

HSbooster.eu Horizon Standardisation Booster

Supporting EU projects in Standardisation

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- European project: Launched by the EU Commission as a part of the European standardisation strategy
- Purpose: Pilot support services for EU projects to increase their impact, gain marked access and support the European green and digital agenda by using standards and contributing to standardisation
- **Call:** HORIZON-WIDERA-2021-ERA-01-32
- **C Lifetime:** April '22 Sept '24
- **CSA** (GA: 101058391)



Best practices for EU projects

- Bridging the gap between standardisation and research projects – Effective communication
- Funding and resources for standardisation
- Recruiting experts from standardisation community
- Increase expertise, education and training

HSbooster.eu provides free support for beneficiaries in EU projects to:

- Learn more about standardisation
- Meet standardisation experts
- Dive into relevant standards
- Develop a standardisation strategy



Bridging the gap between standards and research



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Mentoring with Standardisation Experts

- Analysis of the existing standards landscape
- Activities to establish common knowledge of standards and a strategic position on this
- Involving partners with standardisation experience
- Making standards a tangible part of the project
- Stakeholder engagement via standardisation
- Suitable and realistic outputs, outcomes and impact key performance indicators on standards and standardisation.
- Secure budget to enrol in relevant standards development organisations, purchase copyrighted material such as norms and standards or develop CWAs.

Ongoing/complete H2020, Horizon Europe and DEP projects can apply: https://hsbooster.eu/project/register

Project-focussed services

- One-to-one mentoring Direct interaction with expert – 2-5 online meetings – up to 3 months
- Deep dive webinar series (3) Project cluster/call specific targeting groups of projects
- Standardisation Orientation
 Tool Self-assessment
- One-off-Webinars Topic based
- Training Academy 30+ online modules
- **Funding** for WG membership/CWA costs

Expert Community

 180+ Standards experts recruited and paid to deliver one-to-one mentoring

All services are provided free for EU Projects | Experts are paid by HSBooster.eu



Service delivery timeline



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3-Month service delivery timeline 1st Meeting **Final Meeting** 2nd Meeting **3rd Meeting** Overview Advice on specific actions that the project Wrap up activities could carry out. Consultancy based on of field and **Final** report project standardisation readiness Suggested future actions service EXPERT Explain Use report in deliverable. objectives, Act on advice Visibility as "success story" **Reassess objectives and activities** needs. Improve impact of results PROJECT priorities etc.

Continuous reporting and monitoring by experts & HSbooster.eu

HSbooster.eu has recruited a pool of 180+ experts to deliver services Standardisation experts are contracted and paid to deliver mentoring services





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Secure standardisation budget

€80,000 is available to support projects to:

- Enrol in Standard Development Organisations or National Standards Bodies and contribute to meetings
- Purchase copyrighted material such as norms and standards

Cevelop a CEN Workshop Agreement (CWA)





How projects can apply



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The Services are based on thematic Open Call topics.

Projects can <u>apply</u> online on a first-come first-served basis.

HSbooster.eu identifies an expert and puts both in contact.

Service is delivered by the expert to the project

The service is free of charge for European R&I projects.

Experts are paid by HSbooster.eu to deliver the service

HSbooster.eu Horizon Standardisation Booster OPEN CALL Topics



Sustainable Digitalisation Data quality & Artificial Intelligence Access to & usage of data Space Data and cybersecurity Quantum technology



Pandemics
E-Health & personalized services
Design & use of medical devices
Al in Healthcare



Clean energy
 Materials (raw and secondary)
 Green & sustainable production
 Environmental impact

Smart City & Circular Economy



Circular economy
 Transportation
 Infrastructure
 Green buildings

Projects Apply: <u>https://hsbooster.eu/project/register</u>

Experts Apply: https://www.hsbooster.eu/epe/register

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Standardisation Training Academy

Increasing expertise and education

Online training material and monthly webinars to boost expertise in standardisation

Basic Knowledge

Beginner 1 – The what, why and who of standardisation

- Why do researchers need standards
- Who develops standards?

