



## Standards Internship

Are you passionate about sustainability, renewable energies and eager to know more about the world of standards? Small Business Standards (SBS) is offering an exciting opportunity to learn about the key role that standards play in this area and make a meaningful contribution to support SMEs and the green transition.

### Job Description

As a Standards Trainee, you will explore the vital role of standards in shaping the renewable and alternative energy landscape in Europe. Through hands-on experience and mentorship, you will conduct a comprehensive study focusing on the involvement of SMEs in the renewable and alternative energies value chain, map standardisation work in this area and identify key areas for standardisation aligned with SME interests. You will also have the chance to contribute to other tasks of the association and work alongside with SME association and standardisation professionals.

### Tasks

- The main task of the trainee will be to develop a study:
  - gathering information about the role of SMEs in the renewable and alternative energy sources value chain;
  - mapping relevant ongoing standardisation work at the European and International levels;
  - identifying areas where standardisation activities and SME interests align and strategic areas for standardisation where SMEs should be involved and come up with relevant recommendations.
- Contribute to other activities of the organisation (e.g. organisation of events, attendance to meetings..).

### Qualifications

- You are probably close to finalising/ have finalised a technical degree, a degree in Economics, European studies or another relevant subject area.
- Fluent in English and strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Strong interests in standardisation, sustainability and renewable/alternative energy sources
- Excellent problem-solving skills and attention to detail
- Effective communication and teamwork abilities
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### What we are offering:

- An internship of 6 months (exact duration to be discussed) to start in June 2024 under a CIP (Convention d'Immersion Professionnelle) contract under Belgian law with a corresponding indemnity.
- Valuable hands-on experience in standardisation

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- Networking opportunities within the European SME and standardisation communities
- Flexibility regarding the location and way of working (based at the SBS office, teleworking or a mix of both)

## Applications

Applications should be sent to the attention of Ms Maitane Olabarria, SBS Secretary General, ([info@sbs-sme.eu](mailto:info@sbs-sme.eu)) by 5 June 2024. The application should include a CV and a cover letter of maximum one page outlining the interest and suitability for the role. **Please include “Trainee” in the subject line.** Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

## About SBS

[Small Business Standards](https://www.sbs-sme.eu) (SBS) is the European organisation representing and defending Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in standardisation. Co-financed by the European Union and EFTA, SBS advises and supports SMEs and SME organisations across Europe on how best to influence the standardisation process at European and international level.