

Norway – The Research Council of Norway (RCN)

a) National information and eligibility criteria

Contact Point	<p>Main contact point: Aage Stangeland, ast@rcn.no</p> <p>Call Module contact points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call Module 1: DC technologies for energy networks: Marianne Haavardsholm Aandahl, mhaa@rcn.no • Call Module 4: Carbon capture, utilisation, and storage (CCUS): Aage Stangeland, ast@rcn.no • Call Module 6: Heating and cooling technologies: Per Arne Karlsen, pak@rcn.no
Funding commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOK 30 M (approximately € 2.56 M) for Call Module 4: <i>CCUS</i> • NOK 24 M (approximately € 2.05 M) all together for Call Module 1: <i>DC technologies for energy networks</i> and Call Module 6: <i>Heating and cooling technologies</i>
Anticipated number of projects to be funded	From 5 to 10
Maximum funding per awarded project	<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 and 6
Eligible types of organisations	<p>The call is open to approved Norwegian research organisations, actors from public sector entities, non-governmental organisations, and companies from the business/industrial 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>
Eligible Call Modules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call Module 1: DC technologies for energy networks • Call Module 4: Carbon capture, utilisation, and storage (CCUS) • Call Module 6: Heating and cooling technologies
Eligible types of RDI and TRL	<p>For Call Module 4 on CCUS:</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, and CCU activities without long-term CO₂ storage are in-eligible <p>For Call Modules 1 and 6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Norwegian activities must comply with priorities within energy systems or heating and cooling as listed in the Portfolio Plan for Energy, transport and low emissions and the priorities in the Energy 21 strategy • TRL: maximum 6 at the end of the project

<p>Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level</p>	<p>A detailed budget for Norwegian partners must be sent on e-mail to the relevant RCN contact persons within November 24th 2023 end of business.</p> <p>The budget must include details listed at the RCN web site; Please specify all cost items per partner per year. A template may be provided from your RCN contact person upon request – send us an e-mail.</p>
<p>Additional eligibility criterias</p>	<p>The Norwegian team of participants must meet one of the two alternative project types listed below:</p> <p>1. Knowledge building project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Projects must aim at developing new knowledge and generate 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 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 per cent 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. - Letters of Intent from all Norwegian companies are required in stage 1 (pre-proposal), and Letters of Commitment in stage 2 (full proposal). (The letters can be sent on e-mail to the RCN contact persons if problem with uploading them in the submission portal) - Note: Applications without required industrial participation at stage 1 will be in-eligible and not evaluated for potential proceedings to stage 2 <p>2. Innovation project for the industrial sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 companie(s). - The maximum funding rate for the Norwegian companie(s) is 50%
<p>Eligible costs</p>	<p>Eligible costs for Norwegian applicants are defined at the RCN website</p>
<p>Information available at</p>	<p>Relevant links are provided above</p>

Other	<p>Applied funding rates for all Norwegian applicants must comply with European state aid guidelines. Details are available at the RCN website.</p> <p>Please use exchange rates between NOK and Euro close to the due date for submission of your pre-proposal, and specify the exchange rate applied in the application. The applied exchange rate will be binding for all proposals invited further to full proposal and may not be subject to any change.</p>
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b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

	Basic research	Industrial/Applied Research	Experimental development/innovation
Large Enterprises	NA	0 / 50 *	0 / 25 **
Medium Enterprises	NA	0 / 50 *	0 / 25 **
Small Enterprises	NA	0 / 50 *	0 / 25 **
Universities, public research organisations	100	100	NA
Public authorities	100	100	NA
Associations without economic activities, NGOs	100	100	NA

* 0 % funding rate for Knowledge building projects and maximum 50 % funding rate for Innovation projects for the industrial sector.

** 0 % funding rate for Knowledge building projects and maximum 25 % funding rate for Innovation projects for the industrial sector.