

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 12/2025/R&D&I	
EFTA State	Norway	
EFTA State reference number		
Region	Name of the Region(s) All Regions	Regional aid status
Granting authority	Name	The Research Council of Norway ¹
	Postal address	P.O. Box 564 N-1327 Lysaker Norway
	Web address	www.forskningsradet.no/
Title of the aid measure	Collaborative Project to meet Societal and Industry-related Challenges 2025 ²	
National legal basis (Reference to the relevant national official publication)	<p>The annual Budget documents (Proposition 1 to Stortinget, The Norwegian Parliament) and Letters of Allocation from the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries and other Ministries, in addition to bylaws and mandate of the Research Council of Norway.³</p> <p>https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/footer/tildelingsbrev/</p>	
Web link to the full text of the aid measure	<p>The state aid scheme is published on the Research Council of Norway's webpage:</p> <p>https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/call-for-proposals/2025/collaborative-project-societal-industry-challenges/</p>	
Type of measure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scheme	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc aid	Name of the beneficiary and the group it belongs to

¹ Official Norwegian name: Norges forskningsråd

² Official Norwegian name: Samarbeidsprosjekt for å møte utfordringer i samfunn og næringsliv

Amendment of an existing aid scheme or <i>ad hoc</i> aid		EFTA Surveillance Authority aid reference
	<input type="checkbox"/> Prolongation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Modification	
Duration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scheme	22/1/2025 to 1/7/2026
Date of granting	<input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc aid	
Economic sector(s) concerned	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All economic sectors eligible to receive aid	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited to certain sectors: Please specify at NACE group level	
Type of beneficiary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SME	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large undertakings	
Estimated number of beneficiaries:	<input type="checkbox"/> under 10 <input type="checkbox"/> from 11 to 50 <input type="checkbox"/> from 51 to 100 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> from 101 to 500 <input type="checkbox"/> from 501 to 1000 <input type="checkbox"/> over 1000	
Budget	Total annual amount of the budget planned under the scheme	National currency NOK 160 000 000
	Overall amount of the ad hoc aid awarded to the undertaking	National currency
	<input type="checkbox"/> For guarantees	National currency
Aid instrument	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant/Interest rate subsidy	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Loan/Repayable advances	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Guarantee (where appropriate with a reference to the EFTA Surveillance Authority decision)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax advantage or tax exemption	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Provision of risk finance	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	
	<p>Indicate to which broad category below it would fit best in terms of its effect/function:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Loan <input type="checkbox"/> Guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> Tax advantage <input type="checkbox"/> Provision of risk finance	

<input type="checkbox"/> If co-financed by EU fund(s)	Name of EU fund(s):	Amount of funding (as per EU fund)	National currency
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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 %
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%, 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 enterprises, 10 % for medium sized enterprises
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fundamental research (Art. 25(2)(a))	100 %	