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ACCIO: The Agency for Business Competitiveness

ACCIO is the Business competitiveness agency of the Catalan Government, affiliated to the Government of Catalonia’s Ministry for Business and knowledge and Directorate-General for Industry. Created more than 30 years ago, ACCIO has a network of 40 offices worldwide and its headquarters are located in the city of Barcelona.

In a changing environment and an increasingly global market, we aim to boost the capacity of the Catalan business community.

Our work is focused on a key pairing for business competitiveness: innovation and internationalisation.

A clear link between innovation and internationalisation: most innovative companies are exporters (52.8%).

The London School of Economics recommends “the integration of innovation and internationalisation policies”.

It mainly focuses on SMEs, which represent 98% of Catalonia’s business community.

It provides support to more than 15,400 projects a year.

ACCIO main objective is to promote innovation and internationalization among Catalan enterprises (especially SME’s, as they represent 98% of all the enterprises in the region) as well as attracting inward investment. It offers support for strategy, R&D, innovation and internationalization to enterprises and entrepreneurs to improve their competitiveness. The support is open to all sectors and it provides opportunities to create new enterprises and consolidate the growth of those which already exist.
ACCió is a key part of the competitiveness of Catalan SMEs. ACCió has a broad experience in coordinating and managing funding programmes in innovation and internationalization both at the national and international level. Having designed, developed and implemented several successful programs.

**ACCIO Specific Programmes/Areas:**

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**Catalonia’s region description:**

Historically a trading nation, Catalonia’s economic activity has always depended on its ability to connect to the rest of the world. Motivated by necessity, Catalonia has developed a skill for reaching out and connecting over the years that has become one of the area's major talents, and today makes Catalonia an unbeatable meeting point for international business.

Its cultural diversity, the cosmopolitan atmosphere, and its trading history all mean Catalonia attracts talent worldwide. Thanks to this, both businesses and business professionals from all walks of life are completely at home here.
Incoming investments join good company in Catalonia

The global nature of Catalonia’s business panorama is backed up by the 8,642 incoming firms now operating here, not to mention the fact that it absorbs 30% of the foreign investment in manufacturing industry in Spain. Furthermore, the business ecosystem shows a high level of diversification in terms of sectors and countries, and operates in a competitive, talented and open environment.

Over the last years, Catalonia has become a European hub for industrial and tech-based investments (centres of excellence, technology hubs, innovative laboratories, etc.).

One of Europe's preferred areas for investment projects

According to official data from the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism, Catalonia has received more than 23,000 million euros in foreign direct investment over the last five years, a 45% increase compared to the previous five-year period.

In 2018, Catalonia attracted 171 foreign investment projects. This represented the highest number of foreign investment projects in Catalonia ever recorded by fDi Markets. Besides, in 2018, Catalonia was ranked second in Western Europe in terms of job creation from foreign investment, beaten only by the region of Southeast England.

In fact, the Financial Times Group has selected Catalonia as the best Southern European region for investment in 2018 and 2019. Furthermore, ACCIÓ (Catalonia trade & Investment) has been acknowledged as Investment Promotion Agency of the Year – Highly Commended (fDi Strategy Awards, 2018).
A dynamic export sector

Catalan exports in 2018 came to €71,624 million, breaking a historical record for the eighth year in a row. Main export sectors are: chemicals (16.9%), automotive (16.7%), food & drink (11.5%), pharmaceuticals (7.1%), textile and fashion (6.9%) and machinery (6.2%).

Catalan companies have significant experience in international trade and investment. One in five Catalan firms export and 36% of Catalan exporting companies (17,239) do so on a regular basis.
List of projects included in the portfolio

Ongoing Finalised

**INNOVATION PROJECTS**

Programme for the competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs (COSME)
- **EMPOWA** Enhancing the participation of Women entrepreneurs in the Horizon 2020 SME Instrument.

