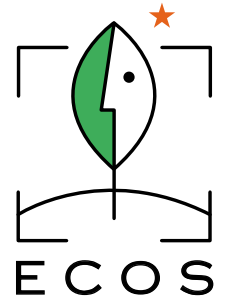


2018

ON A GREEN LINE TO STANDARDS

ECOS ANNUAL REPORT



ECOS

The green line to standards

ECOS is the only environmental organisation worldwide specialised in standardisation.

We are an international network of members sharing a vision of a clean and healthy environment where people live in respect of the planet and its natural resources, preserving them for future generations. ECOS aims to influence the development of ambitious standardisation, legislation and political strategies to promote the transition to a clean and circular economy that respects planetary boundaries.

ECOS promotes and defends environmental interests in the development of standards at European and international level, as well as in the development of technical environmental product policies.

Thanks to nearly 20 years of experience and a strong network of members and experts, our role in these processes is highly valued and widely recognised.



A word from Justin Wilkes ECOS Executive Director

I am proud to report that ECOS had a fantastic 2018!

Our successes helped shape standards and laws combatting climate change, promoting clean energy and a circular economy. We also expanded our portfolio of work areas, which now includes such topics as cement and environmental finance.

In addition, 2018 confirmed our position as an important actor working towards an inclusive and transparent standardisation system.

We were also very pleased to welcome two new member organisations to the ECOS network, and to start working with environmental NGOs in countries where we had not ventured before.

We are already building on these successes and hope you will support us as we seek to make 2019 an even more successful year.

2018

in numbers



46 members



15 staff



37 experts hired



100+
comments on draft
standards and other
deliverables



30+
comments on
Ecodesign regulations



Member of
300+
Technical Committees
and Working Groups



8
discussion
papers



4
workshops

3
webinars



5
international
campaigns

- Coolproducts Campaign
- Rethink Plastic alliance
- Coalition for Energy Savings
- Platform for Electro-mobility
- IDEAS Platform



1,905
followers



786
followers



30+
Quotes in
media

- including:
- The Guardian
 - Politico
 - Euractiv
 - ENDS Europe



JANUARY

ECOS and the Rethink Plastic alliance meet with Commissioner Elżbieta Bieńkowska to discuss the role of standards in reducing plastic pollution



MARCH

Over 40 NGOs join our “Your Smartphone Is A Dumbphone” campaign to push EU institutions to adopt design requirements



APRIL

ECOS joins the ENgage project as co-leader, with the aim to boost the involvement of environmental NGOs in standardisation



MAY

We publish a discussion paper entitled **“Circumvention of ecodesign and energy label requirements”**



JUNE

ECOS organises a **conference on the role of standards in policy,** and publishes a position paper on the same topic



SEPTEMBER

Our #SaveThePackage campaign helps keep the Ecodesign & Energy Labelling Package ambitious



OCTOBER

ECOS, ANEC, ETUC & CEN-CENELEC **launch an e-learning tool on standardisation** for civil society:
www.standards4all.eu



NOVEMBER

ECOS helps secure ambitious Member States votes on ecodesign measures



DECEMBER

Our AccESS project ends, and **we celebrate with a conference** on engaging ENGOs in standardisation

STANDARDISATION & POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

Plastics



ECOS as part of the Rethink Plastic alliance campaigned for an ambitious Single-use Plastics Directive and contributed its technical expertise to clarify debates around product requirements and biodegradability issues.

Electronic waste



ECOS raised awareness on the shortcomings of the standardisation process in the area of waste electric and electronic equipment (WEEE). As a result, the Commission echoed our call for an early revision of the WEEE standards and closer involvement of reuse operators.

Electric vehicles charging

ECOS successfully established itself as an influential actor in the development of an international standard that governs communication between the electric vehicle and the charging station. EV behaviour at the local level should be managed in a grid-friendly way!



Adaptation to climate change

ECOS managed to convince the CEN-CENELEC Coordination Group to extend its activities to adaptation options such as green roofs and nature-based solutions.



