

# Right to Repair trainee

**Application deadline: 14 April 2023**

27 March 2023

**About ECOS:** ECOS is an international NGO with a network of members and experts advocating for environmentally friendly technical standards, policies, and laws. We ensure the environmental voice is heard when they are developed and drive change by providing expertise to policymakers and industry players, leading to the implementation of strong environmental principles.

For over 20 years now, ECOS has worked towards a healthy and clean environment, protected by robust rules that respect nature and its resources. Representing a network of more than 50 members, we bring our environmental expertise and vision to European and international discussions.

**About Right to Repair Europe:** The [Right to Repair Europe](#) coalition represents over 100 organisations from 21 EU countries. It represents environmental NGOs and repair actors such as community repair groups, social economy actors, self-repairers, repair and refurbishing businesses, and any citizen who would like to advocate for their right to repair. This is a rapidly growing movement, and its objective to make repair affordable, accessible and mainstream is aligned with the objectives of the European Green Deal and the Circular Economy Action plan. Browse member organisations by country [here](#).

**Help us speed progress towards ambitious EU repair regulations, and fight against premature obsolescence!**

This is an exciting time to be campaigning for repair. There's increasing attention on the Right to repair worldwide, with more people concerned about premature obsolescence, recognising the need for better regulation that requires longer lasting and more repairable products.

In the past two years repairability criteria became mandatory in Europe for some household appliances, and they soon will for smartphones and batteries. This is just the beginning. A lot more needs to happen to make all future products more repairable and built to last and you can help us make this shift happen!

## Your main tasks will be to:

We are looking for a campaigning intern to help us

- Assist Programme Managers' advocacy work by monitoring, analysing and reporting on policy & standardisation developments in the field of Right to Repair
- Contribute to the development of communication materials, including drafting social media content, blog posts and articles and drafting messaging for national campaign members to adapt with their audiences
- Assist with planning and implementation of online campaigns
- Join relevant meetings, such as meetings of European institutions and standardisation organisations, conferences, and meetings with stakeholders

- Support the Right to Repair network with frequent enquiries and searching for potential new members
- Assist with reporting and administrative tasks.

You'll be jointly managed by ECOS' Programme Manager on Circular Electronics and by the European Right to Repair Campaign's Campaigner.

The Right to Repair trainee will work 3 days/week supporting the Right to Repair coalition and 2 days/week supporting ECOS.

## Skills and experience required:

Essential knowledge, skills and understanding

- University degree in political, social and/or environmental sciences, or other relevant discipline
- Knowledge of EU institutions and policy making
- Interest in campaigning at national or international level
- Self motivated, focused, and organized
- Good interpersonal communication skills
- Good written and verbal skills in English
- Basic digital skills and interest in learning how to use online collaboration tools

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- Passion for electronics, waste prevention or fixing and/or making
- Experience in creating content for web and social media channels
- Research and information gathering skills
- Experience with campaigning on environmental issues

## What we offer:

- A six-month (renewable) full-time paid traineeship under the Belgian CIP framework (Convention d'immersion professionnelle), plus meal vouchers, reimbursement of public transport expenses, and 2 days of holidays per month.
- An experience at an international environmental NGO, dynamic and constantly developing, working on both policy and standardisation.
- The possibility to join all relevant team training opportunities (e.g. time management) and internal briefings (e.g. how to create impact through writing)
- Being part of a welcoming, pleasant and dedicated team, whose common goal is to protect the environment.
- A flexible working environment, with the possibility to telework partly.

These are a few competences that you could acquire through this experience:

- Experience with campaigning on environmental issues
- Hands-on experience working with EU institutions on policy-making
- Understanding of EU and international standardisation organisations and standards making
- Understanding of social media use for campaigning purposes
- Digital skills and literacy in online collaboration tools

## How to apply:

Are you committed to waste prevention and interested in learning more about environmental campaigning and/or EU policy processes?

Applicants should send a CV and cover letter by no later than the **14<sup>th</sup> of April**. Send an email attaching your CV and a cover letter as a single pdf file with the subject "Right to Repair INTERN: your name" explaining how you meet the person specification to [careers@ecostandard.org](mailto:careers@ecostandard.org). The first round of interviews will take place shortly after the application deadline. We regret that only short-listed candidates will be contacted. We're looking forward to meeting you!

*We are committed to building a team with diverse voices and experiences. We are proud to be a diverse team led by local people and represent the community we serve.*

*ECOS is an equal opportunity employer that is committed to diversity and inclusion in the workplace. At ECOS, we believe diversity is what makes our work richer and our team stronger. Your race, nationality, colour, gender, age, religion, disability, status, or sexual orientation are NOT important to us, we value your knowledge and commitment. If you believe you can contribute to our common goal, we encourage you to apply.*