

**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 40/2017/MULTI	
EFTA State	Norway	
EFTA State reference number		
Region	Name of the Region(s) Hemnes municipality	Regional aid status
Granting authority	Name	Hemnes municipality
	Postal address	P.O.Box 8090 Dep, 0032 Oslo
	Web address	<a href="http://www.nfd.dep.no">www.nfd.dep.no</a>
Title of the aid measure	Næringsfond for Hemnes kommune	
National legal basis (Reference to the relevant national official publication)	St.prp. nr. 67 (2008-2009) Tilleggsbevilgninger og omprioriteringer i statsbudsjettet for 2009. Kap. 932 "Ekstraordinære næringsutviklingstiltak", Post 70 "Næringsfond ved vern av Vefsnavassdraget"	
Web link to the full text of the aid measure	<a href="https://www.regjeringen.no/no/dokumenter/revidert-regelverk-for-naringsfond-for-kommunene-grane-hattfjelldal-hemnes-og-vefsn/id2578673/?q=vefsn">https://www.regjeringen.no/no/dokumenter/revidert-regelverk-for-naringsfond-for-kommunene-grane-hattfjelldal-hemnes-og-vefsn/id2578673/?q=vefsn</a>	
Type of measure	X Scheme	
Amendment of an existing aid scheme or <i>ad hoc</i> aid		EFTA Surveillance Authority aid reference
	X Modification	15/2013
Duration	X Scheme	07/11/2017 to 31/12/2020
Economic sector(s) concerned	X All economic sectors eligible to receive aid	
Type of beneficiary	X SME	
	X Large undertakings	
Budget	X Total annual amount of the budget planned under the scheme	National currency NOK 7.5 million
Aid instrument	X Grant/Interest rate subsidy	
	X Loan/Repayable advances	
	X Guarantee (where appropriate with a reference to the EFTA Surveillance Authority decision)	

## 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 %	
Regional aid - investment aid (Art. 14)	X Scheme	15%	10% for medium- sized and 20% for small	
Regional aid - operating aid (Art. 15)	X Transport costs of goods in eligible areas (Art. 15(2)(a))	40%	%	
X Regional urban development aid (Art. 16)		NOK 7.5 million	%	
X SME aid (Arts. 17 - 18 - 19-20)		Investment aid to SMEs: 20% for small and 10% for medium-sized enterprises. Consultancy for SMEs 50%. Participation in fairs 50%.	%	
SME aid - SMEs' access to finance (Arts. 21-22)	X Risk finance aid (Art. 21)	NOK 7.5 million	%	
	X Aid for start-ups (Art. 22)	NOK 7.5 million maximum nominal amount for loans, and maximum amount guaranteed. NOK 5.4 mill maximum for grants.	Grants for small and innovative enterprises; maximum NOK 7.5 mill.	
Aid for research,	Aid for	X Fundamental research	100%	%

development and innovation (Arts. 25 - 30)	research and development projects (Art. 25)	(Art. 25(2)(a))		
		X Industrial research (Art. 25(2) b))	50%	10% for medium-sized and 20% for small. 15% for effective collaboration
		X Experimental development (Art. 25(2)(c))	25%	10% for medium-sized and 20% for small. 15% for effective collaboration
	X Feasibility studies (Art. 25(2)(d))	50%	10% for medium-sized and 20% for small	
	X Investment aid for research infrastructures (Art. 26)		50%	%
	X Aid for innovation clusters (Art. 27)		50%	%
	X Innovation aid for SMEs (Art. 28)		50%	%
	X Aid for process and organisational innovation (Art. 29)		15%	50%
	X Aid for research and development in the fishery and aquaculture sector (Art. 30)		100%	%
	X Training aid (Art. 31)		50%	10% for medium-sized and 20% for small
X Aid for broadband infrastructures (Art. 52)		NOK 7.5 mill	%	
X Investment aid for local infrastructures (Art. 56)		100%	%	