

Call for experts

to represent ECOS in the field of

Bioeconomy and nature

Application deadline: **01/02/2026**

ECOS is seeking experts to help advance a sustainable and circular bioeconomy and support ecological land management. Our experts support us by providing technical and scientific input and by representing and defending environmental interests in the development of standards and related policy processes.

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 over 50 national, international 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

The adoption of the Nature Restoration Regulation, initiatives within the EU bioeconomy policy framework, and the development of standards related to monitoring and assessment constitute the context for this call for experts.

Interested candidates should be able to demonstrate in-depth technical/scientific knowledge in:

- **Ecological management practices**, such as agroecology, ecological forestry, sustainable soil management.
- **Environmental assessment tools**, such as ecosystem health assessments (including biodiversity, soil, water), greenhouse gas accounting, and lifecycle assessment of bio-based products.

Your skills should relate to at least one of the following fields: **forest/forestry science** or **agriculture** – this can include **food/feed**, **bioenergy**, or **biomaterials**, e.g. wood-based products, bio-based plastics, bio-based textiles.

Please note, applications will be reviewed focussing on the depth and adequacy of relevant knowledge, rather than breadth. Single-topic experts are therefore encouraged to apply, as well as experts with demonstrable knowledge across multiple topics.

The geographical scope of the work includes Europe, Africa, and the international level.

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 [CEN](#) and/or [ISO](#) technical meetings, as well as EU Expert Group meetings to promote ECOS position.
- Prepare technical input through official comments and contribution to ECOS position papers;
- Report to and liaise with the responsible ECOS staff.
- 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.

How to apply

Please send your CV and  cover letter by email, with the subject line: "Call for Experts – **Your Name** and **Field(s) of Expertise**", outlining your motivation and demonstrating your suitability to support and represent ECOS to samy.porteron@ecostandard.org by **01/02/2026 COB**.

Applications will be assessed by the secretariat on a rolling basis, applying ECOS procurement policy. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Concerning the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in applications

We are interested in getting to know your authentic self and your unique set of skills and experiences, which cannot be generated by AI. Please therefore limit the use of AI to reformulation and be aware of its environmental impact. If you have used AI for any part of your application, please declare it and indicate which AI tools you have used and for what purpose.