

Smart Manufacturing Innovation Initiative — Korea's Co-Financed Smart Factory Programme for SMEs

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Quality score: 76/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

South Korea's long-running national scheme co-finance manufacturing SMEs to install smart-factory systems — automation, data and process control; independent trade press documents double-digit productivity, quality and cost gains at named firms.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[Ministry of SMEs and Startups — Korea Smart Manufacturing Office \(KOSMO\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-16

[KED Global — firm-level results and named case studies](#) — accessed 2026-09-16

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