



Erasmus+ 2016 Sector Skills Alliances

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Three existing instruments with sectoral dimension

**Sector Skills
Councils**

**Sector Skills
Alliances**

ESCO reference groups

Sector Skills Councils

- **16 Feasibility studies**
- **1st phase:**
 - **Textile, clothing & leather;**
 - **Commerce (retail & wholesale)**
- **2nd phase:**
 - **Automotive**
 - **Shipbuilding**
 - **Audiovisual & live performance**
- **18 months duration; average 300 K€**

Key Actions within Erasmus+

Learning Mobility

- Staff
- High education students
- Vocational and education training students
- Master students
- Youth mobility

Co-operation for innovation & good practices

- Knowledge Alliances
- **Sector Skills Alliances**
- Strategic Partnerships
- IT support platforms
- E-twinning
- Capacity building in third countries

Support for policy reform

- Open Method of Coordination
- EU transparency tools
- Policy dialogue

The new Sector Skills Alliances – 2 Lots

LOT 1: identification of skills gaps and demand

- **corresponds to previous Sector Skills Council**
- **not VET specific**
- **deliver skills intelligence in open data format; for feeding into Skills Panorama**
- **both LOTS transversal component on Digital skills and Green Skills**

The new Sector Skills Alliances – 2 Lots

LOT 2: developing & delivering vocational education & training content

- **corresponds to previous Sector Skills Alliance**
- **VET specific but that includes "higher VET"**
- **develops and delivers trans-national VET content for European professional core profiles**
- **both LOTS transversal component on Digital skills and Green Skills**

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LOT 2: developing & delivering vocational education & training content



Work-based learning



Social partner involvement



Quality assurance - EQAVET



Learning-outcomes approach - ECVET



Qualifications frameworks – NQF/EQF

Typical actors

- **Social partners, chambers, organisations representing professions or sectors**
- **Sector skills councils**
- **VET providers and their associations**
- **Employment services**
- **Enterprises**
- **Authorities**
- **Economic development agencies, research**
- **Career guidance, professional counselling**

The new Sector Skills Alliances – composition

SSA LOT 1 proposals – minimum requirements:

- **must cover at least 12 of programme countries**
- **must have at least 2 full partners**
- **organisations representing both demand (eg. employment services) and supply side (e.g. trade union)**



The new Sector Skills Alliances – composition

SSA LOT 1 Example for composition:

- **Sector Skills Alliance with 14 countries**
- **Configuration can range from:**
 - **2 (if one partner umbrella org with 13 partners)**
 - **14 (one full partner for each country)**

The new Sector Skills Alliances – composition

SSA LOT 2 proposals – minimum requirements:

- **must cover at least three Programme countries**
- **must have at least 6 full partners**
- **in at least 2 countries in the SSA there must be at least 2 full partners**

The new Sector Skills Alliances – composition

SSA LOT 2 Example for minimum composition (3 countries, 6 partners):

- From country A: **2** partners (1 representing social partnership + 1 VET provision)
- From country B: **2** partners (1 representing sector + 1 VET provision)
- For country C you have the choice:
 - option 1: **2** partners (any, fitting to the project)
 - option 2: **1** European sectoral umbrella organisation + **1** more partner in country A or B

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SSA LOT 2 Example for a composition with more than 3 countries:

- From countries A, B and C: see slide before
- From country D: **2** partners (1 representing sector + 1 VET provision)
- From country E: **1** European sectoral umbrella organisation
- From country F: **2** partners (1 representing social partnership + 1 VET provision)



The new Sector Skills Alliances

Annual call for proposals:

- **Proposals can target professional profiles in any economic sector**
- **indicative budget 18 M€: 4M€ for Lot 1 for 8 projects; 14M€ for Lot 2 for 10 projects**
- **Maximum EU contribution, € 500 000 (LOT 1); € 1 400 000 (LOT 2)**
- **Max duration: 2-3 years (LOT 1); 3 years (LOT 2)**



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Annual call for proposals:

- **Existence of skills gap analysis valued in LOT 2**
- **Wide range of stakeholders (social partners participation considered highly relevant)**
- **Existing Sector Skills Councils may apply for LOT 1 or LOT 2**

The new Sector Skills Alliances instrument Erasmus+ Call 2016

- **Launch of call** **Early Oct 2015**
- **Deadline for submission** **26 February 2016**
- **Information session** **23 November 2015**

Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2016:

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm