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# Human Rights and ICT Standardisation

6<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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**Silvana Muscella** – Project Coordinator of  
*StandICT.eu 2026 Trust-IT Services CEO*

**15:30** - Welcome and Introduction, **Silvana Muscella**, StandICT.eu Project Coordinator

**15:35** - Policy perspectives, **Emilio Davila Gonzalez**, Head of ICT Standardisation Sector, DG CONNECT, European Commission

**15:45** - Enhancing the EU Standardisation Strategy, **Jochen Friedrich**, Member of the ETSI Board, IBM

**15:55** - The role of international standardisation bodies in addressing Human Rights concerns in ICT standardisation, **Olivier Alais**, ITU

**16:05** - The intersection of cybersecurity and Human Rights in the context of ICT standardisation, **Arnaud Taddei**, Broadcom and ITU

**16:15** - Panel discussion moderated by **Nicholas Ferguson**, HSbooster.eu Project Coordinator *“Human Rights and ICT standardisation: examples and best practices across diverse SDOs”* with StandICT.eu fellows and HSbooster.eu experts. Panellists:

- **Viveka Bonde**, Partner, Bonde Advokate, ISO (StandICT.eu Fellow)
- **Christian Grafenauer**, ISO & CEN-CENELEC (StandICT.eu Fellow)
- **Shakira Bedoya**, Senior Compliance Officer, Danske Bank, ISO (StandICT.eu & Seeblocks Fellow, HSbooster.eu expert)
- **Maria Grazia Porcedda**, Assistant Professor, Trinity College Dublin
- **Veronique Lerch**, Independent Human Rights Consultant
- **Gabriela Garham**, ISO, General Manager at ADIMECH AG
- **Monica Martinez Vargas**, Executive Director of Strategy 2 Succeed
- **Charles Kiser Webb**, Senior Information Technology Executive

**17:15** - Q&A preliminary recommendations

**17:30** - Wrap-Up and Conclusions

# Housekeeping



The event will be recorded and will be made available on the StandICT.eu website after the event (including the presentations of each speaker)

We do encourage you though to enter any question in the dedicated Q/A box placed in the lower toolbar. The speakers will be pleased to answer back your questions real-time



You can follow the chat to be informed and receive link on the main StandICT.eu outputs and publications.

# Human Rights need to be top of mind in the ICT standards development process

When HR are **integrated into the fabric of ICT strategies** and designs, this paves the way for **social and economic success** and **alleviates self-inflicted challenges** that might surface in a complex, rapidly changing ICT ecosystem

**ICT is a broad, continuously evolving field**, and although it can be difficult to track developments, it is imperative that all **contributions are developed with respect to human rights** and fundamental freedoms in mind

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*One of the biggest obstacles is that law and IT are only gradually finding a common language. If they succeed in harmonizing with each other in times of digitalization, this would be music to the ears of social progress.*

**Grafenauer Christian**, ISO & CEN-CENELEC (StandICT.eu Fellow)

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*Artificial Intelligence (AI) can protect human rights and uphold the rule of law simultaneously*

**Viveka Bonde**, ISO & CEN-CENELEC (StandICT.eu Fellow)

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*How do we ensure sufficient alignment and knowledge sharing between various technical committees, working groups and standardisation experts working in sustainability? How do we want to incorporate and utilize ICT standards for climate action?*

**Shakira Bedoya**, ISO (StandICT.eu and Seeblocks Fellow and HSbooster.eu expert)

# StandICT.eu and HSbooster.eu initial contributions to these topics

**StandICT.eu** has established the **FOREST Forum** to identify and discuss sensitive issues around ICT standardisation, aiming to enhance inclusiveness, fairness, and transparency in line with European values.

Past efforts have focused on raising awareness about the **role of women** in ICT standardisation.

**Human rights** have emerged as the second main topic addressed so far, reflecting the Forum's commitment to promoting equitable and ethical standards in the ICT sector.

