

## NOTICES CONCERNING THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

## EFTA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY

**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 3/13/REG	
EFTA State	Norway	
Region	Name of the Region (NUTS) Telemark County	Regional aid status Mixed areas
Granting authority	Name	Telemark Utviklingsfond/Telemark Development Fund
	Address	PO Box 2844 3702 Skien NORWAY
	Web page	<a href="http://www.telemarkutviklingsfond.no">http://www.telemarkutviklingsfond.no</a>
Title of the aid measure	Telemark Utviklingsfonds støtteordning/Telemark Development Fund's Aid Scheme	
National legal basis (Reference to the relevant national official publication)	<p>Telemark Utviklingsfond/Telemark Development Fund is established in accordance with an agreement dated 9 December 2009 between the County of Telemark on the one side and eight municipalities on the other side (Fyresdal, Hjartdal, Kvitseid, Nissedal, Seljord, Tinn, Tokke and Vinje).</p> <p>The Fund will grant aid in accordance with the Fund's bylaws/statutes, in which it is stated that aid shall be granted in accordance with the EEA State Aid Rules and used for development within the County of Telemark. Additionally, the Fund will enter into agreements with the aid recipients.</p>	
Weblink to the full text of the aid measure	The full text will be available on: <a href="http://www.telemarkutviklingsfond.no/">http://www.telemarkutviklingsfond.no/</a>	
Type of measure	Scheme	Yes
Duration	Scheme	1.3.2013 to 31.12.2013 1.3.2013 to 3.6.2014 with regard to regional aid.
Economic sector(s) concerned	All economic sectors eligible to receive aid	Yes

Type of beneficiary	SME	Yes
	Large enterprises	Yes
Budget	Annual overall amount of the budget planned under the scheme	Annual budget: approximately NOK 35 million.
Aid instrument (Article 5)	Grant	Yes
	Loan	Yes

## PART II

General objectives (list)	Objectives (list)	Maximum aid intensity in % or maximum aid amount in NOK	SME — bonuses in %
Regional investment and employment aid	Scheme	15 %	10 % for medium-sized enterprises 20 % for small enterprises.
Aid for newly created small enterprises (Article 14)		25 % during the first three years after the creation of the undertaking.  15 % in the two years thereafter.  Maximum aid amount per undertaking: EUR 1 million. The annual amount of aid per undertaking shall not exceed 33 % of the maximum aid amount.	0 %
SME investment and employment aid (Article 15)		20 % for small enterprises  10 % for medium-sized enterprises	0 %
Aid for small enterprises newly created by female entrepreneurs (Article 16)		15 %  Maximum Aid amount per beneficiary: EUR 1 million. Annual amounts of aid per undertaking shall not exceed 33 % of the maximum aid amount.	0 %
Aid for Environmental protection (Articles 17-25)	Environmental investment aid for energy saving measures (Article 21)	60 % if calculated according to Article 21(1)(a)  20 % if calculated according to Article 21(1)(b)	10 % for medium-sized enterprises 20 % for small enterprises

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Aid for consultancy in favour of SMEs and SME participation in fairs (Articles 26-27)	Aid for consultancy in favour of SMEs (Article 26)		50 %	0 %	
	Aid for SME participation in fairs (Article 27)		50 %	0 %	
Aid for research, development and innovation (Articles 30-37)	Aid for research and development projects (Article 31)	Fundamental research (Article 31(2)(a))	100 %	0 %	
		Industrial research (Article 31(2)(b))	50 %	10 % for medium-sized enterprises 20 % for small enterprises  (An additional 15 % may be added to all enterprises, up to a maximum aid intensity of 80 % if the conditions in Article 31(4)(b) (i/ii/iii) are met.)	
		Experimental development (Article 31(2)(c))	25 %	10 % for medium-sized enterprises 20 % for small enterprises  (An additional 15 % may be added to all enterprises, up to a maximum aid intensity of 80 % if the conditions in Article 31(4)(b) (i/ii/iii) are met.)	
	Aid for technical feasibility studies (Article 32)		65 % for studies prior to industrial research activities  40 % for studies prior to experimental development activities	10 % for small and medium-sized enterprises	
	Aid for industrial property rights costs for SMEs (Article 33)		100 % for costs connected to fundamental research  50 % for costs connected to industrial research  25 % for costs connected to experimental development	10 % for medium-sized enterprises 20 % for small enterprises  (An additional 15 % may be added to all enterprises, up to a maximum aid intensity of 80 % if the conditions in Article 31(4)(b) (i/ii/iii) are met.)	
	Aid to young innovative enterprises (Article 35)		EUR 1,25 million for undertakings located in regions eligible for regional aid under Article 61(3)(c) of the EEA Agreement  EUR 1 million for other beneficiaries		

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	Aid for innovation advisory services and for innovation support services (Article 36)	EUR 200 000 per undertaking within any three year period	
	Aid for the loan of highly qualified personnel (Article 37)	50 %	
Training aid (Articles 38-39)	Specific training (Article 38(1))	25 %	10 % for medium-sized enterprises 20 % for small enterprises
	General training (Article 38(2))	60 %	10 % for medium-sized enterprises 20 % for small enterprises