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 18/2014/REG		
EFTA State	Norway		
EFTA State			
reference number			
Region	Name of the Region(s)	Regional aid status	
	(NUTS) Telemark County	Mixed areas	
Granting authority	Name	Telemark Utviklingsfond/Telemark	
		Development Fund	
	Postal address	Postboks 2844	
		N-3702 Skien, Norway	
	Web address	http://www.telemarkutviklingsfond.no	
Title of the aid	Telemark Utviklingsfonds støt	teordning/Telemark Development Fund's	
measure	Aid Scheme		
National legal basis	Telemark Utviklingsfond/Tele	mark Development Fund is established in	
(Reference to the	accordance with an agreement dated 9 December 2009 between the		
relevant national	County of Telemark on the one side and eight municipalities on the other		
official publication)	side (Fyresdal, Hjartdal, Kvitseid, Nissedal, Seljord, Tinn, Tokke and		
	Vinje). The Fund will grant aid in accordance with the Fund's		
	bylaws/statutes, in which it is stated that aid shall be granted in		
	accordance with the EEA State Aid Rules and promote development		
	within the County of Telemark. Additionally, the Fund will enter into		
***************************************	agreements with the aid recipients		
Web link to the full	The full text will be made available on:		
text of the aid	http://www.telemarkutviklingsfond.no/		
measure			
Type of measure	Scheme	Yes	
Amendment of an		EFTA Surveillance Authority aid	
existing aid scheme		reference: GBER 3/13/REG	
or <i>ad hoc</i> aid	Prolongation	Yes	
	Modification	Yes	
Duration	Scheme	1/10/2014 to 31/12/2020	
Economic sector(s)	All economic sectors	Yes	
concerned	eligible to receive aid		
Type of beneficiary	SME	Yes	
	Large undertakings	Yes	

Budget	Total annual amount of the	Annual budget: NOK 30 million
	budget planned under the	kroners
	scheme	
Aid instrument	Grant/Interest rate subsidy Yes	
	Loan/Repayable advances Yes	

PART II

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			3.3 million	
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			areas eligible	
			for regional	
			aid. These	
			amounts may	
			be doubled	
			for small and	
			innovative	
			enterprises.	
Aid for research,	Aid for	Fundamental research	100%	0%
development and	research	(Art. 25(2)(a))		
innovation	and	Industrial research	50%	20% for
(Arts. 25 - 30)	developme	(Art. 25(2) b))		small
	nt projects			enterpris
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				for
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		Experimental development	25%	20% for
		(Art. 25(2)(c))		small
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		Feasibility studies	50%	0%
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		(Art. 25(2)(d))		

	Aid for innovation clusters (Art. 27)	50%, 55%	0%
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		investment	
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		clusters	
		situated in	
		areas eligible	
		for regional	
		aid.	
	Innovation aid for SMEs (Art. 28)	50%, 100%	0%
		for	
		innovation	
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		support	
		services	
		provides that	
		the total	
		amount of aid	
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		within any	
		three year	
		period.	
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	Aid for process and organisational	15%	35%
	innovation (Art. 29)	1000	00/
	Aid for research and development in the	100%	0%
	fishery and aquaculture sector (Art. 30)		
Training aid (Art. 31)	1	50%,	20%
		60% if the	small,
		training is	10%
		given to	medium
		workers with	meanum
		disabilities or	
		disadvantage	
		d workers,	
		100% where	
		the aid is	
		granted in the	
		maritime	
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	transport
	sector.
Aid for culture and heritage conservation (Art. 53)	For
And for culture and heritage conservation (Art. 55)	investment
	aid, the aid
	amount shall
	not exceed
	the difference
	between the
	eligible costs
	and the
	operating
	profit of the
	investment.
	For operating
	aid, the aid
	amount shall
	not exceed
	what is
	necessary to
	cover the
	operating
	losses and a
	reasonable
	profit over
	the relevant
	period.
	However, for
	aid not
	exceeding 1
	million euro,
	the maximum
	amount of aid
	may be set at
	80% of the
	eligible costs.
Aid for sport and multifunctional recreational infrastructures (Art. 55)	For
	investment
	aid, the aid
	amount shall
	not exceed
	the difference
	between the
	eligible costs
	and the
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