

Norway - RCN

Name of Funding agency	The Research Council of Norway
Geographical coverage (national/regional)	National
Name of the programme/initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials • Energy
Programme website	The Research Council of Norway
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Funding Commitment	<p>2 400 000 €</p> <p>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 fundable research partners	About 5 projects that can have one or more Norwegian partners included.
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	In total, Norwegian partners may receive up to 475 000 € per project, allocated as most suitable among the Norwegian partners, but with a minimum of €50,000 for each partner. The maximum funding for one Norwegian partner per project is always 425 000 €.
Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range	TRL 2-6



Funding rates (approx.)

Norwegian partners must comply with the **Research Council of Norway (RCN)** cost model, regulations, and contractual framework. The following conditions apply: [Budget \(RCN\)](#)

Budget and Cost Model

The budget for Norwegian partners shall follow the **national RCN cost model** and applicable **RCN financial regulations**.

- Generally, indirect cost and overhead is not to be separately added to the budget, as they already are included in the RCN cost model. For funding research time and research fellows in the higher education sector and in the health trusts, actual personnel and indirect costs shall be the basis for calculating project support.
- Norwegian partners will enter into a **separate contract** with RCN.
- All Norwegian contracts will be issued in **NOK** to avoid currency risk.
- The **currency exchange rate** used will be the rate applicable on the **pre-proposal deadline (12 May 2026)**.

State Aid Rules (for activities by undertakings)

- The funded activities must fall under one of the following categories, as defined by EU state aid regulations:
 - **Industrial Research**, or
 - **Experimental Development**.
- The aid must comply with the **EU Block Exemption Regulation (Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014)**, [Article 25](#).
- Funding may **only** be used in accordance with these rules.
- Entities classified as an ["undertaking in difficulty"](#) under state aid regulations are **not eligible** for support.
- Further information is available under [State aid](#)

Eligible Funding Level

- In this call, undertakings may apply for **up to 50 percent** funding of eligible project costs.
- Other approved research performing organisations (see the link below) can apply for 100 percent funding.

General Conditions

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation must follow RCN’s General Terms and Conditions for R&D Projects.
Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)	<p>Eligible Norwegian partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved research organisations in Norway. These organisations do not count as industry partner. Undertakings that carry out economic activity in Norway and have been issued an enterprise number under the Norwegian Register of Business Enterprises. <p>Thematic restrictions :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Norwegian partners can participate under all six themes in this call. Proposals under the themes Materials for energy storage and distribution systems and Materials for energy conversion is limited to renewables and associated energy storage, energy efficiency and carbon capture and storage (CCS). <p>Consortia composition:</p> <p>The participation of a Norwegian undertaking is strongly encouraged for all topics. Pre-proposals with such participation may be prioritized when assessing which applications progress from pre-proposal stage to full proposal stage.</p>
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)	<p>n.a</p>
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	<p>Yes, conforming with the contract agreement.</p>
Further guidance	<p>Current calls for proposals - apply for funding https://www.m-era.net/joint-calls/joint-call-2026</p>