INTERREG EUROPE
- **S3Chem** Smart Chemistry Specialisation Strategy
- **S34Growth** Enhancing policies through interregional cooperation: New industrial value chains for growth

HORIZON 2020
- **Tecniospring INDUSTRY** ACCIÓ programme to foster mobility of researchers with a focus in applied research and technology transfer
- **TECNIOspring+** ACCIÓ programme to foster mobility of researchers with a focus in applied research and technology transfer
- **PLIS** Peer Learning Innovation services
- **Manunet III** Era-Net Cofund on Advanced manufacturing Technologies
- **EMEurope** Era-Net Cofund on Electric Mobility Europe
- **INNCAT 2020-2021** Enhancing INNovation management capacity of CATalan small and medium enterprises
- **INNCAT 2019** Enhancing INNovation management capacity of CATalan small and medium enterprises
- **INNCAT 2017-2018** Enhancing INNovation management capacity of CATalan small and medium enterprises
- **INNCAT 2015-2016** Enhancing INNovation management capacity of CATalan small and medium enterprises
- **INNCAT 2014** Enhancing INNovation management capacity of CATalan small and medium enterprises

SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME (FP7)
- **TECNIOspring** ACCIÓ programme to foster mobility of researchers with a focus in applied research and technology transfer
- **BIOPHOTONICS** Photonic appliances for life sciences and health
- **OLAE+** Organic and Large Area Electronics
- **MANUNET II** Supporting SMEs toward a new phase to European Research Area on new processes, adaptive manufacturing systems and the factory of the future
- **ERANET TRANSPORT III**
- **ETB-PRO** EUROpean programme for TRANS-national R&D&I cooperation of BIOtech SMEs
SIXTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME (FP6)

✓ FIRE Facilitating innovation in renewable energies
✓ TRANSBIO Matching Transoceanic Biotech Opportunities
✓ MANUNET Walking towards an European regionally based research area on new processes and flexible intelligent manufacturing systems
INTERNATIONALISATION PROJECTS

INTERREG Europe
✓ RaiSE enhancing social enterprises competitiveness through improved business support policies

INTERREG SUDOE
✓ INTER_TEX Joint strategy to foster SMEs internationalisation in textile sector within SUDOE region

INTERREG MED
✓ WIDER Green growing of SMEs: Innovation and development in the energy sector in MED area
✓ MARIE Mediterranean building rethinking for energy efficiency improvement

INTERREG IV C
✓ I4W Innovation for Welfare
✓ EuroPROC EU Regional Cooperation for SMEs access to Public Procurement
✓ EVITA Exchange, Valorisation and Transfer of regional best policy measures for SME support on IT and e-business Adoption

INTERREG III C
✓ MATEO Matching Technologies and Opportunities

INTERREG POCTEFA
✓ DRIVE INML Improving the competitiveness of companies in the cross-border area through the international leadership in its niche markets

Programme for the competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs (COSME)
✓ PPACT Improving SME’s access to public procurement
✓ CATCIM 20-21 CATalan services for Competitiveness and Innovation in the global Market
✓ CATCIM19 CATalan services for Competitiveness and Innovation in the global Market
✓ CATCIM 17-18 CATalan services for Competitiveness and Innovation in the global Market
✓ CATCIM 15-16 CATalan services for Competitiveness and Innovation in the global Market

Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP)
✓ CATCIM III CATalan services for Competitiveness and Innovation in the global Market
✓ CATCIM II CATalan services for Competitiveness and Innovation in the global Market
✓ CATCIM CATalan services for Competitiveness and Innovation in the global Market
✓ CS2EU Connecting Catalan SMEs to Europe
✓ EMMINVEST European Mobile and Mobility industries international INVESTment programme
European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENPI)
- EUROMED INVEST EU Support to Business and Investment Partnerships in Southern Mediterranean
- EAST INVEST European Eastern Partnership Initiative

Instrument for Cooperation with Industrialised Countries (ICI)
- EBTC European Business Technology Centre

**CLUSTER PROJECTS**

INTERREG MED
- Greennomed Mediterranean transregional cooperation for green manufacturing innovation

EUROPEAID
- MedVentures Boosting innovators in the Mediterranean

Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP)
- EU4SPORTSCLUSTERS Internationalisation of European sports companies through clusters

**START-UP PROJECTS**

Programme for the competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs (COSME)
- ScaleCat Support young innovative companies scaling-up their activities in the Single Market Consultation

INTERREG SUDOE
- Links_Up Promoting interaction to stimulate the growth of start-ups in the SUDOE region.
Summary of EU Projects

A summary of the main European projects executed by ACCIO is featured below. The projects are listed according to the funding source (Horizon 2020, 7FP, 6FP, Interreg, COSME, CIP, ENPI and ICI) and from most recent to oldest.