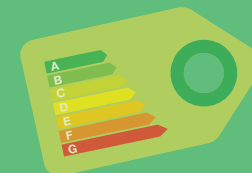
Sustainable chemicals

ECOS helped develop a CEN mapping of existing standards and other initiatives addressing sustainable chemicals and primary and secondary raw materials, to identify useful requirements for the circular economy agenda.



Ecodesign & Energy labelling

ECOS campaigned for the adoption of an ambitious Ecodesign & Energy Labelling Package, stressing the importance of ambitious energy efficiency and circularity requirements.



Cement and concrete

ECOS started working on decarbonising the cement and concrete sectors and was welcomed as the first environmental NGO participating in the work of CEN/TC 51 and CEN/TC 104.



Environmental management

ECOS helped improve the ISO 14005 standard on phased implementation of an Environmental Management System, which assists small organisations and SMEs to better monitor and improve the environmental performance of their organisation.



Nanomaterials

New guidelines are developed for the management and disposal of waste from the manufacturing and processing of nanomaterials, to which ECOS contributed substantially.

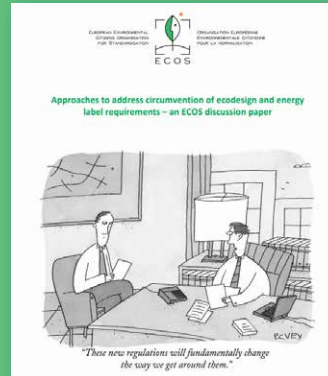


Material efficiency standardisation activities (M/543) to support ecodesign



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The use of standards in legislation and policies



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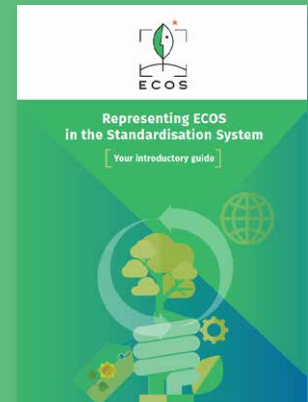
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How do we make Circular Economy a reality?

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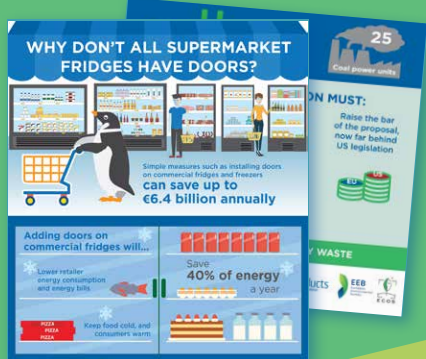
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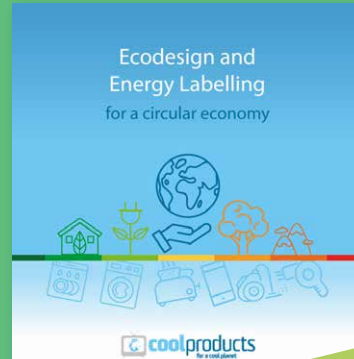
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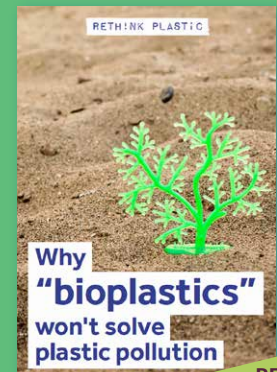
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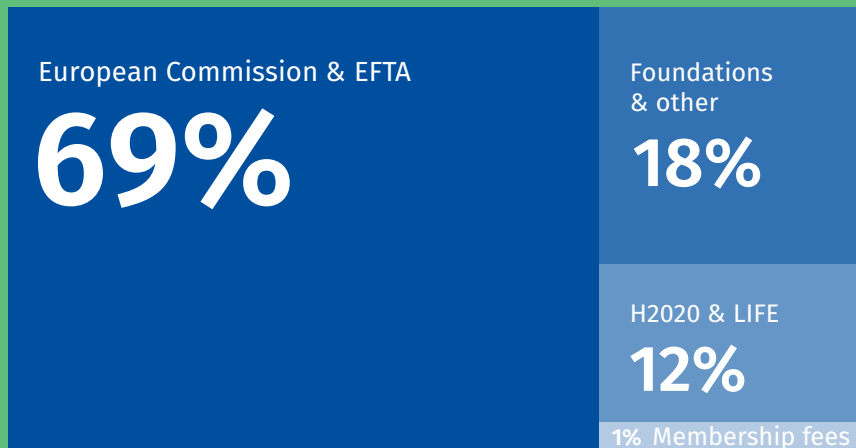
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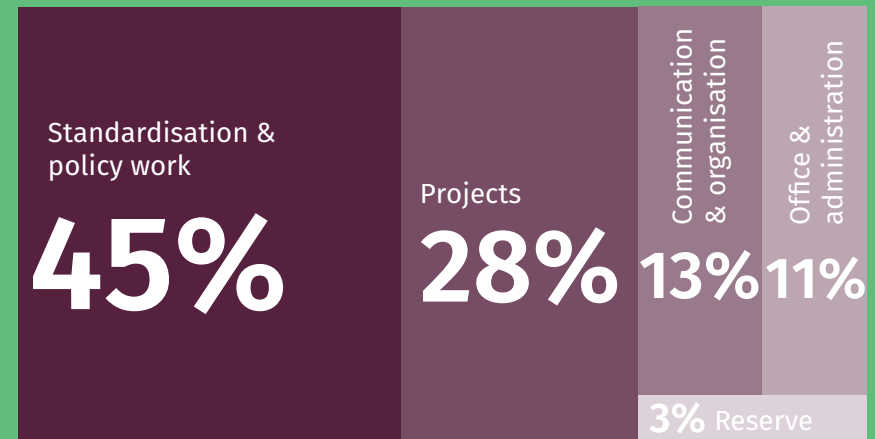
Income

