

## **Sector Skills Alliances to tackle a skill gaps in a bioeconomy sector by developing a sectoral skills strategy - CALL FOR PROPOSALS – EAC/A03/2018**

We would like to draw your attention to a call for proposals **EAC/A03/2018** which covers several actions in the field of education and training of the Erasmus+ Programme. Action 2 in this call will support Sector Skills Alliances for implementing a new strategic approach (“Blueprint”) to sectoral cooperation. A bioeconomy sector has been recognised as a one of the six sectors, which are experiencing severe skills shortages and therefore there is a need for a new “Blueprint for bioeconomy, new technologies & innovation in agriculture”.

Sector Skills Alliances aim at tackling skills gaps with regard to one or more occupational profiles in a specific sector. Alliances under Sector Skills Alliances for implementing a new strategic approach (“Blueprint”) to sectoral cooperation on skills will support the implementation of the Blueprint by developing a sectoral skills strategy. This strategy has to lead to systemic and structural impact on reducing skills shortages, gaps and mismatches, as well as ensuring appropriate quality and levels of skills to support growth, innovation and competitiveness in the sector.

Organisations wishing to apply for Sector Skills Alliances are invited to submit applications online by **28 February 2019 at 12:00 (midday Brussels time)** to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency in Brussels.

Please note that the Info Day on Sector Skills Alliances including the "**Blueprint for bioeconomy, new technologies & innovation in agriculture**" took place on Thursday 6th December 2018. Here is the link to the EACEA website with all the information on the event, including a link to registration and web streaming: [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/events/info-session-2019\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/events/info-session-2019_en) .

For more information including Call notice, guidelines, how to apply and forms click [here](#).

If you are looking for additional information about Sector Skills Alliances, or if you have specific questions on the application process, you are kindly invited to send an email to the following mailbox:

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