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- incoming, two years contract in a Catalan company or TECNIO centre for researchers non-residents in Spain and from any nationality  
- Outgoing + return: 1-year contract in a research centre or R&D department of a private company abroad and one-year contract in a Catalan company or in a TECNIO centre for residents in Spain from any nationality.  
Budget: 11,085,120€  
Duration: 60 months  
Role of ACCIO: Coordinator  
Number of participants: Sole Participant  
Project status: Ongoing  
url: [www.tecniospring.com](http://www.tecniospring.com) |
| TECNIOspring PLUS | ACCIÓ programme to foster mobility of researchers with a focus on applied research and technology transfer | TECNIOspring Plus is an international mobility fellowship programme for experienced researchers willing to develop their research career in an R&D entity around the world. The programme offers two type of fellowships:  
- incoming, two years contract in a Catalan company or TECNIO centre for researchers non-residents in Spain and from any nationality  
- Outgoing + return: 1-year contract in a research centre or R&D department of a private company abroad and one-year contract in a Catalan company or in a TECNIO centre for residents in Spain from any nationality.  
Budget: 10,195,200€  
Duration: 60 months (with extension 68 months)  
Role of ACCIO: Coordinator  
Number of participants: Sole Participant  
Project status: Ongoing  
url: [www.tecniospring.com](http://www.tecniospring.com) |
**ERA-NET on advanced manufacturing Technologies**

**MANUNET III**
01/09/2016- 31/08/2021

MANUNET III pretends to create a smart sustainable growth in the European manufacturing sector by coordinating the research and innovation efforts in the field of advanced manufacturing with a special focus on the key areas of new production processes, adaptive manufacturing systems and technologies for the factory of the future. MANUNET III will also reinforce the territorial cohesion through an extended collaboration network by promoting the transnational research, innovation and entrepreneurship in the industrial sector, especially in SMEs, which are the backbone of Europe’s economy, through yearly calls for proposals.

- **Budget:** 16,778,672€ (ACCIÓ: 93,715€)
- **Duration:** 60 months
- **Role of ACCIO:** Partner
- **Number of participants:** 26
- **Project status:** Ongoing
- **URL:** [http://www.manunet.net/](http://www.manunet.net/)

**ERA-NET Cofund**

**EMEurope**

**Electric Mobility Europe**
01/10/2016- 30/09/2021

EMEurope builds on the experience and the progress made in the FP7 ERA-NET Plus initiative Electromobility+ (2010-2015). EMEurope takes the transnational cooperation in this field to a higher level by supporting the integration of new technologies into the existing transport system – focusing on urban and suburban areas – and by facilitating a stronger alignment of strategy and policy among the relevant stakeholders at the national, regional and local levels. The close cooperation foreseen with EGVIA will guarantee complementarity to work done in the field since FP7.

- **Budget:** 19,309,315€ (ACCIÓ: 83,895€)
- **Duration:** 60 months
- **Role of ACCIO:** Partner
- **Number of participants:** 23
- **Project status:** Ongoing
- **URL:** [www.electricmobilityeurope.eu](http://www.electricmobilityeurope.eu)

**Enhancing INNovation management capacity of CATalan small and medium enterprises**

**INNCAT 2020-2021**
01/01/2020 – 31/12/2021

**INNCAT 2019**
01/01/2019 – 31/12/2019

**INNCAT 2017-2018**
01/01/2017 – 31/12/2018

**INNCAT 2015-2016**
01/01/2015- 31/12/2016

**INNCAT 2014**
01/07/2014- 31/12/2014

This project offers assessment, mentoring and coaching services to SMEs with the objective of increasing and accelerating the economic returns from innovation.

As coordinator of the Catalan node of the EEN, ACCIÓ offers a wide range of innovation services to SMEs. These services are focused on enhancing innovation management capacities of SMEs. ACCIÓ will provide this new specialised service to two specific groups of enterprises: Beneficiaries of the SME instrument; SMEs with significant innovation activities and a high potential for internationalisation.

