



Programme Manager – Bioeconomy

We are looking for a highly motivated Programme Manager to join our Circular Economy team. The Programme Manager will manage our activities on bioeconomy, specifically on bio-based products, food systems, bioenergy and biodiversity.

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.

Your main tasks will be to:

- Promote environmental interests in the proposal, development and revision of European and international policies and standards, notably in the field of **bioeconomy (specifically on bio-based products, food systems, bioenergy and biodiversity)**, in cooperation with ECOS nominated experts and member organisations
- Develop positions on the use of biomaterials in the plastics, textiles and construction sectors, in close collaboration with relevant Programme Managers
- Develop and implement ECOS strategy on food-systems, bioenergy and biodiversity
- Select, manage, and oversee technical experts to assist our work
- Represent ECOS in relevant meetings, such as meetings of standardisation organisations or European institutions and workshops, conferences and other fora
- Engage and collaborate with our members, other NGOs and stakeholders
- Develop regular updates, briefings, positions and publications for our target audiences
- Prepare funding applications and ensure proper reporting to funders
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Skills and experience required:

- University degree in environmental sciences, engineering, or relevant discipline. Alternatively, a degree in social sciences with qualifying professional qualifications
- Proven expertise or interest in the environmental impacts of biological resources production or of their transformation into products/energy commodities
- Good understanding of EU policy making processes
- Interest in technical work and/or standardisation processes
- Commitment to the values, vision and mission of environmental NGOs
- Familiarity with European Union funded projects

- Strong analytical skills & ability to translate technical information into digestible information
- Excellent time and project management skills
- Ability to work effectively both independently and as part of a team
- Excellent writing, communication, networking and negotiation skills
- Fluent English, other languages an asset

What we offer

- An open-ended Belgian contract with a competitive salary package including additional benefits (meal vouchers, pension scheme, 13th month, insurances, public transport, eco-cheques) depending on skills and experience, according to the ECOS salary scale.
- A dynamic international working environment.
- Being part of a dedicated team whose common goal it is to protect the environment.
- A very pleasant working environment.

How to apply:

Applicants should send a CV and cover letter by no later than 05 April 2021 to: info@ecostandard.org, with the subject line “**PROGRAMME MANAGER-Bioeconomy: your name**”. The first round of interviews will take place early April. We regret that only short-listed candidates will be contacted. When applying, please mention where you found the job ad.