

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 37/2014/TRA	
EFTA State	Norway	
Region	Name of the Region(s): All regions	Regional aid status: N, C
Granting authority	Name	Innovasjon Norge
	Postal address	PO Box 448 Sentrum, N-0104 Oslo, Norway www.innovasjon Norge.no
	Web address	
Title of the aid measure	Aid scheme to support Competence and Development of the Tourism Industry ¹	
National legal basis (Reference to the relevant national official publication)	Budget proposal 1 S (2014-2015): NFD ² , page 172, see http://www.regjeringen.no/pages/38829612/PDFS/PRP201420150001NFDDDDPDFS.pdf	
Web link to the full text of the aid measure	www.innovasjon Norge.no/no/Reiseliv/Kompetansetilbud	
Type of measure	Scheme	
Amendment of an existing aid scheme or <i>ad hoc</i> aid		EFTA Surveillance Authority aid reference
	Prolongation X	GBER 3/2011/TRA
	Modification	
Duration	Scheme	01/01/2015 to 31/12/2020
Economic sector(s) concerned	All economic sectors eligible to receive aid	
Type of beneficiary	SME	
	Large undertakings	
Budget	Total annual amount of the budget planned under the scheme	150 MNOK
Aid instrument	Grant	
	Other (please specify): - Deliverance of Competence-, Advisory- and Support-services	

¹ Kompetanse i og utvikling av reiselivsnæringen, NFD 2421.74

² Det kongelige nærings- og fiskeridepartementet

	Indicate to which broad category below it would fit best in terms of its effect/function: - Grant
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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 %- M= Medium S=Small	
Regional aid - investment aid (Art. 14)	Scheme	15%	M: 10% S: 20%	
SME aid (Arts. 17-20)	Art. 17	M: 10%	S: 10%	
	Arts. 18-20	50%		
SME aid - SMEs' access to finance (Arts. 21-22)	Aid for start-ups (Art. 22): Maximum grant amounts for innovative enterprises in assisted areas with status C: 1.2 MEUR, exchange rate 8,4	10.1 MNOK		
Aid for research, development and innovation (Arts. 25-30)	Aid for research and development projects (Art. 25)	Industrial research (Art. 25(2) b))	50% + Collab. or dissemination bonus: 15%	M: 10% S: 20%
		Experimental development (Art. 25(2)(c))	25%, + Collab. or dissemination bonus: 15%	M: 10% S: 20%
		Feasibility studies (Art. 25(2)(d))	50%	M: 10% S: 20%
	Aid for innovation clusters (Art. 27)		50%	
	Innovation aid for SMEs (Art. 28)		100% up to 1.68 MNOK in 3 years, else 50%	
	Aid for process and organisational innovation (Article 29)		15%	M: 35% S: 35%
	Training aid (Art. 31)		50%	M: 10% S: 20%
Aid for Environmental protection (Arts. 36-49)	Aid for environmental studies (Art. 49)	50%	M: 10% S: 20%	
Aid for culture and heritage conservation (Art. 53)		80%, up to 8.4 MNOK		

Aid schemes for audio-visual works (Art. 54)	100% if co-prod. with DAC, 60% if cross-border in EEA, else 50%	
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