

Call for experts

to represent ECOS in the field of

Furniture circularity and sustainability

Application deadline: 28/09/2026

ECOS is looking for experts in the field of furniture to represent and defend environmental interests in the development of standards and related policies. Our experts provide us with technical and scientific input and may 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 over 50 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

The furniture sector has a significant environmental impact, primarily in material use, waste generation, and chemical use. In 2017, it was estimated that around 10 million tonnes of furniture were discarded in the EU, of which only approximately 10% were recycled, with the remainder going to landfill or incineration (EEB, 2017). Furthermore, the use of Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) and chemical substances such as flame retardants, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), Phthalates, Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), dyes and pesticides also leads to chemical pollution throughout the lifecycle and could obstruct recycling.

Interested candidates should be able to demonstrate in-depth technical and scientific knowledge of the furniture industry and its circular economy potential. Knowledge of substances of concern and the standardisation process at international or national level will be considered an asset.

Possible tasks include:

- Participate in technical meetings of [CEN](#) (and possibly [ISO](#)) meetings to promote ECOS position.
- Prepare technical input through official comments and contributions to ECOS position papers or responses to policy consultations.
- Report to and liaise with the responsible ECOS Programme Officer.
- 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 outlining your motivation and demonstrating your suitability to support and represent ECOS to Kim-Mai Hoang (kim-mai.hoang@ecostandard.org) by **28 September 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.