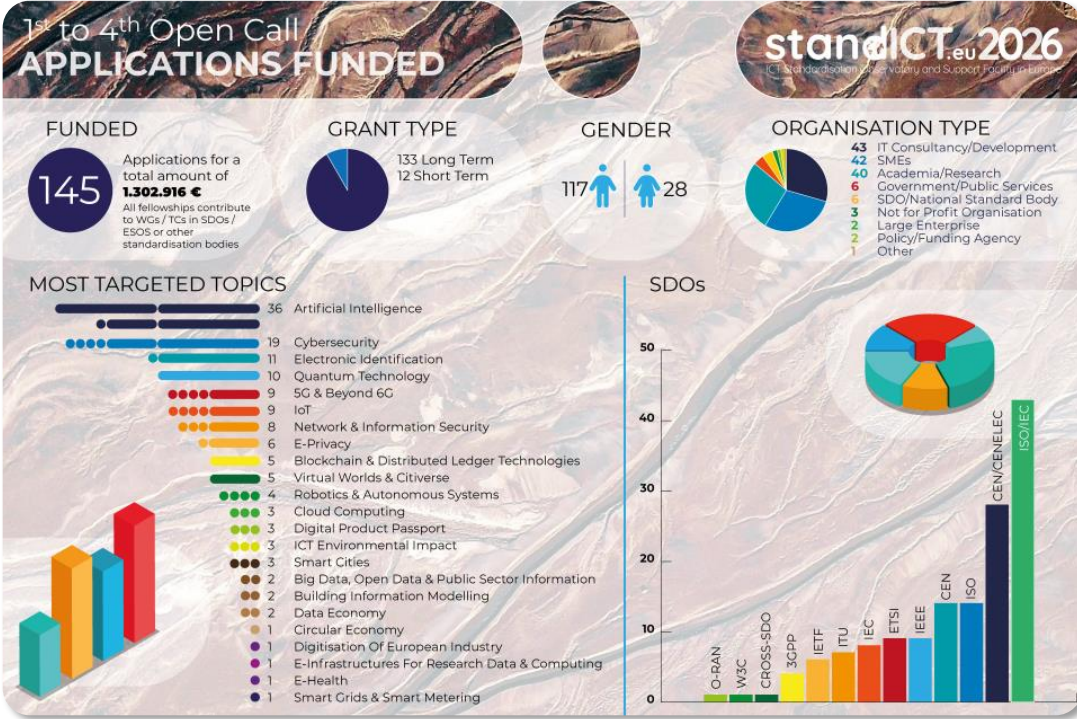
**HSbooster.eu** supports the standardisation efforts of Research and Innovation (R&I) projects across various horizontal and vertical domains. One of the foremost focuses is on "sustainable digitalisation."

The project has assembled a group of experts today who will deliver a **preliminary report of observations and recommendations on how human rights can be more gradually integrated into technical domains such as standardisation.**

The report will be released as an output of this workshop

## Open Calls from 1 to 4

Facts, Figures & Major Accomplishments



Consistent number of proposals coming from applicants coming from **IT consultancies** and/or **SMEs** as well as from **Academia/Research**

A wide range of different topics tackled: **Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Blockchain & DLT, Electronic Identification, 5G & 6G** and more.

**Cybersecurity, AI, Electronic Identification, Quantum, 5G and 6G** proved to be yet the most popular topics.

Working in ICT Standards  
& need financial support to  
move your research along?

**SAVE THE DATE**

**24 June 2024**

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Due to their current strategic importance, applications focusing on the topics of AI and Digital Product Passport are highly encouraged, but all the proposals tackling the annual Union Work Programme for EU Standardisation are welcome.

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ONLINE WEBINAR

## *Standardisation for the Digital Product Passport*

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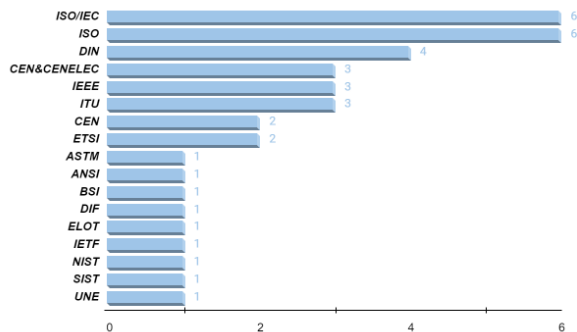


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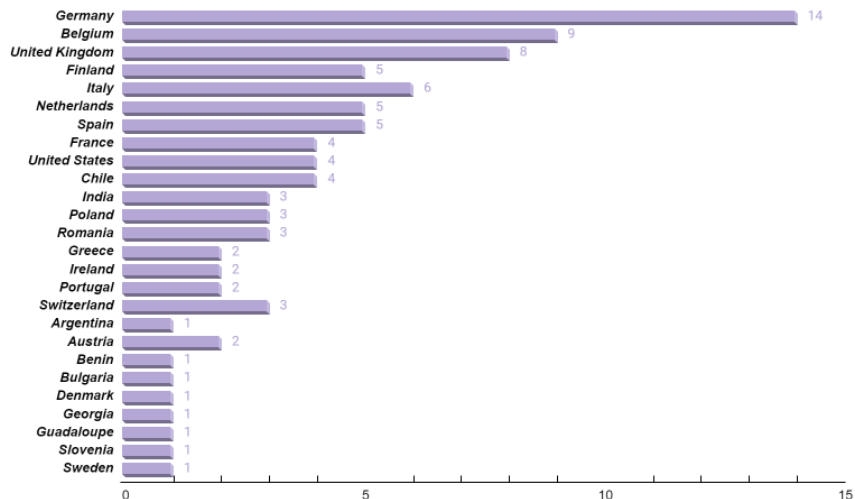




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