

ANEC is looking for a technical expert on Artificial Intelligence standardisation (CEN-CENELEC JTC 21 WG 2 and 3)

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, the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries and United Kingdom. ANEC was established in 1995 as a non-profit making association, funded by the European Union and EFTA. Its Secretariat is based in Brussels.

ANEC is looking for an expert to represent consumers in the standardisation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in order to help strengthen our advocacy on technology and in particular in the fields of conformity assessment, risk management and data governance and data quality for AI. The expert will also work with ANEC to build consumer organisations' knowledge and capacity in the AI standardisation fields.

The European Commission's proposal for the EU AI Act was published in April 2021 and is now being discussed by the co-legislators. The European Commission has request CEN-CENELEC to develop standards to support the implementation of the AI Act. JTC 21 will be the main technical committee in charge of drafting such standards within CEN-CENELEC with WG 2 dealing with operational aspects and WG 3 with engineering aspects.

CEN-CENELEC JTC 21 was established in June 2021 and has set up several ad hoc and working groups to discuss future AI standards. The appointed expert will attend these groups meetings in order to advocate for consumer interests. The expert will be a member of the ANEC Digital Society WG, thus contributing to shaping consumer positions on different subjects.

Profile

- Proven technical expertise in AI/ADM technologies;
- Knowledge of and direct experience of European standardisation, and an interest in consumer affairs;
- Strong communication and analytical skills;
- Proficiency in English as a working language;
- No conflict of interest between the role as an ANEC expert and other undertaken responsibilities or work.

Role

- translate the existing policy and societal demands of consumers into technical proposals related to future AI consumer products/services/systems;
- develop technical guidelines and a list of standardisation demands on behalf of the consumer movement, drafting comments and position papers;
- shape ongoing AI standardisation through participation in CEN-CENELEC JTC 21 WG 2 on AI operational aspects and WG 3 on AI engineering aspects and drafting of technical comments;
- help counter the industry-dominated narratives that shape European and international standards on consumer AI;
- contribute to delivering online training for consumer advocates on how AI technology works and how to better integrate technological demands into their advocacy;
- brief and debrief the ANEC Secretariat, and report back on activities in a timely manner.

Duration and how to apply

The contract will have a duration of 16 months (from February 2023 until May 2024) and foresee 56 days of paid work (daily fee and reimbursement of travel costs).

If you think you could contribute to our work, please send an up-to-date CV and letter of motivation with some ideas on how you intend to carry on your role (in English) to man@anec.eu.

The deadline for applications is 20 January 2023.

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