**Innovation Boost Programme**

**State Aid registration under General Block Exemption (GBER)**

This document sets out information relating to the Innovation Boostprogramme and how State Aid granted to the project complies with Commission Regulation (EU) 651/2014 of 17 June 2014, the General Block Exemption Regulation.

**1. Member States:**

United Kingdom & Ireland

State Aid Reference No:

**United Kingdom:** SA110435

**Ireland:** SA110548

**2. Granting Authority:**

InterTradeIreland

**3. Legal basis:**

The North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) Northern Ireland Order 1999 – Section 2.3 Part 7 of Annex II of the Act empowers InterTradeIreland to invest, grant aid or lend for the purposes of its function, the British/Irish Agreement Act 1999 (Section 2.3 Part 7 of Annex II of the act empowers InterTradeIreland to invest, grant aid or lend for the purposes of its function) and European Communities Act 1972.

**4. EC Legal Basis:**

The aid provided to this Project will be within the limits and conditions set out in Commission Regulation (EU) 651/2014, the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER)[[1]](#footnote-1)

**5. Project Name:**

Innovation BoostProgramme

Annual programme cost: £1.3m

**6. Grant Recipient:**

SMEs

**7. Project Aim:**

Innovation Boost is an all-island programme which enables knowledge and technology transfer between business and academia to support innovation and increase capability. Innovation Boost develops and facilitates three-way cross border partnerships and projects between companies, graduates and third level institutions.

Further information on the Innovation Boost programme can be found on the InterTradeIreland website**:** [**http://www.intertradeireland.com**](http://www.intertradeireland.com)

**8. Compliance with GBER:**

All aid provided to Innovation Boostprogramme participants will be within the limits and conditions set out in Commission Regulation (EU) 651/2014, of 17 June 2014 (as subsequently amended) declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (General Block Exemption Regulation).

The State aid to this programme will be within the Common provisions set out in Chapter 1 and scope and conditions of Article 28 in the GBER – Innovation Aid for SMEs.

**9. Duration of aid:**

From 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2026

**10. Form of aid:**

Grant

**11. Name and Address of Granting Authority**

InterTradeIreland, The Old Gasworks Business Park, Kilmorey Street, Newry, Co Down, BT34 2DE

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1. https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:02014R0651-20170710&from=EN [↑](#footnote-ref-1)