

NORWAY – THE RESEARCH COUNCIL OF NORWAY (RCN)

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Information on the Funding Organisation in the Call

Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOK 46 M (approximately € 4.3 M) for CM2026-04: Industrial Carbon Management • NOK 40 M (approximately € 3.7 M) all together for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CM2026-01: Integrated energy system resilience in a changing environment ○ CM2026-03A: Advanced renewable energy (RE) technologies for power production ○ CM2026-05: Hydrogen and renewable fuels ○ CM2026-06: Stationary battery technologies and systems for climate-neutral industry and built environment ○ CM2026-07: Heating and cooling technologies ○ CM2026-09: Integrated industrial energy systems <p>Maximum funding request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOK 10 M for Call Module 4 projects. • NOK 6 M for projects under Call Modules 1, 3A, 5, 6, 7, and 9. Can be increased to NOK 7 M if the international project coordinator is Norwegian. <p>Comments to available budget: Depending on the volume of submitted and eligible projects, up to 25 % additional funding may be allocated to the call to fund additional projects on the ranking list.</p>
Anticipated number of projects to fund	Between 8 and 15
Website	Please check Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) at the RCN website
Contact	<p>Main contact point: Aage Stangeland, ast@rcn.no</p> <p>Thematic contact points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCS, hydrogen, and renewable fuels: Aage Stangeland, ast@rcn.no • Other Call Modules: Per Arne Karlsen, pak@rcn.no

National/regional requirements and guidelines on proposals

<p>Call Modules and topics</p>	<p>Eligible Call Modules for Norwegian applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM2026-01: Integrated energy system resilience in a changing environment • CM2026-03A: Advanced renewable energy (RE) technologies for power production • CM2026-04: Industrial Carbon Management • CM2026-05: Hydrogen and renewable fuels • CM2026-06: Stationary battery technologies and systems for climate-neutral industry and built environment • CM2026-07: Heating and cooling technologies • CM2026-09: Integrated industrial energy systems <p>Norwegian applicants must meet the following conditions:</p> <p>For Call Modules 1, 5, 6, 7, and 9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Norwegian activities must comply with priorities listed in the Portfolio plan for Energy and transport and the priorities in the Energy 21 strategy. <p>For Call Module 3A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Norwegian activities must comply with priorities listed in the Portfolio plan for Energy and transport and the priorities in the Energy 21 strategy. • The projects shall address one of the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wind Energy (onshore/offshore) ○ Solar PV <p>For Call Module 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Norwegian activities must comply with topics listed in the CLIMIT Program Plan. • Norwegian activities must lead to long-term CO₂ storage. Hence, CCU activities without long-term CO₂ storage are in-eligible. <p>The Norwegian team of participants must fulfil the criteria of one of these two alternative project types:</p> <p>1. Knowledge building project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects aimed at developing new knowledge and generating research competence needed by society or the business sector to address important societal challenges. • Collaboration between research group(s) and relevant actors from outside the research sector is required. The Norwegian team must include at least one approved Norwegian research organisation and at least two relevant Norwegian industrial partners.
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Call Modules and topics (continued)

- Industrial partners are not eligible for financial support.
- The Norwegian industrial partners must have in-kind contributions
- The total funding request from The Norwegian applicants cannot exceed eight times the in-kind personnel contribution from the Norwegian industrial partners.
- The Norwegian industrial partners may contribute with financial support (cash) in addition to the required in-kind efforts.
- Norwegian industrial partners must be registered as self-financed partners in the CETP submission portal.
- Letters of Intent from all Norwegian industrial partners are required in stage 1 (pre-proposal), and Letters of Commitment from all Norwegian industrial partners are required in stage 2 (full proposal).
- *Please note that Norwegian applicants not meeting all conditions listed above at stage 1 will be in-eligible and not evaluated for potential advancement to stage 2.*

2. Innovation project for the industrial sector

- Open for projects in which companies are engaged in business-led innovation and where research and development (R&D) is a critical part of the innovation process.
- The main Norwegian applicant must be a Norwegian company.
- Norwegian research organisation(s) may be partner(s). The cost for research organisation(s) must be covered by the company(ies).
- Letters of Intent from all Norwegian companies are required in stage 1 (pre-proposal), and Letters of Commitment in stage 2 (full proposal).
- The maximum funding rate for the Norwegian team is 50 %.
- *Please note that applicants not meeting all conditions listed above at stage 1 will be in-eligible and not evaluated for potential advancement to stage 2.*

