Call for experts

To represent ECOS in the field of

Environmental measurements and assessments for the bioeconomy

Deadline 31 January 2022

ECOS is looking for experts in the field of environmental assessments of bio-based products and processes (including LCA and carbon accounting) to represent and defend environmental interests in the development of standards and related policies. Our experts provide us with technical and scientific input and represent ECOS in standardisation processes and multi-stakeholder discussions.

Knowledge of measurement and assessment of environmental performance for the bioeconomy in one or more of the following sectors and applications is needed: forestry and agriculture including for food/feed, energy, and/or bio-based materials used for textiles, plastics, construction products and/or chemistry.

ECOS is the pan-European NGO promoting environmental interests in the development of standards. With nearly 20 years of experience in standards and technical policies, ECOS represents around 50 European and national members, including the European Environmental Bureau, Friends of the Earth Europe, Transport & Environment and WWF. ECOS is a partner organisation of the European standardisation organisations CEN and CENELEC, a member of ETSI and a liaison organisation to IEC & ISO. Learn more: www.ecostandard.org

The nominated experts will:
- Participate in relevant technical meetings of CEN and ISO to promote ECOS position;
- Prepare technical input through official comments and position papers;
- Report to and liaise with the relevant ECOS Programme Manager;
- As requested exchange information with ECOS member organisations and other experts.

Interested candidates should be able to demonstrate in-depth technical / scientific knowledge in the topic area. Candidates should demonstrate a strong commitment to environmental NGO values and have proven written and oral communication and negotiation skills. Experience with and understanding of the policy context and standardisation developments in the subject area will be considered a strong asset. Fluency in English and willingness to travel are required.
In addition to the core topics of environmental footprint assessments, knowledge of at least one of the following topics is desirable: circularity and resource efficiency, carbon accounting and carbon storage of forestry and agricultural systems (including also soil carbon) and products, carbon flows between the biosphere and the technosphere, biodiversity and ecosystem impacts, end-of-life impacts, monitoring of land use changes and forest harvesting using remote sensing tools.

ECOS offers:
- A daily fee for preparation of meetings, participation and reporting (and for other relevant tasks);
- Reimbursement of travel costs;
- Per diem to cover accommodation and subsistence costs.

Please send your CV and cover letter outlining your motivation and demonstrating your suitability to support and represent ECOS to samy.porteron@ecostandard.org by 31st January 2022 COB. Applications will be assessed by the secretariat. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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