



# Climate and Energy Trainee

## Internship

Application deadline: 30 June 2023

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. ECOS is headquartered in Brussels and has an exceptional team of 37 staff supported by a network of over 50 technical experts and more than 50 member organisations.

The Climate and Energy Trainee will support the work of the **Climate and Energy team** in the ECOS Secretariat.

## Your main tasks will be to:

- Assist programme managers in day-to-day tasks that relate to the inclusion of environmental aspects in policy and standards, in support of ECOS' Climate and Energy work.
- Research, analyse and report on policy and standardisation developments related to:
  - Ecodesign and energy labelling particularly with a focus on energy-related appliances, such as heating and cooking products.
  - Demand-side energy flexibility, particularly from heavy loads such as electric vehicles and heat pumps.
  - Horizontal EU product policy, including the revision of the Ecodesign Directive, the Ecodesign for Sustainable Product Regulation, and Coolproducts campaign.
- Assist programme managers in the development of communication material, including blog posts and articles.
- Support the programme managers in the organisation of meetings and events.
- Assist with fundraising, reporting and other administrative tasks.

## Skills and experience required:

- University degree in environmental sciences, engineering, or a degree in political science with a focus on European affairs.
- Good understanding of EU policy-making process.
- Commitment to the values, vision and mission of environmental NGOs.
- Strong analytical skills & ability to present technical information in simple terms.
- Ability to work effectively both independently and as part of a team.
- Excellent writing, communication, networking skills.

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- Professional fluency in oral and written English, other languages are an asset.

## What we offer:

- A six-month (renewable according to profile) 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 remote working partly.

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

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

## How to apply:

Are you committed to energy transition 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 **30<sup>th</sup> of June**. Send an email attaching your CV and a cover letter with the subject “**INTERN-CLIMATE-ENERGY: your name**” explaining how you meet the vacancy 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, placing great value on diversity and inclusion in the workplace. We welcome applications from candidates with diverse cultural backgrounds and expertise. We value your knowledge and commitment. If you believe you can contribute to our common goal, we encourage you to apply.*