

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

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. The expert will also work with other grantees of the European AI Fund to build their knowledge and capacity of standardization.

The EC proposal for the EU Artificial Intelligence Act was published in April 2021 and is now being discussed by the co-legislators. CEN and CENELEC JTC21 was established in June 2021 and to date has met virtually in plenary and in several ad hoc and working groups, to discuss the future AI standards. The appointed expert will attend these meetings in order to advocate for consumer interests. The expert will be a member of the ANEC Digital Society WG, thus contributing to shaping the consumer positions on different subjects.

Profile

- Proven technical expertise in AI/ADM technologies;
- Knowledge of – and, ideally, direct experience of 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 responsibilities or work undertaken.

Role

-translate the existing policy and ethics demands of consumers into technical asks 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 to committees and working groups and drafting of technical comments (at least CEN-CENELEC JTC 21),
- 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 asks 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 10 months (from July 2022 until April 2023) and foresee 36 days of paid work (daily fee and reimbursement of travel costs/per diem).

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.

Deadline for applications is 5 May 2022.

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