Setting standards for Europe's recovery: CEN and CENELEC in *The Parliament Magazine*

Standardization could be the catalyst for the EU’s digital and green transition, writes CEN and CENELEC’s Director General, Elena Santiago Cid in her new Thought Leader “Setting standards for Europe's recovery” written for *The Parliament Magazine*, one of the most prestigious magazines on European affairs.

Standards for the Green Deal: read CEN and CENELEC’s position paper!

Through the Green Deal, the European Commission has set a series of ambitious goals to transition towards a fully green economy and reach the global climate target of net zero by 2050. CEN and CENELEC know that European Standards play a key role in making the Green Deal a reality. This role is presented in the newly-published position paper “Standards in support of the European Green Deal Commitments”.

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Faces of Standardization: Interview with Paolo Falcioni, APPLiA

As part of the 60 years’ anniversary celebrations, CEN and CENELEC have launched the project ‘Faces of standardization’: a series of monthly interviews to showcase the human aspect of standardization. In August, we published an interview with Paolo Falcioni, Director General of APPLiA.

CODINORM becomes a new CENELEC Companion Standardization Body

On 17 August 2020, the CENELEC General Assembly approved the application of CODINORM (Côte d'Ivoire Normalisation) to become a CENELEC Companion Standardization Body. This application comes in the context of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) concluded between Ivory Coast and the European Union in 2016.

CEN, CENELEC and EA renewed their cooperation agreement

As part of the agreement, which is now renewed for three years and ensures the links between the European standardization system and the European Quality Infrastructure, CEN, CENELEC and EA (European Co-operation for Accreditation) agree to regularly exchange relevant information on matters of common interest and participating in the relevant advisory and technical groups of the respective organizations.

Standardization debated in a series of EPC webinars

In the first weeks of September, Elena Santiago Cid, CEN and CENELEC’s Director General, participated to two webinars organised by EPC in the framework of a wider reflection on standards for the Single Market and Europe’s strategic autonomy. On 3 September, she took part to the online workshop ‘Fostering Europe’s strategic autonomy: Technology and Innovation’, co-organised with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. The second one, on 10 September, was about ‘Making EU industry fit for the future: The strategic importance of standards’.
Standards+Innovation Awards 2020

The 2020 edition of the CEN and CENELEC Standards+Innovation Awards was presented on 10 September 2020 to celebrate the contribution of research and innovation to standardization. One award was presented to a European research project that successfully contributed to standardization and one to an individual who introduced innovation into standardization.

Standards for the Green Deal: Virtual Workshop organised by the German Presidency of the EU Council

Standardization is an important tool for achieving the objectives of European policies, and notably of the Green Deal. This topic will be at the centre of the virtual workshop ‘Empowering European Standardisation for a Successful Green Deal’, organised by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) in the framework of the German Presidency of the EU Council on 16 September.

Next meetings in International Cooperation

Interested in learning more about quality infrastructure (QI) and the various initiatives undertaken to enhance Africa’s quality infrastructure framework, or about the EU-India Strategic Partnership? Next week, CEN and CENELEC will hosts two meetings on international cooperation: Task Force Africa (14 September) and Project India (17 September).

World Standards Day 2020: Protecting the Planet with Standards!

Each year on 14 October, CEN and CENELEC join the international community to celebrate World Standards Day, an opportunity to thank the many experts in the CEN and CENELEC Technical Bodies who develop European Standards. This year’s theme for World Standards Day is “Protecting the planet with standards”. Join the celebrations through the hashtag #WorldStandardsDay2020!
Register to our Online Workshop on Artificial Intelligence in healthcare

Artificial Intelligence has become one of the top strategic priorities and a key driving force of economic growth. The potential of this game-changing technology in the healthcare sector will make a huge difference for both professionals and patients. CEN and CENELEC are happy to invite you to our interactive, online stakeholders’ workshop on 27 October!

More information and registration

EN in the spotlight // EN 17099 ensures the traceability of seafood products

The distribution of fishery and aquaculture products throughout Europe is currently carried out using a variety of different approaches, thus increasing costs and bureaucracy. In this context, by setting a common European label, newly published EN 17099 will help the seafood industry to secure a faster, more efficient and lower cost supply chain for their fresh and frozen products.

