

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 57/2014/R&D&I	
EFTA State	NORWAY	
EFTA State reference number		
Region	Name of the Region(s) All regions	Regional aid status Mixed
Granting authority	The Ministry of Education and research	
	Postal address	P.O. Box 8119 Dep., N-0032 Oslo
	Web address	www.regjeringen.no/kd
Title of the aid measure	Regional Research Funds in Norway	
National legal basis (Reference to the relevant national official publication)	All documents in norwegian only : Prop. 1 S (2014-2015) (The budget proposal for 2014-2015 from the Ministry of Education and Research, the Parliament's (Stortinget) decision on the budget, Requirements and guidelines for regional research funds, grant letter (from the Ministry of Education and Research to the county municipalities. https://www.regjeringen.no/nb/dokumenter/Prop-1-S-20142015-/id2005477/	
Web link to the full text of the aid measure	https://www.regjeringen.no/nb/dokumenter/retningslinjer-regionale-forskningsfond/id593488/	
Type of measure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scheme	
Amendment of an existing aid scheme or <i>ad hoc</i> aid		EFTA Surveillance Authority aid reference
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prolongation	The Scheme is a continuation of the previously notified schemes "Regional Research Funds in Norway", Aid No GBER 2/10 R&D, 2010/C 332/3: http://www.eftasurv.int/state-aid/state-aid-e-news/archive/nr/1342)
Duration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scheme	01/01/2015 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	National currency NOK 226 million
Aid instrument	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant/Interest rate subsidy	

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 %
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%, this may be increased by 15% up to a maximum aid intensity of 80% when the conditions in Article 25 no. 6 (b) (i) or (ii) are fulfilled	20% for small enterpris es, 10% for medium sized enterpris es
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Experimental development (Art. 25(2)(c))	25%, this may be increased by 15% provided that the conditions in Article 25 no. 6 (b) (i) or (ii) are fulfilled	20% for small enterpris es, 10% for medium sized enterpris es
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feasibility studies (Art. 25(2)(d))	50 %	20% for small enterpris es, 10% for medium sized enterpris es %