



ANEC is looking for a volunteer to be a consumer representative in CEN TC 122/ISO 159 'Ergonomics'

ANEC – the European consumer voice in standardisation – represents and defends consumer interests in the processes of European and International standardisation, and related policies and legislation. We represent consumer organisations from the EU Member States and candidate accession countries, and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries. ANEC was established in 1995 as a non-profit making association, funded by the European Union and EFTA. Its Secretariat is based in Brussels.

In order to fulfil its mission to raise standards of protection and welfare for all consumers, ANEC requires representatives who are willing to participate in standardisation on a voluntary basis. The representatives are members of ANEC Working Groups established in its areas of priority.

Although unable to offer a salary or honorarium, we do cover the travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses of our experts, in line with the rules laid down by the European Commission and EFTA Secretariat. Above all, we offer the chance to our experts to influence legislation and technical standards to the benefit of all those in society.

We are currently looking for a consumer representative with expertise in the area of ergonomics to participate in the work of CEN/TC 122 "Ergonomics", and monitor the activities of ISO/TC 159 "Ergonomics".

The origin of ergonomics is related to work systems and product design. However, now ergonomic design is used for everyday products used in the home and leisure environment (e.g. mobile phones and computers).

Design for All means designing mainstream products and services so as many people as possible can use them - whatever their age and ability. Ergonomics standards can help improve the accessibility and usability of products, systems, services, environments and facilities.

CEN/TC 122 develops standards dealing with consumer products such as EN ISO 24503 "Ergonomics - Accessible design Using tactile dots and bars on consumer products". Many of the CEN/TC 122 standards are in fact developed in parallel with ISO/TC 159 "Ergonomics" (under or outside the Vienna Agreement on technical cooperation between ISO and CEN).

Profile

- Proven technical expertise in ergonomics;
- Knowledge of – and, ideally, direct experience of – CEN & ISO standardisation, and an interest in consumer affairs;
- Strong communication and analytical skills;
- Proficiency in English as a working language;
- Willing to work on voluntary basis (estimated time of 30-35 days per year) and to travel 2-3 times per year mainly in Europe (expenses reimbursed);
- No conflict of interest between the role as an ANEC Representative and other responsibilities or work undertaken.

Role

Participation in CEN/TC 122 “Ergonomics” (attendance of meetings) and monitoring the work of ISO/TC 159 “Ergonomics” (including possible attendance of meetings) in order to detect and react to issues in consumer interest;

Draft technical comments for ANEC;

Contribute these comments into Technical Committee meetings;

Report back on meetings to ANEC in a timely manner;

Provide advice on issues in the area of expertise to ANEC;

Participate in the ANEC Accessibility WG meeting (once per year).

If you think you could contribute to our work, please send an up-to-date CV and letter of motivation (in English) to anec@anec.eu.

Deadline for applications is 15 October 2017.