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

• 17 September 2020: Webinar for Standard Drafters: "Drafting for XML: How to draft XML-friendly tables"
• 23-24 September 2020: How can European Standardization and Open Source strengthen each other?
• 2 October 2020: Webinar - Boosting the bio-based products market through standardization
• 14 October 2020: World Standards Day 2020
• 27 October 2020: Artificial Intelligence in healthcare: paving the way with standardization

You can find the full list of events here

10-10 webinars

• 9 October 2020: Participation of Small & Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) in standardization
• 10 November 2020: Digital Transformation and DITSAG (Digital and IT Strategic Advisory Group)
The full agenda of 10-10 webinars for 2020 is available [here](#).

**TWEET OF THE MONTH**

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Are you a European user of ISO 9001 on quality management, one of the most known standards in the world?

We need you! @isostandards has launched a global survey for a potential revision of ISO 9001, and is asking for your opinion!

More information [cencenelec.eu/News/Brief_News...](#)

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**FACTS & FIGURES**

**CEN and CENELEC's portfolio of standards**

Total number of ENs & HDs available in the CEN & CENELEC collection at the end of the last month covered by these statistics.

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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.
BSI’s Safe Working Guidelines - Version 3 is now available

The current COVID-19 pandemic has fundamentally shifted the way people live and work. BSI’s Safe Working Guidelines provide guidance to business owners, managers, workers and other users, as they deal with the complexities of this changing situation and adapt their own ways of working.

Read more

The COVID-19 pandemic and crisis management: discover ISS’ new publication

ISS, Serbia’s Standardization Institute, published the document “COVID-19 crisis: From managerial theory to practice”. This publication represents the collection of authorized lectures prepared by the crisis management experts for ISS’ webinars held from March to May this year, together with some new content.

Read more

LST has a new Director

In August 25, 2020, Mr. Sigitas Šiupšinskas was appointed as a new Director of the Lithuanian Standards Board (LST) by Order No. 12-187 of the Minister of the Economy and Innovations of the Republic of Lithuania. He will serve for a five-years term of office. Prior to this appointment, Sigitas Šiupšinskas served as LST’s Chief Adviser.

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Over 4.000 UNE Standards help companies achieve the SDGs

More than 4.000 UNE standards in the Spanish catalogue help companies achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) from the United Nations 2030 Agenda. This announcement was made by the Spanish Association for Standardization, UNE, for the purpose of the publication of its 2019 Annual Report, which sets out the main milestones of the financial year.

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Achieving greater consumer safety through revision of the GPSD

Ahead of the expected revision of the General Product Safety Directive (2001/95/EC), ANEC and BEUC have published a position paper on how the revision should contribute to higher levels of consumer protection in the EU. Furthermore, ANEC has commented on the draft Annual Union Work Programme for European Standardisation for 2021.

Read more

ECOS online Conference on Circularity in Construction

ECOS will host the online event 'Circularity in Construction: can the EU fix it?'. The event will explore how the construction sector can deliver the ambition of the EU’s Circular Economy Action Plan, bringing together a wide range of industry and environmental stakeholders to discuss current challenges and identify policies, laws and standards that can transform the construction sector from an environmental problem to part of the solution.

Read more

New ETUC Study published: the impact of standards in the world of work

The ETUC published a new study on the “Role of international and European standards in shaping the world of work in the European Service sector”. Service standards can, under certain circumstances, benefit working conditions and social dialogue. Yet, significant evidence points to the potential negative consequences service standards can have on workers.

Read more

SBS Annual Conference on standards for the Data Economy

Building the data economy is key to achieving a “Europe fit for the digital age”, one of the main priorities of the new European Commission. In this context, standardization has a key role to play as a tool to overcome market barriers. SBS' annual conference "How can standards support SMEs to benefit from the data
economy?”, on 29 September, will focus on opportunities and challenges in the emerging data economy.

New joint paper on the future of standardization in the construction sector

In the context of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR) revision, the European Builders Confederation (EBC), the European Construction Industry Federation (FIEC), Construction Products Europe and SBS published a joint discussion paper on the role of the standardization system in the current CPR to contribute to the ongoing discussions on its potential revision.

Read the discussion paper