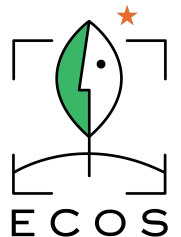




Inclusiveness in standards setting: a tool to address and mitigate climate change

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What is ECOS?



ECOS is the only international environmental organisation **specialised in standardisation.**

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.**

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ECOS MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

NATIONAL MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

AUSTRIA

- Umweltdachverband
- Global 2000

BELGIUM

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

BULGARIA

- Institute for Ecological Modernisation (IEM)

CROATIA

- DOOR – Society for Sustainable Development Design

CZECH REPUBLIC

- Zelený Kruh (Green Circle)

CYPRUS

- Terra Cypria – The Cyprus Conservation Foundation

DENMARK

- The Danish Society for Nature Conservation (DN)
- Danish Ecological Council (Det Økologiske Råd)

FRANCE

- France Nature Environnement (FNE)
- Zero Waste France
- Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF-France)
- Halte à l'Obsolescence Programmée (HOP)
- CLER – French Energy Transition Network

GERMANY

- Bund Für Umwelt und Naturschutz Deutschland (BUND)
- Bundesverband Bürgerinitiativen Umweltschutz (BBU)
- Deutscher Naturschutzring (DNR)
- Nature Friends Germany (NaturFreunde Deutschlands)
- Deutsche Umwelthilfe

GREECE

- Ecocity Greece

HUNGARY

- Clean Air Action Group (CAAG)

ITALY

- Legambiente

LATVIA

- Friends of the Earth Latvia (Zemes Draugi)

LUXEMBOURG

- The Luxembourg Ecological Center (Oekozerter Lëtzebuerg)

MALTA

- Bird Life Malta

NETHERLANDS

- Stichting Natuur en Milieu (SNM)
- Leefmilieu

NORWAY

- BELLONA Norway

POLAND

- Polish Foundation for Energy Efficiency (FEWE)
- ClientEarth Poland

PORTUGAL

- ZERO

SLOVAKIA

- REPAIRABLY

SPAIN

- ECODES

SWEDEN

- The Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SCNC/SNF)

SWITZERLAND

- WWF Switzerland

UNITED KINGDOM

- Energy Saving Trust (EST)
- UK Sustainability Network for Standardisation

USA

- Green Science Policy Institute

PAN-EUROPEAN MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

BELLONA

- Bellona Europe

EEB

- European Environmental Bureau

FoEE

- Friends of the Earth Europe

HCWH

- Health Care Without Harm Europe

HEAL

- Health & Environmental Alliance

RREUSE

- European umbrella for social enterprises with activities in reuse, repair and recycling

T&E

- European Federation for Transport & Environment



WWF-EPO

- WWF – European Policy Office

ZWE

- Zero Waste Europe

Standards for the 21st century

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- Aligned with SDGs
 - By and for society (climate change affects everyone)
 - Allows climate-friendly technologies (natural refrigerants)
 - Represent real-life performance (dieselgate)
 - No greenwashing (ENI's 'green' diesel)


One of our success stories

- “**Standards** (at international, European and national level) regarding the use of flammable refrigerants appear to be an **important barrier** to the uptake of climate-friendly alternatives to HFCs”

European Commission, 2016

- Since, ECOS has had to fight to participate
- Successfully made IEC reconsider the (wrongly assessed) negative vote
- → Would not have happened without underrepresented stakeholders

Barriers to effective participation

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- Technical expertise
 - Understanding role and relevance of standards when not direct standard user
 - Access to the system and to documents
 - High costs for participation (travels)
 - Time consuming...
 - ...while standardization is growing

Benefits of inclusiveness?

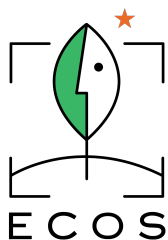
- Various expertise for **high quality** standards
- Ensure **legitimacy** in the standardisation system
- Enable **watchdogs** avoiding misuse of standards





Thank you for your attention !

Any questions?



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