



# The Future of Sector Skills Initiatives

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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, footwear
  - Commerce
- 2nd phase
  - Automotive
  - Shipbuilding
  - Audiovisual + Live Performance
- 18 months duration; average 300 K€

# The new "sector skills alliances" instrument

- **2 lots**
  - **Lot 1:** identification of skills gaps and demand
    - corresponds to previous Sector Skills Council
    - not VET specific
    - deliver evidence in open data format; feed into Skills Panorama
  - **Lot 2:** developing trans-national vocational education & training content
    - corresponds to previous Sector Skills Alliance
  - New instrument brings together objectives, funding (Erasmus+ KA2) and administration (DG EMPL/EACEA)
  - Transversal component on digital and green skills

# The new instrument – composition partnership

- Lot 1 SSA
  - must cover at least one third of programme countries
  - must have at least 2 full partners
  - organisations representing both demand (e.g. employment services) and supply side (trade union)
- Lot 2 SSA
  - 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" instrument

- Annual call for proposals
  - No indication of specific economic sectors at level of the call
  - Erasmus+ 2016: indicative budget 18 M€ (4M€ in Lot 1 for 8 projects; 14M€ for Lot 2 for 10 projects)
  - Maximum EU contribution: € 500 000 (Lot 1); € 1 400 000 (Lot 2)
  - Maximum duration of 2-3 years (Lot 1); 3 years (Lot 2)
  - Existence of skills gap analysis valued in Lot 2
  - Wider range of stakeholders (social partners eligible participating organisations for Lot 1)

## More stable perspectives

- More stable mid-term perspectives, both as regards framework, and financial
- All funded under Erasmus+ Key Action 2 – Cooperation for innovation and exchange of best practices
- Existing Sector Skills Councils may apply for Lot 1 or Lot 2
- Ready with mature analysis of skills needs/gaps → Lot 2

# The new Sector Skills Alliances instrument – first call for proposals

- Launch of call October 2015
- Information session 23 November 2015
- Deadline for submission 26 February 2016





Thank you for your attention!