



Call for experts

to represent ECOS in the field of

Environmental assessments for soil functions and ecosystem services

Application deadline: 1 September 2023

ECOS is looking for experts in the field of environmental assessments of soil functions and ecosystem services 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.

ECOS is an international NGO with a network of members and experts advocating for environmentally-friendly technical standards, policies and laws. With 20 years of experience, ECOS represents nearly 60 national and European members, including the European Environmental Bureau, Friends of the Earth Europe, Transport & Environment and WWF. ECOS is a partner organisation of the standardisation organisations CEN and CENELEC, a member of ETSI and a liaison organisation to IEC & ISO. Learn more: www.ecostandard.org

ECOS is looking for someone with an in-depth knowledge of:

- the main characteristics of key Ecological Soil Functions (ESF) and how they relate to soil properties and to ecosystem services;
- how ESF can be evaluated in different contexts of land use and management (e.g. agricultural, forest, natural or semi-natural ecosystems) for environmental monitoring;
- indicators used in the assessment and monitoring of soil properties, soil functions and ecosystem services;
- soil health & soil quality approaches and adverse effects on soil health (e.g. nutrient imbalance in soil, excessive fertilization, soil loss processes, loss of soil biodiversity).

In addition to the core topics of environmental measurements of soil, ecological functions and ecosystem services, knowledge of at least one of the following topics is desirable: biodiversity, soil carbon, soil sealing, soil pollution, soil fertility.

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.

The nominated experts will:

- Participate in relevant technical meetings of CEN and ISO to promote ECOS position;

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- 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 when needed.

ECOS offers:

- A daily fee for preparation of meetings, participation and reporting, as well as 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 Martina Forbicini (martina.forbicini@ecostandard.org) and Samy Porteron (samy.porteron@ecostandard.org)** by 1st of September 2023 COB. Applications will be assessed by the secretariat on a rolling basis, applying ECOS procurement policy. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.