

Information communicated by the EFTA States regarding State aid granted under the Act referred to in point 1j of Annex XV to the EEA Agreement (Commission Regulation (EC) No 800/2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty (General Block Exemption Regulation))

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PART I

Aid No	GBER 4/12/R & D	
EFTA State	Norway	
Granting authority	Name	Norwegian Industry Development Corporation — SIVA (SF) County authorities
	Address	SIVA Postboks 1253 Sluppen 7462 Trondheim NORWAY
	Webpage	http://www.siva.no
Title of the aid measure	Innovation aid scheme administered by SIVA (SF)	
National legal basis (Reference to the relevant national official publication)	Annual budget propositions to the Parliament (Parliamentary Bill No 1) from the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, the Ministry of Trade and Industry Annual budget documents for the county authorities Annual allocation letters from the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the county authorities SIVAs programme descriptions and internal guidelines at: http://www.siva.no	
Web link to the full text of the aid measure	http://www.siva.no/sivabas/nyheter.nsf/8486cefd06dd6d7041256802004f331f/b641a8ec569fc3e1c1256feb0028804b/\$FILE/Inkoghn.pdf	
Type of measure	Scheme	X
Amendment of an existing aid measure		The scheme will replace the present notification of SIVA: EFTA Surveillance Authority Decision No: 785/08/COL
Duration	Scheme	Start date: 1.1.2012 No explicit expiry date is defined
Date of granting	Ad hoc aid	
Economic sector(s) concerned	All economic sectors eligible to receive aid	X
Type of beneficiary	SME	X
Budget	Annual overall amount of the budget planned under the scheme	NOK 125 million
Aid instrument (Article 5)	Grant	X

PART II

General objectives (list)	Objectives (list)	Maximum aid intensity in % or maximum aid amount in NOK	SME — bonuses in %
Aid for research, development and innovation (Articles 30-37)	Aid for innovation advisory services and for innovation support services (Article 36)	EUR 200 000, up to 75 % of eligible expenses	
	Aid for the loan of highly qualified personnel (Article 37)	NOK	