

YOU ARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANISATION?

ECOS will always welcome new members to our organisation. If your organisation would like to join us in building a more sustainable future, whether by assisting us at national level, providing expertise in particular areas, or simply supporting our work for the environment, we would like to hear from you!

YOU HAVE EXPERTISE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

We are looking to employ individuals or organisations (research institutes, environmental consultancies, universities etc.) interested in providing expertise to ECOS and/or to represent our organisation in EU or international level technical processes.

For more information on membership, or becoming an expert, contact us at...

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"Thanks to ECOS"

vision and guidance, the UK Sustainability Network for Standardisation (UK SNS) has been launched in April 2012. We work closely with ECOS to safeguard environmental protection in standardisation, increasing civil society representation at both national and EU levels"

CLAUDIA KUSS-TENZER
UK SNS - WASTEWATCH

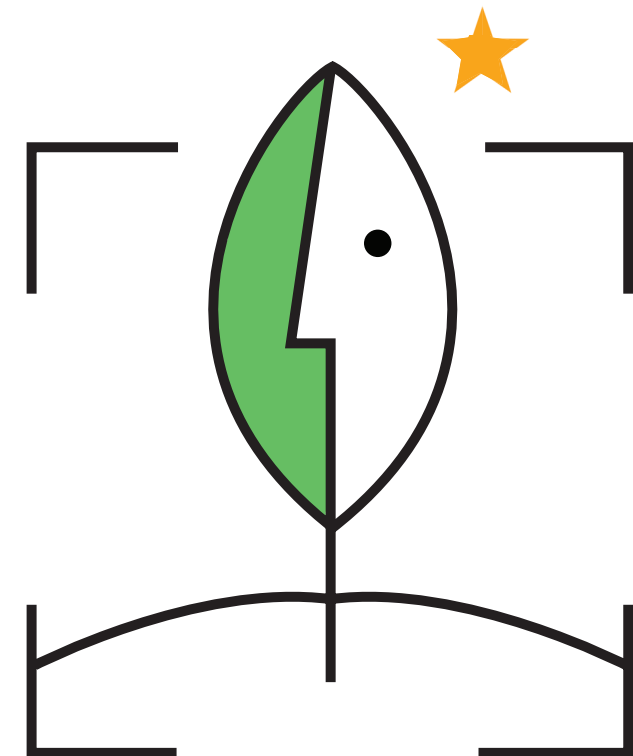
HOW CAN YOU HELP? ★

★ OUR MEMBERS



In 2013 ECOS members include 28 well respected environmental organisations of which 22 national organisations from 16 European countries and 6 European umbrella organisations.

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ECOS works to promote the protection of the environment in the development of European standards, regulations, and labels, especially those produced to ensure the proper implementation of European environmental laws and policies.

We have been established as a non-profit organisation for over a decade and in that time have continued to grow and strengthen our position within European standards bodies of CEN and CENELEC, and gain recognition for the unique role we play from the European institutions.

Today, we represent 28 member organisations, defending environmental interests in the standardisation and legislative processes.

As we continue to build a reputation for technical expertise in a number of politically charged fields, our influence and leadership grow with us.

ABOUT ECOS★



“Without ECOS, the increasing use of standards as co-regulation instruments would go unchecked, undermining the work of hundreds of environmental organisations campaigning for better European policies”

PIETER DE POUS
ECOS PRESIDENT

★WHAT WE DO

ECOS covers a wide range of areas, from climate change and resources and waste to nature and biodiversity and health and environment. To mention just a few:

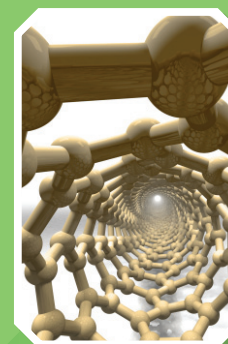
SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

We work to ensure that the European and international standards on sustainability criteria and indicators for bioenergy and biofuels used in support of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) address true environmental aspects, such as indirect land-use change impacts, as well as social and economic aspects. We also work on the European standards for electric vehicles, and for smart meters and smart grids, towards a sustainable transport system in the EU.



NANOTECHNOLOGIES

ECOS is involved in the development of harmonised definitions and characteristics for nanomaterials and nanotechnologies and adequate safety and risk assessment methodologies, at CEN, ISO and OECD level. We trust this work will soon trigger European regulation with a view to ensure the safe and sustainable use of nanotechnologies across Europe.



WASTE

ECOS has been following CEN work on characterisation of waste, including raw wastes and waste behaviour. We work to ensure that the European standards will contribute to adequate waste management decisions and proper implementation of trans-national transport regulations. This work was partly mandated by the Commission in relation to the EU directive for the safe management of waste, the Hazardous Waste directive and the Landfill directive.



ECODESIGN

We promote the development of legally binding EU-wide rules for improving the environmental performance of products, covering their whole life-cycle. Setting ambitious ecodesign and energy labelling requirements and following up their correct implementation, is cornerstone in reducing carbon emissions, bringing about financial savings for European citizens and ensuring the security of our energy supply.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF BUILDINGS

ECOS participates in the standardisation work to support the implementation of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) through the development of calculation methodologies and the estimation of the environmental impacts of buildings. We aim of ensuring robust standards for energy efficiency in new and existing buildings.

“ECOS adds value to our system by contributing environmental knowledge and expertise during the development of European Standards”

ELENA SANTIAGO CID
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CEN AND CENELEC

