

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 5/2018/Regional aid	
EFTA State	Norway	
EFTA State reference number		
Region	Name of the Region(s) All regions eligible for regional operating aid, cf. GBER article 2 (48)(a) and GBER article 2 (55) and 225/14/COL	Regional aid status
Granting authority	Name	The Ministry of Finance
	Postal address	Post box 8008 Dep 0030 OSLO
	Web address	www.fin.dep.no
Title of the aid measure	The Regionally Differentiated Social Security Contributions Scheme for the Transport sector and the Energy sector	
National legal basis (Reference to the relevant national official publication)	Section 23-2 of the National Insurance Act 28. February 1997 No 191 (Folketrygdloven) and the annual Parliament decision on the social security contributions ² .	
Web link to the full text of the aid measure	http://www.skatteetaten.no/no/Radgiver/Rettskilder/Skattedirektoratets-meldinger/arbeidsgiveravgift-til-folketrygden-for-2018/	
Type of measure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Scheme	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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
	<input type="checkbox"/> Prolongation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Modification	
Duration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scheme	01/01/2018 to 31/12/2020

¹ See: https://lovdata.no/dokument/NL/lov/1997-02-28-19/KAPITTEL_9-1#§23-2

² For the income year 2018, see: <https://lovdata.no/forskrift/2017-12-12-2185>

Date of granting	<input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc aid	dd/mm/yyyy	
Economic sector(s) concerned	<input type="checkbox"/> All economic sectors eligible to receive aid		
	X Limited to certain sectors: Please specify at NACE group level	35 Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply 49.1 Passenger rail transport, interurban 49.2 Freight rail transport 49.31 Urban and suburban passenger land transport 49.39 Other passenger land transport n.e.c. 49.41 Freight transport by road 50.1 Sea and coastal passenger water transport 50.2 Sea and coastal freight water transport 50.3 Inland passenger water transport 50.4 Inland freight water transport 51.1 Passenger air transport 51.21 Freight air transport	
Type of beneficiary	X SME		
	X Large undertakings		
Budget	Total annual amount of the budget planned under the scheme	National currency 585 mill. NOK per year.	
	Overall amount of the ad hoc aid awarded to the undertaking	n.a.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> For guarantees	National currency	
Aid instrument	<input 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)		
	X Tax advantage or tax exemption		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Provision of risk finance		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	Indicate to which broad category below it would fit best in terms of its effect/function: <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Loan <input type="checkbox"/> Guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> Tax advantage <input type="checkbox"/> Provision of risk finance	
<input type="checkbox"/> If co-financed by EU fund(s)	Name of EU fund(s):	Amount of funding (as per EU fund)	National currency

PART II

Primary objective - General objectives (list)	The objective is to prevent or reduce depopulation in very sparsely populated areas.	Maximum aid intensity in % or Maximum annual aid amount in ...national currency (in full amounts)	SME - bonuses in %
Regional aid - operating aid (Art. 15)	X Annual labour costs in very sparsely populated areas (Art. 15(3)(b))	Zone 1: 0%, Zone 2: 3,1%; Zone 3: 6,8%; Zone 4: 7,9%; Zone 4a: 5,4%; Zone 5: 12,4 %.	n.a.