The CEN and CENELEC Annual Report 2020 is out!

The CEN and CENELEC Annual Report for 2020 has been published and is now available. The document provides an overview of the relevant and diverse standardization activities that the CEN and CENELEC community implemented over the course of 2020, a challenging but successful year. These successes, and many others, are a good example of the strength of the European Standardization System.

Press release: Together for a resilient Europe: standards support the Slovenian Presidency of the EU Council

After the COVID-19 emergency, now it is time for Europe to recover and deliver on its pledge to achieve a resilient, green, and digital economy for the benefit of all its citizens. To meet this objective, European standards play a key role. CEN and CENELEC are on the frontline to contribute to the ambitions of the new Slovenian Presidency of the EU.
CEN and CENELEC GAs agreed on a new category of full membership

On Thursday 24 June, the CEN and CENELEC General Assemblies overwhelmingly agreed to revise the membership arrangements in their statutes, reflecting the UK’s departure from the EU. The agreement comes after careful consideration by the CEN and CENELEC members of the impacts of the UK’s exit from the EU on the European standardization system and on the organisations’ membership statutes.

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Participate to SESEI’s online survey

The European Project SESEI is one of the most important dialogue projects on standards, established by the three European Standards Organisations, the European Commission and EFTA and focussed on India. In order to better serve its stakeholders, SESEI just launched an online survey. Through the short survey, SESEI would like to get stakeholders’ opinions, feedback and comments on the value and effectiveness of the project's actions and deliverables.

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Nominations for Standards+Innovation Awards 2021

The Standards+Innovation Awards are back for their third year. The Awards celebrate the contributions of researchers, innovators and entrepreneurs to standardization and acknowledge the important contribution of research and innovation to standardization.

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CEN and ASD-STAN launched the public enquiry for a new standard on drones

On 3 June 2021, CEN and ASD-STAN launched the public enquiry for prEN 4709-001 ‘Aerospace series - Unmanned Aircraft Systems - Part 001: Product requirements and verification’. prEN 4709-001 is the fourth standard on drones to go through a public enquiry this year. It lays down technical specifications and verification methods ensuring the compliance with the requirements set by EU law.
Our brochure on standards for the environment is now also available in Italian and French!

Environmental protection is a global concern, which calls for an active role also from the public sector. The brochure "Standards for the environment", published by CEN and CENELEC, is now available also in Italian and French. The brochure gives the public sector an overview of how standards can be an effective tool to reduce environmental impact.

A successful webinar on Harmonized European standards

On 29 June, CEN and CENELEC held the webinar 'Harmonized European standards: Drafting standards compliant with EU legislation'. The webinar (on a key topic for European Standardization) was highly successful, as it was followed by 419 participants, with a satisfaction rate of 4.15/5. The recordings of the two parts of the event are now freely available on CEN and CENELEC's Youtube channel.

EN in the spotlight // Safe holidays, thanks to the new European Tourism Covid-19 Safety Seal

Are you looking forward to serene and well-deserved summer holidays abroad, after the long months of lockdowns? Look no further: European standards can help reopen tourism safely and quickly! In May, CEN made available the 'European Tourism COVID-19 Safety Seal'. The seal is set out by two CEN Workshop Agreements (CWAs) as part of the 5643 series, developed by the CEN Workshop EUROSAFETOUR.
CEN and CENELEC Strategy 2030: Join the conversation!

CEN, CENELEC and their 44 members adopted their new joint Strategy 2030, and are now working on its implementation plan for 2022. This high-level, forward-looking document will help guide and shape the European Standardization System for the decade to come. Join the discussion through the hashtag #Strategy2030!

Save the date: CEN and CENELEC's upcoming events and webinars

- **28 September 2021:** Standards in support of the industrial data value chain
- **1 October 2021:** Biodiversity – harmonization through voluntary standards
- **18 October 2021:** Harmonized Standards under the Machinery Directive

You can find the full list of events here

10-10 webinars

- **10 September 2021:** Presentation of the changes introduced in the CEN and CENELEC bylaws

The full agenda of 10-10 webinars is available here
FACTS & FIGURES

Information about the standards that have been published or will be published, under enquiry, withdrawn, undergoing a formal vote, new projects or work items that have been adopted.

- CEN Standards
- CENELEC Standards
CEN and CENELEC in figures
Read our latest facts and figures presenting the quarterly reporting on the outcomes of CEN and CENELEC activities.

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Standards for biobased product: read the new infographic developed by NEN!

CEN/TC 411 ‘Biobased Products’ has recently developed a set of standards for the biobased sector. European Standards play an indispensable role in the market development for biobased products. In order to provide an overview of standards for biobased products, NEN, the Dutch National Standardization Body, which holds the Secretariat of CEN TC/411, developed a handy infographic.

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ASI developed a new standard for vertical greening of buildings

The new ÖNORM L1136 for façade greening developed by ASI defines principles and requirements for the vertical greening of buildings. Greening of buildings serves as protection for buildings and brings a variety of benefits for cities, the climate and the environment. ÖNORM L1136 is the first European standard for vertical greening.

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The global ISO standard to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the tourism industry has been published, led by UNE

ISO has published ISO PAS 5643 ‘Requirements and guidelines to reduce the spread of Covid-19 in the tourism industry’, that will become the global reference with best practices for reducing the risk of coronavirus in the tourism sector. The initiative has been led by the Spanish Association for Standardization, UNE, and the Institute for Spanish Tourism Quality (ICTE), supported by the State Secretary for Tourism of the Spanish Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism.
ANEC's General Assembly

ANEC held its 32nd General Assembly meeting on 10 June. The meeting was hosted from Dublin by ANEC President, Dermott Jewell, who has been re-elected President for a further two-year term. In introducing the ANEC Annual Review 2020, Mr Jewell spoke about his pride in leading the association, which had continued to make great strides in raising standards for consumers despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

ECOS 20th anniversary event ‘Making Sustainable Products the Norm’

On 17 June 2021, ECOS held its online conference ‘Making Sustainable Products the Norm’, where high-level speakers gave the first hints of what the initiative could look like. ‘As up to 80% of our products’ environmental impact is determined by design, that is where we want to concentrate much of our attention’, explained Commissioner Sinkevičius in his opening speech.

ETUC on the future of work and AI

ETUC was invited to speak at a breakout session on ‘Inclusiveness’ during the Conference ‘The future of work and Artificial Intelligence’, held on 3 June and organised by Geneva Macro Labs in partnership with the ILO and a number of other platforms. ETUC focused its contribution on the role of standardization in addressing AI and the participation of trade unions in shaping these standards.