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## **ANEC Call for a technical consumer expert on standards related to Brain Computer Interaction**

ANEC<sup>1</sup> – the European consumer voice in standardisation – is looking for an expert to represent consumers in **ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 43 Brain-computer interfaces**.

### **Context of ANEC consumer expert vacancy**

**ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 43 ‘Brain-computer interfaces’** deals with standardization in the field of **non-medical brain-computer interfaces**, covering foundational standards, data formats, applications, ethics, trustworthiness, and testing/post-market surveillance. These technologies are rapidly emerging in consumer markets (e.g. accessibility tools, education, entertainment, cognitive support, human-computer interaction).

To ensure that **consumer safety, privacy, accessibility, and user trust** are fully integrated into this standardisation work, ANEC seeks an expert who can bring a **consumer-focused, interdisciplinary, and health-aware** perspective.

The expert will work closely with **ANEC Services WG** and its **Health Care & Support Project Team**, given the overlap between BCIs, consumer-facing wellbeing technologies, and support services for vulnerable users. The expert will also be required to cooperate with other ANEC experts in other ANEC WGs to ensure coherent consumer positions across related areas beyond digital health and safety of services (e.g. accessibility, cybersecurity).

### **Profile:**

- Experience and knowledge of standardisation and an interest in consumer affairs;
- Basic understanding of BCI technology, neuroscience, signal acquisition.

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<sup>1</sup> 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, accession countries to the EU, and the United Kingdom. ANEC was established in 1995 as a non-profit making association with its Secretariat based in Brussels.



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- Experience with consumer safety, human factors, ethics, and data protection (especially neural/biometric data).
- Background or practical experience in healthcare, long-term care, assistive services, or digital health support.
- Ability to understand vulnerabilities of users in care settings and link them to BCI-related risks.
- Strong communication and analytical skills;
- Proficiency in English (as a working language of standardisation);
- Willing to work on an ad hoc basis (tentatively 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 sustainability WG, the expert would be required to:

- Participate in ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 43 plenary meetings, working groups and consultations.
- Provide consumer-focused input on safety, usability, ethics, accessibility, data protection, and trust.
- Draft technical comments on draft standards and provide input into possible position papers;
- Monitor developments in BCI applications relevant to consumers to identify risks and emerging consumer concerns related to BCI technologies.
- Report regularly to the ANEC Services WG (one physical meetings a year); coordinate with ANEC staff and experts.
- To send meeting reports within 3 weeks of a meeting, using the ANEC template.

While a volunteering position, ANEC will provide a daily allowance when attending meetings and cover any travel and accommodation expenses. Above all, we offer the possibility to our experts to influence technical standards and legislation to the benefit of all those in society. ANEC reimbursement terms and conditions are available on request.

### **How to apply**

If you believe you could contribute to our work, please send an up-to-date CV and letter of motivation (in English) to [anec@anec.eu](mailto:anec@anec.eu) **by 29 January**. Please note that applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and a suitable candidate may be appointed before the deadline.