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)

| Aid reference  | GBER 40/2019/R&D&I   |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| EFTA State   | Norway   |   |  |
| Region   | Name of the Region(s)<br>All regions   | Regional aid status                         |  |
| Granting authority   | Name   | The Research Council of Norway <sup>1</sup> |  |
|  | Postal address   | P.O. Box 564<br>N-1327 Lysaker<br>Norway    |  |
|  | Web address  | www.forskningsradet.no/                     |  |
| Title of the aid   | Collaborative and Knowledge-building Pre-projects within   |   |  |
| measure  | Welfare, Working Life and Migration 2019 <sup>2</sup>  |   |  |
| National legal basis<br>(Reference to the<br>relevant national<br>official<br>publication) | The annual Budget documents (Proposition 1 to Stortinget, The<br>Norwegian Parliament) and Letters of Allocation mainly from the<br>Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Children<br>and Families, the Ministry of Justice and Public Security, the<br>Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation and the<br>Ministry of Education and Research, in addition to bylaws and<br>mandate of the Research Council of Norway. <sup>3</sup><br><u>https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/footer/tildelingsbrev/</u> |   |  |
| Web link to the full   | The state aid scheme is published on the Research Council of   |   |  |
| text of the aid measure  | Norway's webpage:  |   |  |

## PART I

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Official Norwegian name: Norges forskningsråd

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Official Norwegian name: Forprosjekter til Kompetanse- og samarbeidsprosjekt innenfor velferd, arbeidsliv og migrasjon 2019

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Official Norwegian name: Stortingsproposisjon nr. 1, tildelingsbrev fra Arbeids- og sosialdepartementet, Barne- og familiedepartementet, Justis- og beredskapsdepartementet, Kommunal- og moderniseringsdepartementet og Kunnskapsdepartementet, samt Norges forskningsråds vedtekter og mandat.

|                                 | https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/call-for-<br>proposals/2019/collaborative-and-knowledge-building-pre-<br>project-within-welfare-working-life-and-migration/ |                                  |  |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|
| Type of measure                 | Scheme  |                                  |  |
| Duration                        | ⊠ Scheme  | 14/08/2019 to 28/02/2020         |  |
| Economic sector(s)<br>concerned | All economic sectors eligible to receive aid  |                                  |  |
|                                 | Limited to certain<br>sectors: Please specify at<br>NACE group level  |                                  |  |
| Type of beneficiary             | SME SME   |                                  |  |
|                                 | ☐ Large undertakings  |                                  |  |
| Budget                          | Total annual amount of the<br>budget planned under the<br>scheme  | National currency<br>200 000 NOK |  |

| Aid instrument | Grant/Interest rate subsidy |
|----------------|-----------------------------|

## PART II

| Primary objective - | Objectives |                     | Maximum       | SME -     |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|
| General objectives  | (list)     |                     | aid intensity | bonuses   |
| (list)              |            |                     | in %          | in %      |
|                     |            |                     | or            |           |
|                     |            |                     | Maximum       |           |
|                     |            |                     | annual aid    |           |
|                     |            |                     | amount in     |           |
|                     |            |                     | national      |           |
|                     |            |                     | currency (in  |           |
|                     |            |                     | full          |           |
|                     |            |                     | amounts)      |           |
| Aid for research,   | Aid for    | Feasibility studies | 50 %          | 20% for   |
| development and     | research   | (Art. 25(2)(d))     |               | small     |
| innovation          | and        |                     |               | enterpris |
| (Arts. 25 - 30)     | develop-   |                     |               | es, 10%   |
|                     | ment       |                     |               | for       |
|                     |            |                     |               | medium    |

| projects  |  | sized     |
|-----------|--|-----------|
| (Art. 25) |  | enterpris |
|           |  | es%       |