

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 1/2021/REG | |
| EFTA State | Norway | |
| EFTA State reference number | | |
| Region | Name of the Region(s) All regions | Regional aid status C, N |
| Granting authority | Name | Innovasjon Norge |
| | Postal address | PO Box 448 Sentrum, N 104 Oslo. Norway |
| | Web address | http://www.innovasjonnorge.no |
| Title of the aid measure | Regional Development Aid Scheme | |
| National legal basis (Reference to the relevant national official publication) | <p>91/14/COL, 104/20/COL</p> <p>Regulations on the scope of investment aid and regional transport aid in notified area - Lovdata</p> <p>Regulations on Regional Development Aid Scheme, Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation - Lovdata</p> <p>National budget for fiscal year 2021, chapter 553 Regional and rural development (Regional- og distriktsutvikling):</p> <p>https://www.regeringen.no/contentassets/257c8bf71f0146c0801f39e4f559826b/no/pdfs/prp202020210001kmdddpdfs.pdf page 157-159.</p> | |
| Web link to the full text of the aid measure | <p>Regional Development Aid (innovasjonnorge.no) and more specific for each instrument: Loans, guarantees and grants (innovasjonnorge.no)</p> | |
| 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 | GBER 25/2014/REG |
| Duration | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scheme | 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021 |
| 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 | 700 MNOK |

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| | planned under the scheme | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For guarantees | 100 MNOK | |
| Aid instrument | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant/Interest rate subsidy | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loan/Repayable advances | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guarantee (where appropriate with a reference to the EFTA Surveillance Authority decision) | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | <p>The scheme will also include deliverance of Competence-, Advisory- and Support-services.</p> <p>Indicate to which broad category below it would fit best in terms of its effect/function:</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If co-financed by EU fund(s) | <p>Name of EU fund(s):</p> <p>European Investment Fund (EIF), Since 2017, Innovation Norway has signed guarantee agreements with the EIF, for cofounding both Loan and Guarantee schemes. EIF covers half of the losses in the portfolio up to a maximum of 20 % of loss on loans and 10 % of loss of guarantees.</p> | <p>Amount of funding (as per EU fund)</p> <p>EIF-loan scheme: MNOK 303,</p> | <p>National currency</p> <p>Estimated future losses per cohort covered by EIF: Loans: MNOK 60</p> |

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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Regional aid - investment aid (Art. 14) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scheme | 15% | M: 10% S: 20% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SME aid (Arts. 17 - 18 - 19-20) | 10% | S: 10% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Art. 17 | | 50% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Art 18-19-20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SME aid - SMEs' access to finance (Arts. 21-22) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for start-ups (Art. 22) Maximum loan/guarantee/grant amounts | Loans: 31.7 MNOK ¹ Guarantees: 47.5 MNOK Grants: 12.7 MNOK | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aid for research, development and innovation (Arts. 25 - 30) | <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">Aid for research and development projects (Art. 25)</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial research (Art. 25(2) b))</td> <td>50% + Collab. or dissemination bonus: 15%</td> <td>M: 10% S: 20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Experimental development (Art. 25(2)(c))</td> <td>25% + Collab. or dissemination bonus: 15%</td> <td>M: 10% S: 20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feasibility studies (Art. 25(2)(d))</td> <td>50%</td> <td>M: 10% S: 20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investment aid for research infrastructures (Art. 26)</td> <td>50%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for innovation clusters (Art. 27)</td> <td>50%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Innovation aid for SMEs (Art. 28)</td> <td>100% up to 2.11 MNOK² in 3 years, else 50%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for process and organisational</td> <td>15%</td> <td>M: 35%</td> </tr> </table> | Aid for research and development projects (Art. 25) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial research (Art. 25(2) b)) | 50% + Collab. or dissemination bonus: 15% | M: 10% S: 20% | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Experimental development (Art. 25(2)(c)) | 25% + Collab. or dissemination bonus: 15% | M: 10% S: 20% | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feasibility studies (Art. 25(2)(d)) | 50% | M: 10% S: 20% | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investment aid for research infrastructures (Art. 26) | 50% | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for innovation clusters (Art. 27) | 50% | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Innovation aid for SMEs (Art. 28) | 100% up to 2.11 MNOK ² in 3 years, else 50% | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for process and organisational | 15% | M: 35% | | |
| Aid for research and development projects (Art. 25) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial research (Art. 25(2) b)) | 50% + Collab. or dissemination bonus: 15% | M: 10% S: 20% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Experimental development (Art. 25(2)(c)) | 25% + Collab. or dissemination bonus: 15% | M: 10% S: 20% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feasibility studies (Art. 25(2)(d)) | 50% | M: 10% S: 20% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investment aid for research infrastructures (Art. 26) | 50% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for innovation clusters (Art. 27) | 50% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Innovation aid for SMEs (Art. 28) | 100% up to 2.11 MNOK ² in 3 years, else 50% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for process and organisational | 15% | M: 35% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

¹ Exchange rate December 2020 1€= 10,563 NOKS source: [Exchange rate \(InforEuro\) | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/exchange-rate-information/)

² Exchange rate December 2020 1€= 10,563 NOKS (max €200 000) source [Exchange rate \(InforEuro\) | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/exchange-rate-information/)

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| | innovation (Art. 29) | | S: 35% |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for research and development in the fishery and aquaculture sector (Art. 30) | 100% | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Training aid (Art. 31) | | 50% | M: 10% S: 20% |
| Aid for Environmental protection (Arts. 36-49) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investment aid enabling undertakings to go beyond Union standards for environmental protection or increase the level of environmental protection in the absence of Union standards (Art. 36) | 45% in C-areas, else 40% | M: 10% S: 20% |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investment aid for early adaptation to future Union standards (Art. 37) | 15% in C-areas, else 10% | M: 5% S: 10% |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investment aid for energy efficiency measures (Art. 38) | 35% in C-areas, else 30% | M: 10% S: 20% |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investment aid for high-efficiency cogeneration (Art. 40) | 50% in C-areas, else 45% | M: 10% S: 20% |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investment aid for the promotion of energy from renewable sources (Art. 41) | 50% in C-areas, else 45% | M: 10% S: 20% |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investment aid for remediation of contaminated sites (Art. 45) | 100% | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investment aid for energy efficient district heating and cooling (Art. 46) | 50% in C-areas, else 45% | M: 10% S: 20% |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investment aid for waste recycling and re-utilisation (Art. 47) | 40% in C-areas, else 35% | M: 10% S: 20% |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investment aid for energy infrastructure (Art. 48) | 100% | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for environmental studies (Art. 49) | 50% | M: 10% S: 20% |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for culture and heritage conservation (Art. 53) | 80%, up to 21.1 MNOK ³ | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid schemes for audio-visual works (Art. 54) | 100% if coprod. with DAC, 60% if cross-border in EEA, else 50% | | |

³ Exchange rate December 2020 1€= 10,563 NOKS, (max EUR 2 million) [Exchange rate \(InforEuro\) | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#) applicable for both article 53 and 55.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for sport and multifunctional recreational infrastructures (Art. 55) | 80%, up to 21,1 MNOK | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investment aid for local infrastructures (Art. 56) | 100% | |