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
The new Sector Skills Alliances – 2 Lots

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 (e.g. 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
The new Sector Skills Alliances – composition

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)
The new Sector Skills Alliances

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: