

National Guidelines/Regulations

Country

Norway

Participating organisation:

The Research Council of Norway (RCN)

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Name of & link to the funding programmes:

- Maritime part of the Portfolio for Energy and transport: [Porteføljepplan for energi og transport](#)

Minimum and/or maximum project duration:

The project duration is up to three years (36 months).

Minimum and/or maximum funding per project:

The maximum funding requested from the RCN should not exceed 5.000.000 NOK per project.

The total available budget for Norwegian participation in this call: up to 10.000.000 NOK, equivalent to approx. 840.000 €

Who can be eligible for funding (incl. industry participation)?

The call is open to approved Norwegian research organizations, and Norwegian companies that has been issued an enterprise number under the Norwegian Register of Business Enterprises (Foretaksregisteret) and carry out economic activity in Norway. Sole proprietorships cannot apply for funding from the RCN.

Projects eligible for funding from the RCN must have at least one Norwegian industrial partner (company) in the project consortium. The Norwegian industrial partners must together account for a minimum of 30 per cent of the total project cost of all Norwegian partners.

The RCN can support the following alternative project models:

- A project, with a Norwegian company as project owner. A Norwegian research organization(s) can be partner or subcontracted.
- A project, with a Norwegian research organization as project owner, that represents actual cooperation between research and business(s), ref state aid scheme. A Norwegian research organization(s) and at least one Norwegian company must be partner in the project.
- A project with a foreign company as project owner and a Norwegian company is a partner. A Norwegian research organization(s) can be partner or subcontracted.
- A project, where a foreign research institute is project owner, that represents actual cooperation between research and business(s), ref state aid scheme. At least one Norwegian company must be

partner in the project. A Norwegian research organization(s) can be partner in the project or they may be subcontracted to a Norwegian company being partner in the project.

State aid guidelines

The funding of a research and development project granted in this MarLEN call is set by the State Aid Rules; <https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/apply-for-funding/funding-from-the-research-council/Conditions-for-awarding-state-aid/>

State aid awarded by the Research Council is granted under the [General Block Exemption Regulation for state aid](#), Article 25: Aid for research and development projects.

The Research Council of Norway can fund projects that fall within fundamental research (F), industrial research (I) and experimental development (D).

Support from the Research Council constitutes state aid when it is awarded to an "undertaking", i.e. an actor that carries out an economic activity consisting of offering products or services on a given market.

To ensure that support is awarded in compliance with the state aid rules, the Research Council asks applicants selected for conditional allocation of funding to provide supplementary information. The Project Owner must be able to document that its own institution and all its partners (all recipients of state aid) are eligible to receive state aid.

What can you seek funding for - Funding rates

You can apply for funding to cover the actual costs necessary to carry out the project.

[You can find detailed information about the costs we can cover here](#)

You can apply for funding for up to 50 per cent of the costs of each of the companies in the project. The degree of support for the company's project costs within the framework of 50 per cent depends on the size of the company and the type of R&D activities.

If a Norwegian research organization is partner in the project, the support from the Research Council of Norway awarded to research institutions, is awarded to their non-economic activity.

Organisation type	Fundamental research	Industrial research	Experimental development
Large company	N / A	50 %	25 %
Medium company	N / A	50 %	35 %
Small company	N / A	50 %	45 %
Research organisation	100 %	100 %	100 %

Thematic

All topics in the Call may be supported provided that the activities fall within fundamental research (F), industrial research (I) or experimental development (D).

The funding provided by Norway is from programmes related to the maritime industry. Projects eligible for funding must target the maritime industry. This includes waterborne transport as well as vessels and maritime technologies used in other ocean industries.

Open access / Open science

The Research Council seeks to lead the way in making research as open as possible and as closed as necessary. The Research Council of Norway has stipulated requirements relating to self-archiving and open access to publications and research data produced in connection with R&D projects funded by the Research Council. Read more about The Research Council's Principles for Open Science:
<https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/Adviser-research-policy/open-science/>

Other issues

The budget for the Norwegian partners shall follow RCN cost model and RCN regulations.

The budget applied for shall be stated in Euro and must not exceed NOK 5,000,000 for the Norwegian partners. Conversion from Euro to Norwegian kroner is based on the official exchange rate per application date for the proposals: 30 September 2025. The official exchange rate can be found here: [Euro foreign exchange reference rates](#)

Project partners of funded projects will have to submit national application forms to The Research Council of Norway after notification. Based on the information in the application Norwegian project partners will sign a separate contract with the RCN. Norwegian partners that are coordinators of the projects will be asked to also coordinate the Norwegian partners of the projects. If the project has a foreign coordinator and several Norwegian partners, one of the Norwegian partners must be chosen to coordinate the Norwegian part of the project and sign the contract with the RCN on behalf of the other Norwegian partners.

The participation must follow RCN's General Terms and Conditions for R&D Projects.