- **Budget INNCAT 20-21:** 367,894€
- **Budget INNCAT 19:** 119,026€
- **Budget INNCAT 17-18:** 243,000€
- **Budget INNCAT 15-16:** 157,500€
- **Budget INNCAT 14:** 80,500€
- **Duration:** 24 months (INNCAT 20-21, INNCAT 17-18, INNCAT 15-16), 12 months (INNCAT19), 6 months (INNCAT 14)
- **Role of ACCIO:** Coordinator
- **Number of participants:** Sole participant
- **Project status:** Ongoing
- **URL:** [http://www.een.cat](http://www.een.cat)
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<td>Peer learning Innovation Services</td>
<td>PLIS</td>
<td>The overall objective of PLIS is to enable innovation support institutions in regions across Europe to quickly and effectively develop new initiatives as well as refine current methodologies that will engage, encourage and aid SMEs to use Service Innovation as a mean for maintaining or increasing competitiveness, growth and jobs.</td>
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<td>Photonic appliances for life sciences and health</td>
<td>BIOPHOTONICS+</td>
<td>BIOPHOTONICS+ aims to consolidate the respective funding activities in the participating countries and science, primarily focusing on Biophotonics methods and applications that are translatable into products on the short term and to develop, refine and combine existing biophotonic technology to the stage of pre-commercial demonstrators for converting them into commercial products.</td>
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<td>Organic and Large Area Electronics</td>
<td>OLAЕ+</td>
<td>OLAЕ+ seeks proposals to develop and stimulate the technology and business relationships within the European OLAЕ community, building the supply chain and removing barriers to industrialisation, through yearly calls for proposals.</td>
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| | | Budget: **50,000€ (ACCIÓ: 12,500€)**  
Duration: **12 months**  
Role of ACCIÓ: Coordinator  
Number of participants: 4  
Project status: Finalised |
| | | Budget: **7,850,640€**  
Duration: **60 months**  
Role of ACCIÓ: Coordinator  
Number of participants: Sole participant  
Project status: Finalised  
url: [www.tecniospring.com](http://www.tecniospring.com) |
| | | Budget: **15,300,000€ (ACCIÓ: 251,500€)**  
Duration: **60 months**  
Role of ACCIÓ: Partner  
Number of participants: 8  
Project status: Finalised  
| | | Budget: **18,443,452€ (ACCIÓ: 633,021€)**  
Duration: **60 months**  
Role of ACCIÓ: Partner  
Number of participants: 9  
Project status: Finalised  
url: [http://www.olaeplus.eu/](http://www.olaeplus.eu/) |

