

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 40 M (approximately € 3.3 M) for CM2025-04: <i>CCUS</i> • NOK 40 M (approximately € 3.3 M) all together for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CM2025-03A: Advanced renewable energy (RE) technologies for power production ○ CM2025-05: Hydrogen and renewable fuels ○ CM2025-06: Heating and cooling technologies ○ CM2025-08: Integrated industrial energy systems ○ CM2025-09: Clean energy integration in the built environment
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"> • Renewable energy (CM2025-03A): Marianne Haavardsholm Aandahl, mhaa@rcn.no; • CCS (CM2025-04): Aage Stangeland, ast@rcn.no; • Hydrogen and renewable fuels (CM2025-05): Ymir Kalmann Frodason, ykf@rcn.no • Heating and cooling (CM2025-06): Per Arne Karlsen, pak@rcn.no; • Industrial energy system (CM2025-08): Chido Nnoli, cnn@rcn.no • Built environment (CM2025-09): Andreas Bratland, abr@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"> • Call Module 03A: Advanced renewable energy (RE) technologies for power production (ROA) • Call Module 04: Carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) • Call Module 05: Hydrogen and renewable fuels • Call Module 06: Heating and cooling technologies • Call Module 08: Integrated industrial energy systems • Call Module 09: Clean energy integration in the built environment <p>Norwegian applicants must meet the following conditions:</p> <p>For Call Modules 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>For Call Modules 5, 6, 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 8:</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. ○ Projects targeting the metallurgical industry can not be funded, because this sector is already very well covered in national R&D calls.
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**Call Modules and topics
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The Norwegian team of participants must fulfil the criteria of one of these two alternative project types:

1. Knowledge building project

- 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 companies.
- Companies are not eligible for financial support.
- The Norwegian applicants must document (in their budget) that at least 10 % of the Norwegian total costs will be used by the Norwegian industrial or end-user partners.
- The Norwegian industrial or end-user partners may contribute with financial support (cash) in addition to the required in-kind efforts.
- Norwegian companies must be registered as self-financed partners in the CETP submission portal.
- Letters of Intent from all Norwegian companies are required in stage 1 (pre-proposal), and Letters of Commitment in stage 2 (full proposal).
- Note: Applications without required industrial participation at stage 1 will be in-eligible and not evaluated for potential proceedings 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 company(ies) is 50%.

Proposal submission	<p>In addition to submitting an application to CETP, Norwegian applicants must submit the following on national level to RCN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed budget for Norwegian partners specified in Norwegian kroner (NOK). This Template.xlsx must be used. • Letters of Intent (LoI) from all Norwegian companies are required in stage 1 (pre-proposal), and Letters of Commitment (LoC) from all Norwegian companies are required in stage 2 (full proposal). <p>The budget and the letters (LoI and LoC) must be sent on email to the RCN contact person, Aage Stangeland, ast@rcn.no.</p> <p>Due date for submission of budget and letters (LoI, LoC) are two weeks after the deadlines for submitting applications to CETP. This mean that budget and letters (LoI, LoC) must be submitted to RCN 23 October 2025, 23:59 CEST for stage 1 (pre-proposal stage) and 26 March 2026, 23:59 CET for stage 2 (full proposal stage).</p> <p>Please 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 further to full proposal and will not be subject to any change.</p>
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	From two to three years.
Project budget	
Funding request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum NOK 10 M for CM2025-04 projects. • Maximum NOK 6 M for projects under CM2025-03A, CM2025-05, CM2025-06, CM2025-08 and CM2025-09.

Funding rates (%)	Basic research	Industrial/ applied research	Experimental development/innovation
Large enterprises	NA	0 / 50 % *	0 / 25 % **
Medium enterprises	NA	0 / 50 % *	0 / 35 % **
Small enterprises	NA	0 / 50 % *	0 / 45 % **
Universities, public research organisations	100 %	100 %	NA
Public authorities, associations without economic activities, NGOs	100 %	100 %	NA
Notes	<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>Applied funding rates for all Norwegian applicants must comply with European state aid guidelines. Details are available at the RCN website.</p>		
Types of cost	Eligible costs for Norwegian applicants are specified at the RCN website .		
RDI approaches and TRLs	Norwegian applicants can ask for funding for activities at TRL maximum 6 at the end of the project.		