

Call for experts

to represent ECOS in the field of

Textiles

Application deadline: 16/11/2026

ECOS is looking for experts in the field of textiles 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 25 years of experience, ECOS represents over 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

The textile sector is deeply short-term driven, linear, and heavily reliant on fossil fuels. Textile production causes air, water, and soil pollution and is a significant driver of climate change, biodiversity loss, and damage to ecosystems and human health. Negative environmental impacts fall disproportionately on the vulnerable stakeholders outside of the EU. Furthermore, the global consumption of clothing has changed significantly since the early 2000s and is increasing due to a trend of 'buy-use-throw away'. This exacerbates the pressure of the sector on the people and planet.

Our vision is to bring the textile sector back within planetary boundaries. Circular economy strategies and ecodesign policies play a critical role in reducing the pressure on the environment. Standards will be instrumental in implementing them.

Interested candidates should be able to demonstrate in-depth technical and scientific knowledge of sustainability and circular economy strategies of textiles and their value chain. Expertise in ecodesign aspects, durability/robustness testing, substances of concern, product environmental footprinting, with particular attention to carbon footprint and accounting, will be an asset (experts may not necessarily be versed in all the listed aspects, and could be hired to advice on specific themes only).

The nominated experts may:

- Participate in technical meetings of [CEN](#) (and possibly [ISO](#)) meetings to promote ECOS position.
- Prepare technical input through official comments and/or contribution to ECOS position papers.
- Report to and liaise with the responsible ECOS Programme Manager.
- 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 Luca Boniolo luca.boniolo@ecostandard.org by **16/11/2026 COB**.

Applications will be assessed by the secretariat, 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.