

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 20/2017/MULTI	
EFTA State	Norway	
EFTA State reference number		
Region	Name of the Region(s) Nordland County	
Granting authority	Name	The County of Nordland ¹
	Postal address	Fylkeshuset (County Hall) N-8048 Bodø Norway
	Web address	www.nfk.no
Title of the aid measure	Competence in Nordland ²	
National legal basis (Reference to the relevant national official publication)	- The State Budget Proposal for 2016-2017 - Prop. 1 S (2016 – 2017) ³ - County Council case 150/2016 – Financial plan for 2017-2020 and Budget for 2017 ⁴ - County Government case 412/2016 – Information on use of block exemptions to ESA 2017-2020 ⁵	
Web link to the full text of the aid measure	https://innsyn.e-kommune.no/innsyn_nordland_politisk/wfdocument.aspx?journalpostid=2016098476&dokid=779993&versjon=1&variant=A& (only available in Norwegian)	
Type of measure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scheme	
Duration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scheme	01/03/2017 to 31/12/2020
Economic sector(s) concerned	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All economic sectors eligible to receive aid	
Type of beneficiary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SME	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large undertakings	
Budget	Total annual amount of the budget planned under the scheme	25 000 000 NOK

¹ Official Norwegian name: Nordland fylkeskommune.

² Official Norwegian name: Kompetanse i Nordland

³ In Norwegian: Prop. 1 S (2016 – 2017) Statsbudsjettet 2017

⁴ In Norwegian: Fylkestingssak 150/2016 - Økonomiplan 2017-2020 og Budsjett 2017.

⁵ In Norwegian: Fylkesrådssak 412/2016 - Innmelding bruk av gruppeunntak til ESA 2017-2020.

Aid instrument	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant/Interest rate subsidy
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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 %	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SME aid (Arts. 18 - 19)		50%		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SME aid - Aid for scouting costs (Art. 24)		50%		
Aid for research, development and innovation (Arts. 25 - 30)	Aid for research and develop- ment projects (Art. 25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fundamental research (Art. 25(2)(a))	100%	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial research (Art. 25(2) b))	50%, may be increased by 15% up to a maximum aid intensity of 80%, provided the conditions in Article 25 No. 6 (b) (i) or (ii) are satisfied.	10% M 20 % S
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Experimental development (Art. 25(2)(c))	25%, may be increased by 15% up to a maximum aid intensity of 80%, provided the conditions in Article 25 no. 6 (b) (i) or (ii) are satisfied.	10% M 20% S
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feasibility studies (Art. 25(2)(d))	50%	10% M 20% S
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for process and organisational innovation (Art. 29)		15%	50%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Training aid (Art. 31)		50%, may be increased up		

	<p>to maximum aid intensity of 70% pursuant to Article 31 no. 4 (a) or (b).</p> <p>For maritime transport sector, the aid intensity may be increased to 100 % of the eligible costs, pursuant to Article 31 no. 5 (a) and (b).</p>	
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