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# Advancing inclusivity- the SME experience

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- Inclusiveness key objective of Regulation 1025/2012 on European Standardisation

- SBS created in 2023 (co-financed by EU and EFTA)

- Objectives:
  - Increase the awareness of SMEs about standards
  - Encourage and support SME involvement in standardisation
  - Represent SME interests in European/international standardisation work and related policies/legislation
  - Support the uptake of standards

[https://www.sbs-sme.eu/sme-compatibility-test-standards](https://www.sbs-sme.eu/sme-compatibility-test-standards)

- 71 SME experts in 2023- 10 women (14%)
- 17 in the ICT area – 3 women (17%)
- 88 applications in 2023- 11 women (12%)





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# Things are improving....

- SBS experts: From 10% women in 2022 to 14% in 2023 (from 7% to 17% in ICT)

- More than 80 standards organisations have signed the UNECE Declaration on Gender responsive standards (including ISO, IEC, ITU,CEN and CENELEC)

- Guidance tools have been developed: UNECE Guidelines on gender responsive standards, ISO- IEC Guide on Gender responsive standards

- AUWP 2023- harmonised standards inclusive/gender-responsive –ensure anthropometric references are based on representative data for whole European population

# Some future SBS actions

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