

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	23/2018//MULTI	
EFTA State	Norway	
EFTA State reference number		
Region	Name of the Region(s) All regions in Bulgaria	Regional aid status A, C, N
Granting authority	Name	Innovation Norway
	Postal address	PO Box 448 Sentrum N-0104 Oslo
	Web address	Norway www.innovasjon Norge.no
Title of the aid measure	Norway Grants 2014 – 2021 Programme Business Development, Innovation and SMEs, Bulgaria	
National legal basis (Reference to the relevant national official publication)	- MOU between Bulgaria and Norway on Norway Grants 2014 – 2021 https://eeagrants.org/Results-data/Documents/Legal-documents/Memoranda-of-Understanding-with-beneficiary-countries/Bulgaria	
Web link to the full text of the aid measure	https://www.innovasjon Norge.no/en/start-page/eea-norway-grants/funding-options/	
Type of measure	Scheme	
Duration	Scheme	24/05/2018 to 30/04/2024
Economic sector(s) concerned	All economic sectors eligible to receive aid	
Type of beneficiary	SME	
	Large undertakings	
Budget	Total amount of the budget planned under the scheme	EUR 28 500 000 (2018 – 2024)
Aid instrument	Grant/Interest rate subsidy	

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 % S = Small M = Medium	
Regional aid - investment aid (Art. 14)	Scheme		M: 10% S: 20%	
SME aid (Arts. 17 - 20)	Investment aid Art. 17	M: 10%	S: 10%	
	Arts. 18-20	50%		
SME aid - SMEs' access to finance (Arts. 21-22)	Aid for start-ups (Art. 22)	EUR 1 600 000		
Aid for research, development and innovation (Arts. 25 - 30)	Aid for research and development projects (Art. 25)	Fundamental research (Art. 25(2)(a))	100%	
		Industrial research (Art. 25(2) b))	50%, + Collab. or diss. bonus: 15%, within 80%	M: 10% S: 20%
		Experimental development (Art. 25(2)(c))	25%, + Collab. or diss. bonus: 15%	M: 10% S: 20%
		Feasibility studies (Art. 25(2)(d))	50%	M: 10% S: 20%
	Aid for innovation clusters (Art. 27)	50%, + 15% for investment in area A and 5% in area C		
	Innovation aid for SMEs (Art. 28)	100% up to EUR 200 000 within 3 years for advisory and support services, else 50%		
	Aid for process and organisational innovation (Art. 29)	50%		
	Aid for research and development in the fishery and aquaculture sector (Art. 30)	100%		
Training aid (Art. 31)		50%, + 10% for disadvantaged and disabled workers. 100% for maritime transport sector	M: 10% S: 20%	

Aid for Environmental protection (Arts. 36-49)	Investment aid enabling undertakings to go beyond Union standards for environmental protection or increase the level of environmental protection in the absence of Union standards (Art. 36)	40%, + 15% in area A and 5% in area C	M: 10% S: 20%
	Investment aid for early adaptation to future Union standards (Art. 37)	10% > 3 years, and 5% < 3 years before + 15% in area A and 5% in area C	M: 5% S: 10%
	Investment aid for energy efficiency measures (Art. 38)	30%, + 15% in area A and 5% in area C	M: 10% S: 20%
	Investment aid for high-efficiency cogeneration (Art. 40)	45%, + 15% in area A and 5% in area C	M: 10% S: 20%
	Investment aid for the promotion of energy from renewable sources (Art. 41)	45%, + 15% in area A and 5% in area C	M: 10% S: 20%
	Investment aid for waste recycling and re-utilisation (Art. 47)	35%, + 15% in area A and 5% in area C	M: 10% S: 20%
	Aid for environmental studies (Art. 49)	50%, + 15% in area A and 5% in area C	M: 10% S: 20%