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<td>EUROPean programme for TRANS-national R&amp;D&amp;I cooperation of BIOtech SMEs</td>
<td>ETB-PRO</td>
<td>ETB-PRO was an international funding initiative supported by European program owners. It established itself as the preferred funding instrument for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), collaborating in the area of modern biotechnology. The mission of ETB was to foster the competitiveness of the European biotechnology industry by supporting research intensive SMEs and their strategic partner with the aim of achieving a thriving European biotechnology industry. Budget: <strong>3,166,533€</strong> (ACCIÓ: <strong>141,998€</strong>) Duration: <strong>48 months (with extension 60 months)</strong> Role of ACCIO: <strong>Partner</strong> Number of participants: <strong>15</strong> Project status: <strong>Finalised</strong> url: <a href="https://www.eurotransbio.eu/">https://www.eurotransbio.eu/</a></td>
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<td>SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME</td>
<td>ERANET TRANSPORT III</td>
<td>ENT was a network of national and regional transport research programmes in Europe. The project mainly served to the owners and managers of transport research programmes by facilitating cooperation between their national/regional funding programmes in order to reduce fragmentation of the European Research Area (ERA) for Transport. Budget: <strong>2,797,959€</strong> (ACCIÓ: <strong>15,300€</strong>) Duration: <strong>48 months (with extension 54 months)</strong> Role of ACCIO: <strong>Partner</strong> Number of participants: <strong>25</strong> Project status: <strong>Finalised</strong> url: <a href="http://transport-era.net/">http://transport-era.net/</a></td>
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<td>Supporting SMEs toward a new phase to European Research Area on new processes, adaptive manufacturing systems and the factory of the future</td>
<td>MANUNET II</td>
<td>MANUNET II was a 4-year cooperation agreement among regions with the objective to promote and fund transnational research and development projects in the field of manufacturing, through yearly calls for proposals. MANUNET II planned to carry out 4 new calls for proposals with a high cooperation among regions/countries, more funding by countries/regions, higher R&amp;D investment mobilized, appropriate dates and effective dissemination. Budget: <strong>1,745,448€</strong> (ACCIÓ: <strong>150,187€</strong>) Duration: <strong>48 months (with extension 66 months)</strong> Role of ACCIO: <strong>Partner</strong> Number of participants: <strong>17</strong> Project status: <strong>Finalised</strong> url: <a href="http://www.manunet.net/">http://www.manunet.net/</a></td>
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<td>Walking towards a European regionally based research area on new processes and flexible intelligent manufacturing systems&lt;br&gt;<strong>MANUNET</strong>&lt;br&gt;01/04/2006 - 31/10/2010</td>
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|          | **FIRE**                                                                      | Facilitating innovation in renewable energies<br>**FIRE**<br>01/12/2006 - 30/11/2009 | The aim of FIRE was to facilitate and promote the participation of SMEs from the Renewable Energy Sector (RES) in the framework programme, with a clear focus on the phasing out FP7. The strategic approach was based on:  
- The identification of innovation potential in SMEs  
- A "bottom-up" approach in mobilising SME participation  
- The creation of Interactive European sectorial workshops  
- Comprehensive guidance and follow-up programme to ensure that SMEs are provided with the adequate support and guidance from a panel of experts. | 1,183,373€ (ACCIÓ: 123,848€) | 36 months | Partner (CIDEM) | 14                    | Finalised       |                      |
<p>|          | <strong>TRANSBIO</strong>                                                                  | Matching Transoceanic Biotech Opportunities&lt;br&gt;<strong>TRANSBIO</strong>&lt;br&gt;01/06/2006 - 31/05/2008 | TRANSBIO was an international funding initiative to support and encourage to take the knowledge from biotech SMEs and research institutions to the USA and Canada, attract development partners into their consortium and develop their ideas and innovations further in the world's most advanced and competitive markets for biotech products and services. The project putted a high priority on working with teams trying to exploit knowledge created in the EC’s Framework Programmes to extract more value from the years of investment that had been made in this sector. | 1,1170,218€ (ACCIÓ: 199,653€) | 24 months | Coordinator (CIDEM) | 8                     | Finalised       |                      |</p>
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**LINKS UP** is an interregional project to promote and improve Start Up’s growth and competitiveness in southwest Europe. The project focuses on the Start-Up development phase, working on the acceleration process. To achieve the objective LINKS UP works on three main areas:
- Improving access to finance
- Improving close-to-market actions
- Improving the Start-up professionalization through sector specialization

The project focuses on tourism, health and ICT sectors.

Budget: **1,120,000€** (ACCIÓ: **200,000€**)
Duration: **36 months**
Role of ACCIO: Partner
Number of participants: **6**
Project status: **Finalised**
url: [http://www.linksup-project.eu/author/admin/](http://www.linksup-project.eu/author/admin/)

**INTER-TEX** pursues the SME’s internationalization in textile industry activating interregional trade exchange and creating transnational value chains. The project main objectives are:
- To build a transnational cooperation network to support SME’s internationalization.
- To promote vertical and horizontal cooperation among SME

Budget: **966,883€** (ACCIÓ: **127,384€**)
Duration: **30 months**
Role of ACCIO: Partner
Number of participants: **8**
Project status: **Finalised**
url: [www.intertex-sudoe.eu](http://www.intertex-sudoe.eu)

**S3Chem** seeks to develop and improve the implementation of RIS (Regional Innovation Strategies) in the field of Chemistry. The project bases on an interregional exchange of experiences and mutual learning among public authorities from seven European chemical regions.

Budget: **1,943,519€** (ACCIÓ: **295,223€**)
Duration: **60 months**
Role of ACCIO: Partner
Number of participants: **8**
Project status: **Ongoing**
url: [http://www.interregeurope.eu/s3chem/](http://www.interregeurope.eu/s3chem/)

**S34Growth** is a project based on Vanguard Initiative, which aims de revitalisation of European industries. The project strives to develop and improve pre-existing regional policy instruments in this field. S34Growth engages ten European regions from 8 European countries willing to collaborate and exchange experiences and knowledge.

