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Specific call for paid Sustainability expert

ANEC is looking for technical consumer experts on standards related to the Digital Product Passport

ANEC – the European consumer voice in standardisation – is looking for an expert to support our activities in consumer representation in <u>CEN-CENELEC JTC 24</u> 'Digital **Product Passport (DPP) framework and system'**, where we have direct membership.

About ANEC

ANEC – the European consumer voice in standardisation – promotes and defends consumer interests in the development of (technical) standards and related activities. Our members represent consumer organisations from the European Union Member States and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries, and accession countries to the EU. ANEC was established in 1995 as a non-profit making association with its Secretariat based in Brussels.

In order to fulfil its mission to raise standards of protection and welfare for all consumers, ANEC requires experts who are willing to participate in its Working Groups and, ideally, to represent ANEC in the technical bodies of the European Standardisation Organisations¹ (and international standards organisations²).

Context of ANEC consumer expert vacancy

The Digital Product Passport seeks to improve transparency, quality, and geostrategic resilience and has been introduced by EU legislative initiatives such as the Circular Economy Action Plan, the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR) and the Battery Regulation.

In its Standardisation Request, the European Commission (EC) suggests defining crosssectoral product data models to establish a clear concept for DPPs. This request envisages the development of standards by December 2025 about: unique identifiers,

¹ CEN (<u>www.cen.eu</u>), CENELEC (<u>www.cenelec.eu</u>) and ETSI (<u>www.etsi.org</u>)

Raising standards

² ISO (<u>www.iso.org</u>) and IEC (<u>www.iec.ch</u>)



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data carriers, links between physical and digital representations, access rights, interoperability, data processing, storage, authentication, and security.

ANEC has direct membership and contributes to the joint technical committee **CEN CENELEC JTC 24 'Digital Product Passport – Framework and System'** and two of its Working Groups (WG):

- WG 1 'Strategic Advisory Group'
- WG 4 'Interoperability Framework'

Profile:

- Experience and knowledge of (European) standardisation and an interest in consumer affairs;
- Knowledge of digital product passports, including their data carriers, information portals, and information exchanges;
- Familiarity with relevant regulations such as the Ecodesign for Sustainable Product Regulation (and possibly the Toy Safety Regulation, and the Battery Regulation);
- Understanding of circular economy principles and sustainability practices;
- Strong communication and analytical skills;
- Proficiency in English (as a working language of standardisation);
- Willing to work on an ad hoc basis (estimated time of 20 days per year) and to travel (expenses reimbursed);
- No conflict of interest between a role for ANEC and other responsibilities or work undertaken.

Tasks of the expert:

In collaboration with ANEC Ecodesign PT and relevant ANEC WGs, the expert would be required to develop a consumer strategy and to:

- shape ongoing DPP standardisation through participation and presentation of ANEC views in meetings of standardisation bodies mentioned above;
- brief and debrief the ANEC Secretariat and report back to the ANEC Ecodesign PT and ANEC relevant WGs in a timely manner;
- draft technical comments and contribute to position papers.

Duration and how to apply

The contract will fit within the framework of the ReaLIFEstandards project (co-funded by the European Commission under the LIFE programme) to be concluded in February 2026 with possible renewal. The renumeration of paid work will consist of a daily fee and the reimbursement of travel costs.

If you would believe you could contribute to our work, please send an up-to-date CV and letter of motivation (in English) to <u>anec@anec.eu</u> no later than 16/06/2025.

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