2023: **114** out of 125

Source of the data: World Bank, WHO, Digital 2024 Global Overview Report, UNESCO (retrieved in 2024)

#### **Unlocking Country's CCI Potential**

#### **Mainstream CCI**



- Draft and adopt a comprehensive strategy for the CCI involving representatives from each CCI subsector, alongside government officials and cultural experts
- Launch public awareness campaigns to highlight the importance and value of CCI to Lebanon's economy, culture, and society

### **Build an Enabling Environment for Creative Workers**



- Design and implement customized support programs for existing creative businesses, including financial aid, professional training, and regional artist exchange mobility service
- Improve the affordability and access to good quality digital infrastructure and provide digital upskilling opportunities to ensure that CCI professionals can fully benefit from the digital revolution, particularly advancements in Al
- Improve the Quality of **CCI Jobs**



- Create a national registry of artists to formally recognize and document professional artists Ensure that artists have access to social
- security benefits, including health insurance, unemployment benefits, and retirement plans • Establish guidelines and standards for
- fair compensation to ensure that artists are paid equitably for their work



### **Stakeholders**

# Involved

- CCI related Ministries Associations and cultural
- foundations such as Beirut Art center
- International actors such the EU, Institut Français, etc.
- Cultural NGOs

## **Key Actions**

institutions, NGOs, and international partners to draft and adopt a comprehensive strategy for Cultural and Creative Industries (CCI) in Lebanon • Collaborate with legal experts, industry stakeholders,

• Form a coalition of industry stakeholders, cultural

- and cultural organizations to draft and advocate for the recognition of a legal status for artists in Lebanon. This legal status should define the rights, responsibilities, and benefits specific to artists and creative professionals
- Establish continues grant programs for Lebanese artists and cultural professionals to participate in international exchanges and residencies, fostering global collaborations and sustainable empowerment through long-term partnerships with international
- cultural organizations. • Set up a dedicated help desk within a relevant trade organization or cultural association to assist creative

workers and artists with export documentation and procedures and to negotiate reduced shipping rates