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# Sector Skills Alliances

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This activity is focused on solving skill gaps. It focused on initial and continuing professional education, on the preparation and needs of specific sectors in the labor market. Supported projects lead to the modernization of vocational education and training, to strengthening the exchange of knowledge and practical procedures between institutions and the labor market, to facilitating labor mobility and facilitating the recognition of qualifications at European level.

## **Types of supported sectors for 2017:**

- Production and Engineering
- Trade
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Environmental Technologies
- Cultural and Creative Industries
- Tourism

## **Supported activities under this action:**

- Definition of skills and training needs in a specific economic sector
- Draft of the common curriculum
- Using of the common curricula in practice

## **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

A **minimum of 3 program countries must be involved** in the Sectoral Skills Alliance project. At least 3 full-legal partners from the following areas (one representative from each area) must be cooperating in each of the involved countries: public or private VET providers, public or private bodies with specific sectoral expertise and public or private bodies with a regulatory function for education and training systems (at local, regional or national level).

**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 \(EACEA\)](#) .