

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 11/2021/ENV	
EFTA State		
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Region	Name of the Region(s) All Regions	Regional aid status C, N
Granting authority	Name	Innovasjon Norge
	Postal address Web address	PO Box 448 Sentrum, N-0104 Oslo, Norway
Title of the aid measure	The Bioeconomy Scheme (earlier “The Biorefinery Aid Scheme”)	
National legal basis (Reference to the relevant national official publication)	Budget proposal S 1 (2020-2021) KMD ¹ : Prop. 1 S (2020–2021) - regjeringen.no LMD ² : Prop. 1 S (2019–2020) - regjeringen.no The Governmental Strategy for bioeconomy (regjeringen.no)	
Web link to the full text of the aid measure	The Bioeconomy Aid Scheme (innovasjonnorge.no)	
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 38/2014/ENV
Duration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scheme	01/01/2021 to 31/12/2025
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 100 MNOK

¹ KMD: The Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation 553.74

² LMD: The Ministry of Agriculture and Food 2421.50

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For guarantees	National currency 40 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)	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivery of Competence-, Advisory- and Support services
		Indicate to which broad category below it would fit best in terms of its effect/function:
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant Other

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 %
Regional aid - investment aid (Art. 14)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scheme	15%	M:10% S: 20%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SME aid (Art. 17 (Arts. 18 – 19 - 20)		10%	S: 10%
		50%	
SME aid - SMEs' access to finance (Arts. 21-22)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for start-ups (Art. 22) Maximum loan/guarantee/grant amounts for innovative enterprises in assisted areas with status C	Loans: 31.7 MNOK ³ Guarantees: 47.5 MNOK Grants: 12.7 MNOK	
Aid for research, development and innovation (Arts. 25 - 30)	Aid for research and development projects (Art. 25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial research (Art. 25(2) b))	50% + Collab. or dissemination bonus: 15%
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Experimental development (Art. 25(2)(c))	25% + Collab. or dissemination bonus: 15%
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feasibility studies (Art. 25(2)(d))	50%
		<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 ⁴ in 3 years, else 50%
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for process and organisational	15%
			M: 35%

³ 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/)

⁴ 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/)

	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: 35%
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 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 waste recycling and re-utilisation (Art. 47)	40% in C-areas, else 35%	M: 10% S: 20%
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aid for environmental studies (Art. 49)	50%	M: 10% S: 20%