Budget: **1,940,239€** (ACCIÓ: **181,200€**)
Duration: **48 months**
Role of ACCIO: Partner
Number of participants: **11**
Project status: **Ongoing**
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| Enhancing social enterprises competitiveness through improved business support policies | **RaiSE** | RaiSE seeks to contribute towards the competitiveness in SE sector in the EU through improved regional policy development and implementation, enabling specialised business assistance and support. RaiSE particular focus is on promoting growth and access to markets, thereby targeting relatively consolidated SE.  
- **Budget:** 1,493,565€ (ACCIÓ: 390,798€)  
- **Duration:** 54 months  
- **Role of ACCIO:** Coordinator  
- **Number of participants:** 7  
- **Project status:** Ongoing  
- **url:** [http://www.interregeurope.eu/raise/](http://www.interregeurope.eu/raise/) |
| Innovation for Welfare | **I4W** | Innovation 4 Welfare brought together policymakers, knowledge providers, economic and social intermediaries and health institutions, implementing projects and policies across six regions. These stakeholders shared exchanged, transferred and implemented good practices and made efforts to renew the regional policy agenda. The six regions had the challenge to work on issues in the following application fields:  
- Services and products for special target groups (like elderly people);  
- Accessibility, mobility and smart homes;  
- Medical and home care systems;  
- Safety and security.  
  In these application fields technical solutions within ICT, food- and bio-technology, advanced materials and design have been applied.  
- **Budget:** 4,812,101€ (ACCIÓ: 1,023,665€)  
- **Duration:** 48 months  
- **Role of ACCIO:** Coordinator  
- **Number of participants:** 6  
- **Project status:** Finalised  
- **url:** [http://www.innovation4welfare.eu/](http://www.innovation4welfare.eu/) |
| EU Regional Cooperation for SMEs access to Public Procurement | **EuroPROC** | The overall objective of the EuroPROC project was to increase the competitiveness of EU regions and SMEs when participating in EU tendering systems. Key points were to fill the existing gap among the different EU regions involved, contributing to the catching up process in Central and Eastern Europe. This was done through a balanced partnership of 11 partners coming from 10 EU member states.  
- **Budget:** 1,513,780€ (ACCIÓ: 452,204€)  
- **Duration:** 36 months  
- **Role of ACCIO:** Coordinator  
- **Number of participants:** 11  
- **Project status:** Finalised  
- **url:** [www.euro-proc.eu](http://www.euro-proc.eu) |
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<td>EVITA built on various good practices developed under different regional and interregional development programs, in order to improve the effectiveness of regional development policies in the area of the access of SMEs, to knowledge, information, e-business practices and the global digital economy, in regions with low IT and e-business penetration. The main objective of the project was to share, exchange, transfer and disseminate “best practice” regional policy measures, implemented by experienced regional authorities, and recognized by the European Commission, in the area of: SME support for IT adoption, training of SMEs on e-business and the digital economy.</td>
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<td>The overall objective of GREENNOMED is to increase the transnational innovation capability of MED Regions through the extensive testing and transfer of a Clusters-coordinated cooperation methodology that was conceived in the frame of the “Vanguard Initiative–New Growth Through Smart Specialization” The thematic focus of GREENNOMED is on green growth and, in particular, on energy efficiency, waste management/recycling and eco-innovation in manufacturing. The Vanguard ESM pilot already targeted these topics as high priorities.</td>
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<td>WIDER aimed at improving and sharing knowledge management regarding innovation, markets opportunities and new products of SMEs all along the supply chain of the eco-smart housing for independent living of elderly sector in 7 MED regional industrial areas thanks to the implementation of targeted pilot projects.</td>
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| Mediterranean building rethinking for energy efficiency improvement | MARIE | MARIE allows the countries of the Mediterranean basin to develop a common policy in relation to energy renovation of buildings by creating a socioeconomic context and more appropriate technical and financial leverage capacity. The project aims to identify and supply the points of leverage in such a way which stimulates the market for energy efficiency technologies in connection with buildings.  
  Budget: 5,913,880€ (ACCIÓ: 317,264€)  
  Duration: 36 months  
  Role of ACCIO: Partner  
  Number of participants: 23  
  Project status: Finalised  
| Matching Technologies and Opportunities | MATEO | MATEO was a Regional Framework Operation (RFO) to address problems related to stimulating technology-driven innovation, a key driver in the sustained regional economic development. The task of MATEO project was to develop innovations between SMEs and research and technological institutions, support their mutual exchange of experience and improve cooperation between the regions involved.  
