

**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**

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| Aid reference  | GBER 42/2017/MULTI  |  |
| EFTA State   | Norway  |  |
| EFTA State reference number  |   |  |
| Region   | Name of the Region(s)<br>Grane municipality   | Regional aid status                                |
| Granting authority   | Name  | Grane 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 Grane 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  | 14/2013  |
| 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<br>NOK 60 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 -<br>General objectives (list)      | Objectives<br>(list)  | Maximum aid<br>intensity<br>in %<br>or Maximum<br>annual aid<br>amount in<br>...national<br>currency (in<br>full amounts)  | SME -<br>bonuses<br>in %  |
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| Regional aid -<br>investment aid<br>(Art. 14)         | X Scheme  | 15%  | 10% for<br>medium-<br>sized and<br>20% for<br>small                                   |
| Regional aid -<br>operating aid (Art. 15)             | X Transport costs of goods in eligible<br>areas (Art. 15(2)(a)) | 40%  | %   |
| X Regional urban development aid (Art. 16)            |   | NOK 60<br>million  | %   |
| X SME aid (Arts. 17 - 18 - 19-20)                     |   | Investment aid<br>to SMEs: 20%<br>for small and<br>10% for<br>medium-sized<br>enterprises.<br>Consultancy<br>for SMEs<br>50%.<br>Participation<br>in fairs 50%.      | %   |
| SME aid - SMEs'<br>access to finance<br>(Arts. 21-22) | X Risk finance aid (Art. 21)                                    | NOK 60<br>million  | %   |
|   | X Aid for start-ups (Art. 22)                                   | Loans with a<br>maximum<br>nominal<br>amount of<br>NOK 13,5<br>mill,<br>guarantees<br>with a<br>maximum<br>amount<br>guaranteed of<br>NOK 20,3 mill<br>and grants of | Grants for<br>small and<br>innovative<br>enterprises;<br>maximum<br>NOK 10,8<br>mill. |

|  |  |  | maximum<br>NOK 5,4 mill. |   |
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| 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 60 mill.                               | %                        |   |
| X Investment aid for local infrastructures (Art. 56)         |  | 100%                                       | %                        |   |