

Information communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No 800/2008 of 6 August 2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty (General block exemption Regulation)(Text with EEA relevance)

Aid number	SA.39644 (2014/X)
Member State	United Kingdom
Member State reference number	
Name of the Region (NUTS)	NORTHERN IRELAND Article 107(3)(c)
Granting authority	Invest Northern Ireland Bedford Square, Bedford Street, Belfast BT2 7ES www.investni.com
Title of the aid measure	techstart NI
National legal basis (Reference to the relevant national official publication)	The Industrial Development (Northern Ireland) Order 1982 - http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisi/1982/1083/contents The Industrial Development (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 - http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ni/2002/1/contents The European Communities Act (1972) - http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/68/section/2
Type of measure	Scheme
Amendment of an existing aid measure	
Duration	13.09.2014 - 30.06.2024
Economic sector(s) concerned	All economic sectors eligible to receive aid
Type of beneficiary	SME
Annual overall amount of the budget planned under the scheme	GBP 3,3 (in millions)
For guarantees	-
Aid Instrument (Art. 5)	Provision of risk finance, Direct grant/ Interest rate subsidy
Reference to the Commission decision	-
If co-financed by Community funds	European Regional Development Fund 2014 - 2020 Investment for Growth and Jobs Programme for Northern Ireland - GBP 9.600.000,00 (in millions)

Objectives	Maximum aid intensity in % or Maximum aid amount in national currency	SME-bonuses in %
Risk finance aid (Art. 21)	11 800 000 GBP	
Aid for start-ups (Art. 22)	900 000 GBP	

Web link to the full text of the aid measure

<http://secure.investni.com/static/library/invest-ni/documents/techstart-ni-scheme-guidance.pdf>