

# **Scaling up European SMEs**

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INFO, Instituto de Fomento de la Región de Murcia is the Regional Development Agency of Murcia. Its main objective is to implement support policies for the companies in the Region of Murcia. Its main activities are the external promotion of regional companies, promotion of innovation, growth policies, business consolidation and support for entrepreneurship

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- OBJECTIVE
  - Encourage the purchase of products and services from consolidated companies in the Region to entrepreneurs.
  - The environment of contacts and clients of the entrepreneur who tries to consolidate his activity is usually very basic. The Tractor program aims to facilitate that prestigious companies in our Region trust the talent of entrepreneurs who receive support from Local Development Agencies.







- Tractor companies carry out the task of accompanying and transferring know-how and business mentoring to new companies through local agents.
  - Local Development Agents identify both driving and mentoring companies and start-up companies in their municipality and propose them to INFO to join the program.
  - Tractor companies are companies that have optimally applied strategic measures in foreign markets, in the development of new technologies, in digital marketing and communication, in financial measures, in environmental measures and in corporate social responsibility. These companies have obtained measurable results and are willing to help small companies by exerting an impulse or traction on them through contracts, purchase of products or services, intermediation with suppliers or clients, and with specific actions
- Timing medium or long-term
- Resources used: €30,000

	1	Development Agencies complete the Companies and Activities questionnaire
	2	INFO (Regional Development Agency of Murcia) prepares a report of interests, summary of companies and activities
	3	From INFO we will contact the companies to arrange a visit and explain the program.
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	4	Visit of INFO and the Development Agency to sign the Agreement of Intentions.
S	5	INFO designs a landing page, an email and a poster to explain the initiative to the entrepreneurs of the Development Agencies.
	6	INFO recruits entrepreneurs through a registration form.
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-	7	Filter of the entrepreneurs that is presented by the Selection Committee.
	8	Holding of the Tractors / Entrepreneurs meeting.



- Results
  - Appointment of 17 driving companies involved.
  - Selection and preparation of 30 entrepreneurs to offer to the tractor companies.
  - 300 individual interviews between entrepreneurs and specific tractor companies, products and services.
  - 3,000 minutes of individual business interviews with entrepreneurs and tractors.
  - More than 20 concrete offers subsequent to the celebration of Traction 19, from the entrepreneurs to the tractor companies.









- Potential for learning or transfer
  - The structure of the Traction 19 program provides very interesting elements for the growth of the Km0 economy and reinforces the development of entrepreneurship in regional markets.
  - Its organization is transferable to any geographic space. It consists of public and private collaboration so that large companies from any region of the European Union get to know and support entrepreneurship in their geographical area.
  - Provides the tractor companies a deep knowledge of the entrepreneurial ecosystem.
  - Entrepreneurs the possibility of finding great clients for the development of their professional activity.















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# Thank you!

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