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<p>Proposal submission</p>	<p>In addition to applying to CETP, Norwegian applicants must submit the following on national level to RCN:</p> <p>Stage 1, pre-proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters of Intent (LoI) from all Norwegian companies in stage 1 (pre-proposal) • A detailed budget for Norwegian partners specified in Norwegian kroner (NOK). This Template must be used. The financial figures in this file, specified in NOK, will be more important for RCN than the financial figures in EUR that all applicants must include in the CETP submission portal. <p>The budget and the Letters of Intent must be sent on email to the RCN contact person, Aage Stangeland, ast@rcn.no, at latest one week after the deadline for submitting applications to CETP. This mean that budget and Letters of Intent must be submitted to RCN within 15th October 2026, 23:59 CEST.</p>
<p>Proposal submission (continued)</p>	<p>You must use exchange rate between NOK and Euro at the due date for submission of pre-proposals. Specify the exchange rate applied in your application. The applied exchange rate will be binding for all proposals invited to full proposal and will not be subject to any change.</p> <p>Stage 2, full proposals</p> <p>Submission of documents to RCN is in principle not required in stage 2. However, if there are changes in the Norwegian budget or changes in the Norwegian consortium from stage 1 to stage 2, the Excel file mentioned in stage 1 must be updated and sent by email to the RCN contact person, Aage Stangeland, ast@rcn.no. The deadline is the same as the deadline for submitting the application to CETP, 11 March 2027, 14:00 CET.</p> <p>Please note that Letters of Commitment (LoC) from Norwegian industrial partners will be needed. The Letters (LoC) must be uploaded in the CETP submission portal.</p> <p>The Letters of Commitment (LoC) must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clear statement from the company that they will participate in the project (please note that we do not require a legal binding commitment). • Specify the contribution from the company in terms of person-months and total in-kind contributions in terms of Norwegian Kroner (NOK). • Specify which Work Packages the company will contribute to. • Describe the work the company will perform in the project.

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Project Consortium Partners	<p>The call is open to approved Norwegian research organisations, actors from public sector entities, non-governmental organisations, and companies from the business sector.</p> <p>The main Norwegian partner must be either an approved Norwegian research organisation or a Norwegian company that has been issued an enterprise number under the Norwegian Register of Business Enterprises (Brønnøysundregistrene) and carry out economic activity in Norway.</p>		
Project duration	<p>From two to three years.</p>		
Project budget Funding request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum NOK 10 M for Call Module 4 projects. • Maximum NOK 6 M for projects under Call Modules 1, 3A, 5, 6, 7 and 9. Can be increased to NOK 7 M if the international project coordinator is Norwegian 		
Funding rates (%)	<p>Basic research</p>	<p>Industrial/ applied research</p>	<p>Experimental development/innovation</p>
<p>Large enterprises</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>0 / 50 % *</p>	<p>0 / 25 % **</p>
<p>Medium enterprises</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>0 / 50 % *</p>	<p>0 / 35 % **</p>
<p>Small enterprises</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>0 / 50 % *</p>	<p>0 / 45 % **</p>
<p>Universities, public research organisations</p>	<p>100 %</p>	<p>100 %</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>Public authorities, Associations without economic activities, NGOs</p>	<p>100 %</p>	<p>100 %</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>Notes</p>	<p>* 0 % funding rate for Knowledge building projects and maximum 50 % funding rate for Innovation projects for the industrial sector.</p> <p>** 0 % funding rate for Knowledge building projects and up to 25-45 % funding rate for Innovation projects for the industrial sector, depending on company size.</p> <p>The funding requests from public authorities, associations without economic activities, and NGOs must not exceed 10 percent of the total funding request from Norwegian project partners.</p> <p>Applied funding rates for all Norwegian applicants must comply with European state aid guidelines. Details are available at the RCN website.</p>		
<p>Types of cost to be funded</p>	<p>Eligible costs for Norwegian applicants are specified at the RCN website</p>		
<p>RDI approaches and TRLs</p>	<p>Norwegian applicants can ask for funding for activities no higher than TRL 6 at the end of the project.</p>		