

a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria

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<p><b>Funding commitment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NOK 40 M</b> (approximately € 3.48 M) for Call Module 4: <i>CCUS</i></li> <li>• <b>NOK 30 M</b> (approximately € 2.61 M) all together for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Call Module 3A and 3B: Advanced renewable energy (RE) technologies for power production</li> <li>○ Call Module 5: Hydrogen &amp; renewable fuels</li> <li>○ Call Module 6: Heating and cooling technologies</li> <li>○ Call Module 7: Geothermal energy technologies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded</b></p>	<p>From 7 to 12</p>
<p><b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum NOK 10 M for Call Module 4 projects</li> <li>• Maximum NOK 6 M for projects under Call Modules 3A and 3B, 5, 6 and 7</li> </ul>
<p><b>Eligible types of organisations</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>Eligible Call Modules</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Call Module 3A and 3B:</b> Advanced renewable energy (RE) technologies for power production</li> <li>• <b>Call Module 4:</b> Carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS):</li> <li>• <b>Call Module 5:</b> Hydrogen &amp; renewable fuels</li> <li>• <b>Call Module 6:</b> Heating and cooling technologies</li> <li>• <b>Call Module 7:</b> Geothermal energy technologies</li> </ul>

<p><b>Eligible types of RDI and TRL</b></p>	<p><b>For Call Module 4:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Norwegian activities must comply with topics listed in the <a href="#">CLIMIT Program Plan</a></li> <li>• Norwegian activities must lead to long-term CO<sub>2</sub> storage. Hence, CCU activities without long-term CO<sub>2</sub> storage are in-eligible</li> <li>• TRL: max. 6 at the end of the project</li> </ul> <p><b>For Call Modules 3A and 3B:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Norwegian activities must comply with priorities listed in the <a href="#">Portfolio Plan for Energy, transport and low emissions</a> and the priorities in the <a href="#">Energy 21 strategy</a>.</li> <li>• The projects shall address one of the following target topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wind Energy (onshore/offshore)</li> <li>○ Solar PV</li> <li>○ Offshore renewables (cabling, mooring, foundations, O&amp;M, etc.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• TRL: max. 6 at the end of the project. For international projects reaching a higher TRL level (Innovation-Oriented Approach, IOA), Norwegian partners can participate in work-packages ending on max TRL 6.</li> </ul> <p><b>For Call Modules 5, 6, and 7:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Norwegian activities must comply with priorities listed in the <a href="#">Portfolio Plan for Energy, transport and low emissions</a> and the priorities in the <a href="#">Energy 21 strategy</a></li> <li>• TRL: max 6 at the end of the project</li> </ul>
<p><b>Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level</b></p>	<p>A detailed budget for Norwegian partners must be sent on e-mail to the relevant RCN contact persons within 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024, end of business.</p> <p>The budget must include details listed at the <a href="#">RCN web site</a>; Please specify all cost items per partner per year.</p> <p>A template will be provided from your RCN contact person upon request – please send us an e-mail.</p>
<p><b>Additional eligibility criteria</b></p>	<p>The Norwegian team of participants must fulfil the criteria of one of these two alternative project types:</p> <p><b>1. Knowledge building project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Projects aimed at developing new knowledge and generating research competence needed by society or the business sector to address important societal challenges.</li> <li>- Collaboration between research group(s) and relevant actors from outside the research sector is required.</li> <li>The Norwegian team must include <u>at least one</u> approved Norwegian research organisation and <u>at least two</u> relevant Norwegian companies.</li> <li>- Companies are not eligible for financial support.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- The Norwegian industrial or end-user partners may contribute with financial support (cash) in addition to the required in-kind efforts.</li> <li>- Companies must be registered as self-financed partners in the CETP submission portal</li> <li>- Letters of Intent from all Norwegian companies are required in stage 1 (pre-proposal), and Letters of Commitment in stage 2</li> </ul>

	<p>(full proposal). The letters must be uploaded in the CETP submission portal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Note: Applications without required industrial participation at stage 1 will be in-eligible and not evaluated for potential proceedings to stage 2</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Innovation project for the industrial sector</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Open for projects in which companies are engaged in business-led innovation and where research and development (R&amp;D) is a critical part of the innovation process.</li> <li>- The main Norwegian applicant must be a Norwegian company.</li> <li>- Norwegian research organisation(s) may be partner(s). The cost for research organisation(s) must be covered by the company(s)</li> <li>- 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 must be uploaded in the CETP submission portal</li> <li>- The maximum funding rate for the Norwegian company(s) is 50%</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible costs</b>	Eligible costs for Norwegian applicants are specified at the <a href="#">RCN website</a> .
<b>Information available at</b>	Relevant links are provided above
<b>Other</b>	<p>Applied funding rates for all Norwegian applicants must comply with European state aid guidelines. Details are available at the <a href="#">RCN website</a>.</p> <p>Please use exchange rates between NOK and Euro close to the due date for submission of your pre-proposal. 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>

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

	<b>Basic research</b>	<b>Industrial/Applied Research</b>	<b>Experimental development/innovation</b>
<b>Large Enterprises</b>	NA	0 / 50 *	0 / 25 **
<b>Medium Enterprises</b>	NA	0 / 50 *	0 / 35 **
<b>Small Enterprises</b>	NA	0 / 50 *	0 / 45 **
<b>Universities, public research organisations</b>	100	100	NA
<b>Public authorities</b>	100	100	NA
<b>Associations without economic activities, NGOs</b>	100	100	NA

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

\*\* For large enterprises: 0 % funding rate for Knowledge building projects and maximum 25 % funding rate for Innovation projects for the industrial sector.

For medium enterprises: 0 % funding rate for Knowledge building projects and maximum 35 % funding rate for Innovation projects for the industrial sector.

For small enterprises: 0 % funding rate for Knowledge building projects and maximum 45 % funding rate for Innovation projects for the industrial sector.