  Budget: 7,710,332€ (ACCIÓ: 2,343,762€)  
  Duration: 36 months  
  Role of ACCIO: Coordinator (CIDEM)  
  Number of participants: 4  
  Project status: Finalised |
| Improving the competitiveness of companies in the cross-border area through the international leadership in its niche markets | DRIVE INML | DRIVE INML focuses on the so-called International Niche Market leaders (INML) also known as “hidden champions”. This typology of companies is characterized by a leadership in international niche markets with a strong orientation towards foreign markets and a sustained growth of profitability.  
  DRIVE INML aims to identify a sample of INML companies in the cross-border area in order to detect common patterns that have allowed these entities to position themselves as leaders in the international niche markets. Once this analysis has been carried out, a new cross-border common service will be developed aimed at this type of company, focused on training, acceleration and internationalization.  
  Budget: 575,435€  
  Duration: 28 months  
  Role of ACCIO: Coordinator  
  Number of participants: 4  
  Project status: Ongoing  
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<td>EMPOWA</td>
<td>Enhancing the participation of Women entrepreneurs in the Horizon 2020 SME Instrument</td>
<td>EMPOWA is a strategic alliance of research, innovation and business stakeholders, aiming to boost the participation of women entrepreneurs in the Horizon 2020-SME Instrument programme. More specifically, the consortium aims to:</td>
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|                                                    |                                                                               | - Identify and map women entrepreneurs with innovative companies and potential to successfully apply for the SME Instrument  
- Raise awareness on SME Instrument and the related EEN services  
- Train, Mentor and Advise, though customized services, women entrepreneurs  
- Share good practices and create a role model for women entrepreneurs.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                    |                                                                               | Budget: 277,761€ (ACCIÓ: 61,970€)  
Duration: 24 months  
Role of ACCIO: Partner  
Number of participants: 6  
Project status: Finalised |
| PPACT                                              | Improving SME’s access to public procurement                                 | The project, named PPACT (Public Procurement and Cross-Border Tendering), intends to strongly contribute towards this overall COSME objective, by reinforcing key SME capabilities for cross-border tendering and promoting collaborative approaches between Business Support Organizations, who will work together on an opportunity-based approach, to help SMEs to take advantage of cross-border procurement opportunities. The project focuses on the Smart City sector                                                                                 |
|                                                    |                                                                               | Budget: 333,313€ (ACCIÓ: 74,513€)  
Duration: 18 months  
Role of ACCIO: Coordinator  
Number of participants: 5  
Project status: Finalised |
| ScaleCat                                           | Support young innovative companies scaling-up their activities in the Single Market Consultation | ScaleCat objective is to identify 5 young Catalan SMEs with potential and help them to scale up their activities in the Single Market. During 18 months, ACCIÓ will help SMEs drafting an action plan and an international expansion plan, to help SMEs to commercialise products/services beyond domestic borders.                                                                 |
|                                                    |                                                                               | Budget: 49,947€  
Duration: 18 months  
Role of ACCIO: Coordinator  
Number of participants: Sole participant  
Project status: Finalised |
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<td>CATCIM is the Catalan node of the EEN provides value-added information services and highly specialised quality support to effectively increase the competitiveness of Network clients and positively impact the regional economy. The objective of the EEN is to help European SME to develop its innovative potential and improve its knowledge of European Union policies. CATCIM focuses on: innovation, technology transfer and internationalisation. Budget CATCIM 2021: 2,252,548€ (ACCIÓ: 1,508,187€) Budget CATCIM 19: 1,068,494€ (ACCIÓ: 705,900€) Budget CATCIM 17 18: 2,158,767€ (ACCIÓ: 1,476,805€) Budget CATCIM 15 16: 2,158,769€ (ACCIÓ: 1,476,799€) Budget CATCIM III: 2,851,974€ (ACCIÓ: 1,995,078€) Budget CATCIM II: 2,862,292€ (ACCIÓ: 2,233,005€) Budget CATCIM I: 4,866,257€ (COPCA: 1,474,733€; CIDEM: 2,331,894€) Duration: 24 months each (except CATCIM I: 33 months and CATCIM19: 12 months) Role of ACCIO: Coordinator Number of participants: 3 Project status: Ongoing url: <a href="http://www.een.cat">http://www.een.cat</a></td>
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<td>CS2EU</td>
<td>12/11/2013- 12/11/2014</td>