1,740,423 €



Expenditure

1,740,423 €



ECOS MEMBERS

IN 2018

NATIONAL members

Austria

Global 2000
Umweltdachverband

Belgium

Bond Beter Leefmilieu
Vlaanderen (BBLV)
Inter-Environnement
Wallonie (IEW)

Bulgaria

Institute for Ecological
Modernisation (IEM)

Croatia

Society for Sustainable
Development Design (DOOR)

Cyprus

Terra Cypria (Cyprus
Conservation Foundation)

Czech Republic

Zelený Kruh (Green Circle)

Denmark

The Danish Society for Nature
Conservation (DN)

Danish Ecological Council
(Det Økologiske Råd)

France

France Nature Environnement
(FNE)

Halte à l'Obsolescence
Programmée (HOP)

Zero Waste France

Women in Europe for a
Common Future France
(WECF)

Germany

Bund Für Umwelt und
Naturschutz Deutschland
(BUND)

Bundesverband
Bürgerinitiativen
Umweltschutz (BBU)

Deutscher Naturschutzring
(DNR)

Deutsche Umwelthilfe (DUH)

Nature Friends Germany
(NaturFreunde Deutschlands)

Greece

Ecocity National
Governmental Organization
(ECOCITY)

Hungary

Clean Air Action Group (CAAG)

Italy

Legambiente

Latvia

Friends of the Earth Latvia
(Zemes Draugi)

Luxembourg

The Luxembourg Ecological
Center (Oekozen-ter
Lëtzebuerg)

Netherlands

Stichting Natuur en Milieu
(SNM)

Leefmilieu

Norway

BELLONA Norway

Poland

Polish Foundation for Energy
Efficiency (FEWE)

ClientEarth Poland

Portugal

QUERCUS

ZERO

Spain

ECODES

Sweden

The Swedish Society for
Nature Conservation (SCNC)

Switzerland

WWF Switzerland

United Kingdom

Energy Saving Trust (EST)

UK Sustainability Network for
Standardisation (UK SNS)

United States of America

Green Science Policy Institute

PAN-EUROPEAN members

Bellona Europe

European Environmental
Bureau (EEB)

Friends of the Earth Europe
(FoEE)

Health Care Without Harm
Europe (HCWH-Europe)

Health & Environment
Alliance (HEAL)

RREUSE

Transport and Environment
(T&E)

WWF - European Policy Office

Zero Waste Europe (ZWE)

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Organisation for Standardisation

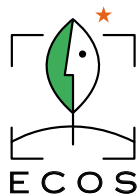
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