

**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	GBER 11/2019/R&D&I	
EFTA State	Norway	
EFTA State reference number		
Region	Name of the Region(s)	Regional aid status
Granting authority	Name	Fiskeri- og havbruksnæringens forskningsfinansiering AS "FHF" (Norwegian Seafood Research Found)
	Postal address	Stenersgata 2, N-0184 Oslo Postboks 283 Sentrum, N-0301 Oslo
	Web address	<a href="https://fhf.no/">https://fhf.no/</a>
Title of the aid measure	"Prosjekt i bedrift" (Industry Integrated Projects)	
National legal basis (Reference to the relevant national official publication)	FHF is funded by a tax on fish exports established by the Norwegian act of 7 July 2000 no. 68 and further regulations pursuant to act. The yearly appropriation are given by the Ministry for Trade, Industry and Fisheries. The yearly income has been NOK 206 – 296 mill. the last years (2014-2018). The board of FHF decided in 2014 to establish a funding scheme for R&D support where the recipients are undertakings. This scheme was accepted in 2014, aid reference GBER 12/2014/R&D&I. The scheme was approved by the Ministry for Trade, Industry and Fisheries.	
Web link to the full text of the aid measure	<a href="https://www.fhf.no/om-fhf/prosjekt-i-bedrift/">https://www.fhf.no/om-fhf/prosjekt-i-bedrift/</a>	
Type of measure	Scheme Yes	Industry Integrated Projects is a general scheme for giving R&D&I grants to business enterprises.

	Ad hoc aid	Name of the beneficiary and the group it belongs to.
Amendment of an existing aid scheme or <i>ad hoc</i> aid		EFTA Surveillance Authority aid reference
	Prolongation	<b>Yes</b>
	Modification	No
Duration	Scheme	01/01/2019 to 31/12/2023
Date of granting	Ad hoc aid	dd/mm/yyyy
Economic sector(s) concerned	All economic sectors eligible to receive aid	The scheme will give grants to enterprises in all economic sectors that can perform R&D&I relevant for the fishery industries.
	Limited to certain sectors: Please specify at NACE group level	
Type of beneficiary	SME	yes
	Large undertakings	yes
Budget	Total annual amount of the budget planned under the scheme	The yearly budget will be below NOK 50 mill.
	Overall amount of the ad hoc aid awarded to the undertaking	National currency
	For guarantees	The yearly budget will be below NOK 50 mill.
Aid instrument	Grant/Interest rate subsidy	
	Loan/Repayable advances	
	Guarantee (where appropriate with a reference to the EFTA Surveillance Authority decision)	
	Tax advantage or tax exemption	
	Provision of risk finance	
	Other (please specify)	
	Indicate to which broad category below it would fit best in terms of its effect/function:	

<p><b>X</b> Grant The scheme will provide for grants. Loan Guarantee Tax advantage Provision of risk finance</p>
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**PART II**

<p>Primary objective - General objectives (list) Aid to undertakings for R&amp;D&amp;I relevant for the fishery industries. The scheme will be implemented under the GBER art. 25,26,27 and 28.</p>	<p>Objectives (list) The objective is to develop the fishery industries further by way of new knowledge and technology. The aim is both to increase productivity and safeguard the environment and marine resources.</p>		<p>Maximum aid intensity in % or Maximum annual aid amount in ...national currency (in full amounts)  100%</p>	<p>SME - bonuses in %  35%</p>
<p>Aid for research, development and innovation (Arts. 25 - 30)</p>	<p>Aid for research and development projects (Art. 25)</p>	<p>Fundamental research (Art. 25(2)(a))</p>	<p>% 100</p>	<p>%</p>
		<p>Industrial research (Art. 25(2) b))</p>	<p>% 50</p>	<p>% 30</p>
		<p>Experimental development (Art. 25(2)(c))</p>	<p>% 25</p>	<p>% 35</p>
		<p>Feasibility studies (Art. 25(2)(d))</p>	<p>% 50</p>	<p>% 20</p>
	<p>Investment aid for research infrastructures (Art. 26)</p>	<p>% 50</p>	<p>%</p>	
	<p>Aid for innovation clusters (Art. 27)</p>	<p>% 50</p>	<p>%</p>	
	<p>Innovation aid for SMEs (Art. 28)</p>	<p>% 50</p>	<p>%</p>	