

**Information communicated by the EFTA States regarding State aid granted under the Act referred to in point 1j of Annex XV of the EEA Agreement (Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty) (General Block Exemption Regulation)**

**PART I**

Aid reference	26/2018/MULTI	
EFTA State	Norway	
EFTA State reference number		
Region	Name of the Region(s) Rogaland County NO043 Rogaland	Regional aid status C and N
Granting authority	Name	Rogaland County Council <sup>1</sup>
	Postal address	Postboks 130 N-4001 Stavanger Norway
	Web address	<a href="http://www.rogfk.no">www.rogfk.no</a>
Title of the aid measure	Action Plan for Business Development: Recruitment and Competence in the Agricultural Sector <sup>2</sup>	
National legal basis (Reference to the relevant national official publication)	<p>The national legal basis will be the state budget proposal and decision from the Region and Culture Committee of Rogaland County each year. For 2018 it was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The State Budget Proposal for 2017-2018 – Draft Proposition 1 S (2017-2018), see: <a href="https://www.statsbudsjettet.no/upload/Statsbudsjett_2018/dokumenter/pdf/gulbok.pdf">https://www.statsbudsjettet.no/upload/Statsbudsjett_2018/dokumenter/pdf/gulbok.pdf</a></li> <li>- Letter 17/2424 from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food<sup>3</sup>, see: <a href="https://www.ffk.no/f/p10/i0d7904f1-8bc1-49c6-b1c4-82a1525779fc/forventninger-til-fylkeskommunene-landbruk-2018-10-751267_1_1.pdf">https://www.ffk.no/f/p10/i0d7904f1-8bc1-49c6-b1c4-82a1525779fc/forventninger-til-fylkeskommunene-landbruk-2018-10-751267_1_1.pdf</a></li> <li>- The Region and Culture Committee of Rogaland County,</li> </ul>	

<sup>1</sup> Official Norwegian name: Rogaland fylkeskommune.

<sup>2</sup> Official Norwegian name: HP Næring: Rekruttering og kompetanseheving i landbruket

<sup>3</sup> In Norwegian: Brev fra Det Kongelige Landbruks- og matdepartementet om fylkeskommunenes rolle og ansvar på landbruks- og matområdet – overordna forventninger og tilskudd til rekruttering og kompetanseheving i landbruket i 2018, datert 16. januar 2018.

	Case 4/18- Orientation and Implementation of Action Plan for Business Development 2018 <sup>4</sup> , available here: <a href="http://152.93.253.15/motedag?offmoteid=448700">http://152.93.253.15/motedag?offmoteid=448700</a>	
Web link to the full text of the aid measure	The state aid scheme is published on Rogaland County's webpage: <a href="http://www.rogfk.no/Vaare-tjenester/Naeringsutvikling/Handlingsprogram-naering2">http://www.rogfk.no/Vaare-tjenester/Naeringsutvikling/Handlingsprogram-naering2</a> . In addition, the state aid scheme will be published on <a href="http://www.regionalforvaltning.no">www.regionalforvaltning.no</a> .	
Type of measure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scheme	
Duration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scheme	01/01/2019 to 31/12/2020
Economic sector(s) concerned	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All economic sectors eligible to receive aid	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited to certain sectors: Please specify at NACE group level	
Type of beneficiary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SME	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large undertakings	
Budget	Total annual amount of the budget planned under the scheme	NOK 3 000 000
	<input type="checkbox"/> For guarantees	
Aid instrument	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant/Interest rate subsidy	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Loan/Repayable advances	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Guarantee (where appropriate with a reference to the EFTA Surveillance Authority decision)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax advantage or tax exemption	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Provision of risk finance	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	
	<p>Indicate to which broad category below it would fit best in terms of its effect/function:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Loan <input type="checkbox"/> Guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> Tax advantage <input type="checkbox"/> Provision of risk finance	

<sup>4</sup> Rogaland fylkeskommune Regional- og kulturutvalget sak 4/18 – Saksprotokoll orientering og gjennomføring av Handlingsprogram Næring 2018.

## PART II

Primary objective - General objectives (list)	Objectives (list)	Maximum aid intensity in % or Maximum annual aid amount in ...national currency (in full amounts)	SME - bonuses in %
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SME aid (Arts. 18 and 19)		50%	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for start-ups (Art. 22)	Grants up to EUR 0,4 million/ NOK 3,9 million. Grants may be increased to EUR 0,6 million/NO K 5,8 million in areas where the conditions in the EEA Agreement article 61 (3) (c) are satisfied.	Doubled aid amount for small and innovative enterprises.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SME aid - Aid for scouting costs (Art. 24)		50%	
Aid for research, development and innovation (Arts. 25 - 30)	Aid for research and development projects (Art. 25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fundamental research (Art. 25(2)(a))	100%
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial research (Art. 25(2) b))	50%, may be increased by 15% up to a maximum aid intensity of 80%,
			10% M 20% S

			provided the conditions in Article 25 no. 6 (b) (i) or (ii) are satisfied.	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Experimental development (Art. 25(2)(c))	25%, this may be increased by 15% provided the conditions in Article 25 no. 6 (b) (i) or (ii) are satisfied.	10% M 20% S
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feasibility studies (Art. 25(2)(d))	50%	10% M 20% S
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investment aid for research infrastructures (Art. 26)		50%	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for innovation clusters (Art. 27)		50%, may be increased by 5% for innovation clusters for areas where the conditions in the EEA agreement Article 61 no. 3 (c) are satisfied.	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Innovation aid for SMEs (Art. 28)		50%, may be increased to 100% pursuant to Article 28 no. 4.	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for process and organisational innovation (Art. 29)		15%	50%
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Training aid (Art. 31)		50%, may	10% M

	<p>be increased with 10% if training is given to workers with disabilities or disadvantaged workers. 100% in the maritime sector if the conditions in Article 31 no. 5 are satisfied.</p>	<p>20% S</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for culture and heritage conservation (Art. 53)</p>	<p>For investment aid, the aid amount shall not exceed the difference between the eligible costs and the operating profit of the investment. For operating aid, the aid amount shall not exceed what is necessary to cover the operating losses and a reasonable profit over</p>	

	the relevant period. For aid not exceeding EUR 2 million/ NOK 1,9 million, max. aid intensity may alternatively be set at 80%.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investment aid for local infrastructures (Art. 56)	100%.	