



ORGANISATION	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>ACCIÓ - Agency for Business Competitiveness</b></u></p>
Profile	<p>ACCIÓ is the Catalan Agency for Business Competitiveness, affiliated to the Ministry of Economy and Knowledge of the Government of Catalonia. ACCIÓ has a network of 40 offices worldwide and its headquarters are located in Barcelona.</p> <p>ACCIÓ's main objective is to promote innovation and internationalisation amongst Catalan companies (especially SMEs, as they represent 99% of all companies in the region), as well as attracting inward investment. It offers support for strategy, R&amp;D, innovation and internationalisation to companies and entrepreneurs to improve their competitiveness. The support is open to all sectors and it provides opportunities to create new companies and consolidate the growth of those already established. Having designed, developed, and implemented several successful programmes, ACCIÓ is key for the competitiveness of Catalan SMEs. ACCIÓ has a broad experience in coordinating and managing funding programmes in innovation and internationalisation both at national and international level.</p>
Previous experience in European projects	<p>ACCIÓ has a wide experience in coordinating and participating in European projects. At present, ACCIÓ is leading and participating in 12 projects, under several funding schemes, such as H2020, COSME, FP7, Interreg Europe, Interreg Sudoe, Interreg Poctefa or EuropeAid amongst others.</p> <p>Nowadays, ACCIÓ coordinates the EEN centre in Catalonia (CATCIM 20-21), and it is implementing local visibility actions in the EEN framework through H2020 projects (INNCAT 2020-2021) and the RAISE project (COSME).</p> <p>Other H2020 projects in which ACCIO participates are: MANU-NET</p>



	<p>III (ERA-Net Cofund on advanced manufacturing technologies), EMEurope (Electric Mobility Europe), NearUS and it is sole partner of a H2020-Marie Skłodowska-Curie action projects: TECNIOSPRING PLUS, TECNIOSPRING INDUSTRY (programme to foster mobility of researchers with a focus in applied research and technology transfer), AI REGIO.</p> <p>Regarding interregional cooperation programmes, ACCIÓ leads 1 Interreg Europe project (RaiSE) and is partner in 2 projects: S3Chem, S34Growth, leads 1 Interreg Poctefa: DRIVEINML and is partner in 1 Interreg Sudoe: DigiTVC. In the past, ACCIÓ participated in 2 INTERREG SUDOE (INTER-TEX and Links Up) 3 INTERREGIVC projects (I4W and EuroPROC, as LP and EVITA, as PP) and was the LP of the INTERREG IIIC RFO MATEO, INTERREG IV C EUROPROC and partner in the INTERREGIIIC project S3 (Sharing Solutions on Structural Funds), INTERREG IVC EVITA and INTERREG MED Wider.</p> <p>ACCIÓ also has experience in business cooperation programmes from DG EuropeAid. It is currently partner in 1 project: MedVentures (TheNextSociety) and was involved in projects from AL-Invest, Asia Invest, Invest in Med/East Invest/Central Asia Invest.</p> <p>Finally, ACCIÓ managed an ERDF Global Grant (ERDF Catalonia Operational Programme 2007-2013 and 2014-2020) devoted to grant RDI business activities and leded the FP6 TRANSBIO pilot project to promote tech transfer among EU regions, Québec and Massachusetts, and participated in FP7 FIRE project. It also participated in CIP projects, such as EUSportClusters (coordinator), EMMINVEST and clusters and entrepreneurship in support of emerging industries.</p>
<p>Interest for future projects proposals</p>	<p>Cascade funding          Circular chemistry          Circular economy          Digital transformation          Electric batteries Entrepreneurship and start-ups          European Innovation Ecosystems          Industry 4.0          Innovation International Transfer of Technology          International Public Procurement (wider scope than innovation)          Internationalisation of SMEs Interregional Cooperation Public Procurement of Innovation Regional Development</p>



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