

A preview to 2024 with a view back to 2023

Year 2023 was a busy year also for FIIF. Big "THANK YOU!" goes to our excellent speakers and active event participants! And a reminder: you can find all presentation materials in [FIIF's materials archive](#). This year's last newsletter contains information about FIIF events we have planned for the spring of 2024.

Next spring's event calendar will be updated continuously, so regular visits to the Events section in FIIF's web pages will help you stay on board and well informed!

The next FIIF Newsletter will be published in **January 2024**. It will contain more information about next year's events.

DIMECC's FIIF team wishes to all of you a restful end of the year and a peaceful New Year 2024!



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FIIF Event: FIWARE (Thursday, Feb. 15th, at 9:00-12:30, Tampere and online)



FIWARE is an open source initiative that provides a set of standards and components to enable the development of smart solutions in different domains such as Smart Cities and the Internet of Things (IoT). It's not a single protocol, but rather a collection of components and APIs that work

together. FIWARE's modular and flexible architecture makes it suitable for a wide range of applications, especially where interoperability and the integration of data from diverse sources are critical. This seminar focuses on FIWARE usage and opportunities especially in Smart City applications.

Program will be updated on [the event web page](#). Register to the [event here](#).



Coming up in March! A FIIF event on new data generation of AI methods, systems and data management infrastructure

AI is one of the biggest mega-trends towards the 4th industrial revolution. [The knowlEdge project](#) has developed a new generation of AI methods, systems and data management infrastructure. This framework provides means for the secure management of distributed data and the

computational infrastructure to execute the needed analytic algorithms and redistribute the knowledge towards a knowledge exchange society. The project results will be presented at a FIIF Event in March. The knowlEdge consortium consists of 12 partners from 7 EU countries, and its solution will be tested and evaluated in 3 manufacturing sectors. Industrial partners are Italian food producer Parmalat S.p.A., German plastic fuel tank system supplier Kautex Textron, and industrial power transmission solution provider Bonfiglioli Slovakia. Finnish partners are VTT and DIMECC.

Quick recap of FIIF in 2023

In terms of numbers, year 2022 was very successful for FIIF. We organized eight FIIF events to which registered a total of 586 people (in 2022 448). Let's make 2024 even bigger and better FIIF year than 2023!

1. Tekoälyn edistäminen yrityksissä: AI-lähettiläs (130 registered)
2. Machine vision (69 registered)
3. XR in Industry (86 registered)
4. Industry 5.0 w/ Taival Advisory (26 registered)
5. Autonomous Mobility in Smart Spaces (58 registered)
6. AI and the power of simulation (58 registered)
7. Leveraging ChatGPT and Large Language Models in Industry (114 registered)
8. Private Wireless Networks and Edge Computing as Enablers for Industrial Digitalization (45 registered)

Boost Your Digital Transformation with the Help of ADMA TranS4Mers!

We now offer manufacturing SMEs the opportunity to assess their digital maturity and to create a comprehensive Transformation Plan to support their digitalization journey towards becoming factories of the future. The assessment covers transformation areas such as advanced manufacturing, end-to-end customer focused engineering, and digital factory. We offer the assessment and up to 8 hours of consulting for free in the context of the ADMA TranS4Mers program that DIMECC is partner in. The deadline for applications is 17.1.2024 and we only have 30 spots for Finland, so make sure you are on the list! **Secure your spot and use 5 minutes to apply already today!** If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact [Doris Pryjma](mailto:Doris.Pryjma@imecc.com) +358 40 840 6700. ADMA TranS4Mers project has received funding from the European Union's H2020-2018-2020 research and innovation programme.



Technology, manufacturing or mobility start-up? We want to help you scale up!

ESCALTECH is a tailor-made program to enhance competitiveness and growth. Our international cooperation allows us to provide a range of services and activities to potential scale-up companies, including matchmaking, coaching activities, individual and group mentoring sessions, thematic trainings, seminars, and workshops.

We are now looking for tech companies under 7 years of age in the fields of ICT, smart manufacturing, smart mobility and e-governance to join the program. By leveraging our expertise and resources, we believe that we can create a supportive ecosystem that enables technology start-ups to thrive and unlock their full potential. The selection is on a rolling basis and [completing the application](#) is necessary for being considered. We look forward to partnering with technology companies across Latvia, Estonia, and Finland to help them scale up and achieve their business objectives.

Activities are substantially supported by the project so don't miss your chance and APPLY NOW!

You can also take a look at the project [website](#) for more information. Our next event about Go to Market and Positioning will take place online already on 15.12. at 12-14pm and you can find out more [here](#).

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Application round for CEF Digital funding is open

The digital part of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF Digital) will support and catalyse both public and private investments in digital connectivity infrastructures between 2021 and 2027. The Commission has now opened a third set of calls for proposals worth over €240 million to **strengthen the deployment of ultra-fast, secure, and sustainable digital infrastructures**.

This new set of calls focuses on improving 5G connectivity throughout rural communities and urban areas to ensure that all EU citizens have access to digital technologies and services. The calls also support the development of 5G infrastructure along European transport corridors:

- **5G coverage along transport corridors** (€100 million)
- **5G and Edge Cloud for Smart Communities** (€51 million)
- **Backbone connectivity for Digital Global Gateways** (€90 million)

More information about the call details can be found [here](#). The deadline for applications is **January 17, 2024**.

In Finland, this program is coordinated by Traficom, contact person Mr. **Petri Makkonen** (email petri.makkonen@traficom.com, phone +358 29 5390516).

In focus

Name	Date	Location
FIIF Event: FIWARE	Feb 15	Tampere
Engineering Works Trade Fair, Nordic Welding Expo ja 3D & New Materials. More information on the event web page.	March 19-21	Tampere

If you have material that you would like to be included in the FIIF Newsletters and Alerts or otherwise distributed to the FIIF community members, please contact the FIIF Manager (fiif.manager@ dimecc.com). You can also suggest a topic for a FIIF event or activity or offer to give a presentation at a FIIF event. FIIF Manager also maintains the FIIF mailing list, which is used to distribute information to contact persons. Please contact the FIIF Manager regarding any changes to the FIIF mailing list.



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