<td>CS2EU collaborated with stakeholders in the automotive, manufacturing and agrofood sector in Catalonia to increase SME awareness and participation in research and innovation EU programmes, mainly Horizon2020. Budget: 12,000€ Duration: 12 months Role of ACCIO: Coordinator Number of participants: Sole participant Project status: Finalised url: <a href="http://www.cs2eu.com">http://www.cs2eu.com</a></td>
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<td>European Mobile and Mobility industries international INVESTment programme</td>
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<td>EMMINVEST focused on facilitating investment into entrepreneurial SMEs to build mobile mobility services &amp; products into sizable, sustainable and internationalized businesses. Budget: 1,958,104€ (ACCIÓ: 190.677€) Duration: 36 months Role of ACCIO: Partner Number of participants: 5 Project status: Finalised url: <a href="http://www.emminvest.com">http://www.emminvest.com</a></td>
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<td>EU4SPORTSCLUSTERS</td>
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<td>The objective of the project was to support the internationalization of sports enterprises outside the European Union, especially SMEs, using clusters as a tool. To fulfill the aforementioned objectives, the EU4SportsClusters was made up of two main blocs. The first was aimed at building trust among the different clusters and their enterprises. The second was the practical implementation of the methodology and consisted of two pilot missions abroad (Russia and Brazil). Budget: <strong>750,000€ (ACCIÓ: 75,000€)</strong> Duration: <strong>24 months</strong> Role of ACCIO: <strong>Coordinator</strong> Number of participants: <strong>4</strong> Project status: <strong>Finalised</strong></td>
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<td>The ultimate goal of MedVentures is to accelerate job creation and stimulate competitiveness in MED (South Mediterranean Partner Countries) countries by developing capacities and international linkages of leading innovation actors. The final beneficiaries of MedVentures are young graduates, job seekers and entrepreneurs, Private sector organisations, innovation support organisations and Society at. To achieve its goal with these actors, the project plans to involve all the stakeholders in the innovation chain. Budget: <strong>3,300,000€ (ACCIÓ: 71,000€)</strong> Duration: <strong>24 months</strong> Role of ACCIO: <strong>Affiliated partner</strong> Number of participants: <strong>21</strong> Project status: <strong>Ongoing</strong></td>
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<td>EUROMED Invest boosted private business and investment within the Euro-Med area to contribute to an inclusive economic development of the region. The specific objective of the project was to empower Euro-Med business and investment networks to implement targeted strategies supporting the creation and the international development of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in order to boost private business and investment within the Euro-Med area. Budget: <strong>5,000,000€ (ACCIÓ: 350,000€)</strong> Duration: <strong>36 months</strong> Role of ACCIO: <strong>Partner (as ANIMA member)</strong> Number of participants: <strong>7 umbrella organizations (80 members)</strong> Project status: <strong>Finalised</strong> url: <a href="http://www.euromedinvest.eu">http://www.euromedinvest.eu</a></td>
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<td>East Invest was a regional investment and trade facilitation project for the economic development of the Eastern Neighborhood region. It targets Business support organisations and SMEs from the 6 Eastern Partnership countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine), who had potential for developing mutual cooperation and investment relations with the European Union. Budget: 7,000,000€ (ACCIÓ: 16,960€)&lt;br&gt;Duration: 36 months (duration with extension 60 months)&lt;br&gt;Role of ACCIO: Partner&lt;br&gt;Number of participants: 85&lt;br&gt;Project status: Finalised&lt;br&gt;url: <a href="http://www.eastinvest.eu">www.eastinvest.eu</a></td>
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<td>EBTC</td>
<td><strong>Promoting European Clean technologies in India &amp; tackling climate change - European Business Technology Centre</strong>&lt;br&gt;01/10/2008- 31/12/2015</td>
<td>The objective of EBTC was the establishment of a European Business and Technology Centre to improve links between European and Indian businesses and with Science and Technology (ST) stakeholders involving business, industry and public bodies with a view to essentially promote the EU interests in India and tap the fast-growing Indian economy. The centre expected to build synergies among the national chambers of commerce of Member States established in India; collaborate with the European business associations in India and Europe; provide an interface between public policy makers and private actors and raise awareness about existing European programmes in the field of Science &amp; Technology and business and industry cooperation. Budget: 6,600,000€ (ACCIÓ: 122,723€)&lt;br&gt;Duration: 87 months&lt;br&gt;Role of ACCIO: Partner&lt;br&gt;Number of participants: 39&lt;br&gt;Project status: Finalised&lt;br&gt;url: <a href="http://ebtc.eu/">http://ebtc.eu/</a></td>
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