- Users of standards
- Classifications of standards

Beginner 2 – Standardisation in context

Consortia-based standardisation

- Introduction to Standard essential patents (SEP)
- Metrology in QI
 Standardisation QI

- Conformity assessment in QI

Standardisation PRACTICE

Intermediate 1 – Practicalities of standardisation

- How to find the right standard
- How to participate in TCs or WGs
- How standards are developed within SDOs in Europe
- How standards are developed within SDOs internationally
- How to develop a certification scheme

Standardisation EXPERIENCE

Advanced 1 – Projects in standardisation

Intermediate 2 -Soft skills

- The Serious Smiling role-play game simulates discussion in an imaginary ad hoc standardisation WG.
- Develop or fine-tune the soft skills needed in standardisation processes, including argumentation, strategic positioning, compromising and common understanding.
- Developed by HSbooster.eu and House of Knowledge.

Skills -

Advanced 2 – Experts in standardisation

Experience

Knowledge

https://hsbooster.eu/training-academy

Material and webinars for EU projects and researchers

Responding directly to Code of Practice requirements and improving expertise





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First steps towards standardisation

The Standards Orientation Tool (SOT)

Take the first steps towards informed standardisation strategies (for ongoing projects and proposal writing)
 Downloadable standardisation recommendations report
 Generic and project-specific recommendations based on:

 Project Technology Readiness Level (TRL)
 Level of standardisation knowledge of project members
 Research-related details.



https://sot.hsbooster.eu/

Standards in Action HSbooster.eu Success Stories

Joost Brancart Postdoctoral Researcher (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

Success Story





SHINTO aims to disrupt soft robotics by creating self-healing materials and structural components and introducing autonomous damage detection in intelligent devices.

Benefits & Impact

The HSbooster expert taught us the fundamentals of international standardisation and the international standard landscape relevant to the developed technology and advised the consortium regarding the process of developing a new standard.

With the HSbooster expert, the SHINTO consortium has set up an action plan and timeline for the proposal and development of a new international standard. We will definitely need more help in the future.











Topic: Hydropower technology

Participated in national and international technical committees, notably IEC TC4 WG33.

Attended a key meeting in **Kunming, China**, to contribute to the development of **IEC 62882**, focusing on integrating AFC4Hydro technologies into hydroturbines.

The project benefited from expertise gained through the HSBooster program, enhancing understanding of committee operations and decision-making.

https://afc4hydro.eu/



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AFC 🕢 Hydro



Morten Kjeldsen, AFC4Hydro Baihetan hydropower plant in Sichuan and Yunnan provinces in China during the IEC TC4-WG33 in person meeting in Kunming October 2023



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Supporting projects to develop CEN Workshop Agreements

Project: NanoMECommons

HORIZON 2020

> Title: Harmonisation of EU-wide nanomechanics protocols and relevant data exchange procedures, across representative cases; standardisation, interoperability, data workflow

NanoMECommons is organising a CWA "Harmonisation of EU-wide nanomechanics protocols and relevant data exchange procedures" with the Italian Standardisation body (UNI) acting as a secretariat.

The kick-off is expected by end of the year.

HSbooster is supporting financially and by providing experts to provide technical and dissemination support





https://www.nanomecommons.net/



Supporting projects to develop CEN Workshop Agreements

Project: Ashcycle - Integration of Underutilized Ashes into Material Cycles by Industry-Urban Symbiosis

Topic: Reducing waste generation

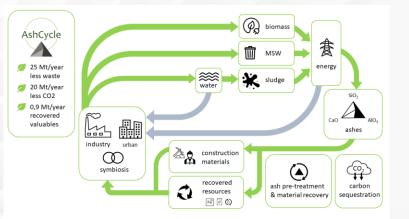
Based on the information provided by HSBooster, AshCycle has decided to participate in the ongoing CWA "Guidelines on Action Research for Large Scale Piloting"

In 2024, it is planned that the consortium will initiate a new CWA on sequestration methodology.



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https://www.ashcycle.eu





Thank you

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