

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 41/2017/MULTI	
EFTA State	Norway	
EFTA State reference number		
Region	Name of the Region(s) Vefsn municipality	Regional aid status
Granting authority	Name	Vefsn municipality
	Postal address	P.O.Box 8090 Dep, 0032 Oslo
	Web address	www.nfd.dep.no
Title of the aid measure	Næringsfond for Vefsn 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	https://www.regjeringen.no/no/dokumenter/revidert-regelverk-for-naringsfond-for-kommunene-grane-hattfjelldal-hemnes-og-vefsn/id2578673/?q=vefsn	
Type of measure	X Scheme	
Amendment of an existing aid scheme or <i>ad hoc</i> aid		EFTA Surveillance Authority aid reference
	X Modification	13/2013
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 22.5 millions
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 22.5 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 22.5 million	%
	X Aid for start-ups (Art. 22)	Loans with a maximum nominal amount of NOK 13,5 mill, guarantees with a maximum amount guaranteed of NOK 20,3 mill and grants of	Grants for small and innovative enterprises; maximum NOK 10,8 mill.

			maximum NOK 5,4 mill.	
Aid for research, development and innovation (Arts. 25 - 30)	Aid for research and development projects (Art. 25)	X Fundamental research (Art. 25(2)(a))	100%	%
		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 22.5 mill.	%	
X Investment aid for local infrastructures (Art. 56)		100%	%	