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# Knowledge Alliances

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This event includes international projects aimed at collaboration between higher education institutions and businesses. The goal is to support innovation in higher education and entrepreneurship

## **The three groups of supported activities:**

- Promoting innovation in higher education, entrepreneurship and the wider socio-economic environment (development and implementation of new education and learning methods, product innovation, processes, organization of further education programs, etc.)
- Developing entrepreneurial spirit and skills (introduction of education aimed at developing entrepreneurial skills, enabling the practical application of entrepreneurial skills, developing plans in cooperation with enterprises, etc.)
- Exchange of knowledge between higher education institutions and businesses (involvement of staff in teaching and research, exchange of students and staff between higher education institutions and businesses, introduction of structures to test and test innovative measures, etc.)
- Knowledge alliances must demonstrate reliable relationships and close cooperation between project partners and their contribution to the project. Projects must be innovative and their outcomes must exceed the duration of the project, the results must be transferable.

## **Role of consortium members:**

- **Applicant:** is a project coordinator, he/she submits a proposal, acts and signs the contract / reports on behalf of all the consortium partners, is the main beneficiary of the EU grant, he/she bears financial and legal responsibility for the proper operational, administrative and financial implementation of the project
- **Full-legal partners:** are participating organizations that actively contribute to the fulfillment of the sectoral skills alliance. Each partner signs a mandate to give the coordinator full authority in the negotiation of the project and the grant
- **Associate partners:** are partners, who contributing to the alliance's activities. They are not a subject to contractual requirements because they do not receive financial support

Knowledge alliances **must include at least six independent organizations from at least three program countries** (at least two higher education institutions and at least two enterprises). If associate partners are to be involved, they must provide clear added value and their role must be clearly described.

**The projects are funded for 2 or 3 years.**

## **Financial support for grants:**

- The two-year projects can receive support up to €700 000
- The three-year projects can receive support up to €1 000 000
- Funding is based on unit costs that are intended for project implementation, travel and subsistence costs

For more information, please visit the [Program Guide](#) .

Grant applications are submitted to the [Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency in Brussels \(EACEA\)](#) .