

**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 20/2015/SMEs	
EFTA State	Norway	
EFTA State reference number	KMD 15/3793	
Region	All regions are eligible	Regional aid status
Granting authority	Name	The Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation, all county administrations and all programme secretariats.
	Postal address	P.O. Box 8112 Dep, 0032 OSLO, Norway
	Web address	<a href="http://www.regjeringen.no/kmd">www.regjeringen.no/kmd</a>
Title of the aid measure	<p>SME aid within the European Transnational Cooperation Programmes/Interreg. This includes all programmes with Norwegian participation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Interreg V A <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Nord (Norway-Finland-Sweden)</li> <li>b. Botnia/Atlantica (Norway-Finland-Sweden)</li> <li>c. Sverige-Norge (Sweden-Norway)</li> <li>d. Öresund-Kattegat-Skagerrak (Sweden-Denmark-Norway)</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Interreg V B <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Baltic Sea Region Programme</li> <li>b. The North Sea Region Programme</li> <li>c. The Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Interreg V C <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. URBACT</li> <li>b. ESPON</li> <li>c. INTERACT</li> <li>d. Interreg Europe</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. ENPI Kolarctic</li> </ol>	

National legal basis (Reference to the relevant national official publication)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines for budget line 552.72 – National measures for regional development (Retningslinjer for kapittel 552 post 72 – Nasjonale tiltak for regional utvikling).</li> <li>• Guidelines for budget lines 551.60 and 551.61 – periphery and regional measures (Retningslinjer for kapittel 551 post 60 og kapittel 551 post 61 – Retningslinjer for distrikts- og regionalpolitiske virkemidler)</li> <li>• Regulation on regional aid funds (FOR-2013-12-11-1574 Forskrift for distrikts- og regionalpolitiske virkemidler).</li> <li>• Annual national budgets</li> <li>• Annual grant offer letters</li> </ul>	
Web link to the full text of the aid measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.regjeringen.no/no/dokumenter/Prop-1-S-20142015/id2005447/?ch=6#VED1-3">https://www.regjeringen.no/no/dokumenter/Prop-1-S-20142015/id2005447/?ch=6#VED1-3</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.interreg.no">www.interreg.no</a></li> </ul>	
Type of measure	X Scheme	
Duration	X Scheme	01/09/2015 to 31/12/2020
Economic sector(s) concerned	X All economic sectors eligible to receive aid	Eligible sectors will comply with the GBERs common provisions, except for sectors defined in article 1, paragraph 3 (a) – (c), in the case that these fall out of the scope of the EEA agreement.
Type of beneficiary	X SME	
Budget	Total annual amount of the budget planned under the scheme	No fixed budget, but annual aid will not exceed 20 million NOK.
Aid instrument	X Grant/Interest rate subsidy	

## 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 %
X SME aid (Article 20)		50 %	0 %