

On the Spot

Newsletter

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An Action Plan to decrease the stock of non-cited harmonised standards

European standardisation has been extremely successful in contributing to the implementation of EU policies and legislation in a large number of areas, as well as to the creation of an internal market for goods. Of particular interest is the use of 'harmonised' standards in the frame of the 'New Approach' to support EU legislation.

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Strategic plan on services standardization

The 'CEN Strategic Advisory Board on Services (CEN/SAGS)' has recently developed a 'Strategic Plan on Services standardization' in support of CEN-CENELEC Ambitions 2020, and in recognition of the untapped potential for economic growth of the services market in Europe. The plan is addressed to service sector stakeholders, societal stakeholders and National Standards Bodies (NSBs) members of CEN. The overall aim of the plan is to provide a strong and clear framework to further engage with service stakeholders in view of better understanding their needs.

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Finalizing pilot project proposals of the Digital transformation Standardization Strategic plan

The detailed proposals for pilot projects will be presented for endorsement to the CEN and CENELEC Administrative Boards in November 2017. In June 2017, the General Assemblies of CEN and CENELEC adopted the 'Strategic Plan for Digital Transformation' and approved the launch of the proposed pilot projects:

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European standardization to support Pan-African Free trade

The European Union is Africa's biggest trading partner with EU-Africa Trade growing more than 50% since 2007. Clearly, this is an opportunity for Europe to support trade partners and to reinforce European presence in the African continent, providing market access opportunities for European industry and SMEs. In June 2015, the African Union (AU) announced the start of negotiations aimed at developing a 'Continental Free Trade Area' (CFTA).

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Resolution of the European Parliament on European Standards

On 4 July 2017, the European Parliament adopted in single reading, by 629 votes to 34, a Resolution on European Standards for the 21st Century in response to the Standardisation package, released by the European Commission in June 2016. The 2016 Standardisation package included the following documents: The 'Report on the implementation of Regulation 1025/2012'; The communication 'European standards for the 21st Century'; The guidance on service standards "Tapping potential of European service standards to help Europe's consumers and businesses"; The Annual Union Work programme for European standardization 2017.

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The revised 'foreign partnership' agreements of CEN and CENELEC

In the past years, CEN and CENELEC had different types of foreign partnership agreements that facilitated the cooperation with Non-European 'National Standards Bodies' (NSBs) and that complete the existing dialogues at ISO and IEC level. Due to an increased interest from other foreign NSBs around the world to establish a formal partnership with CEN and CENELEC, a decision was taken in 2016 to revise these type of agreements in order to offer more flexibility and benefits.

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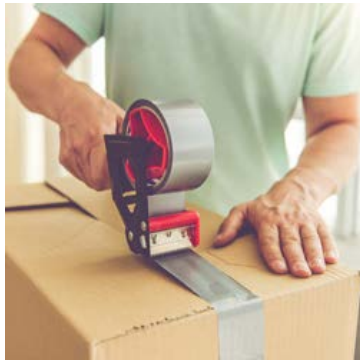
CEN Guide 16 addresses chemicals in consumer-relevant product standards

A new CEN Guide was published in July 2017 to help writers of



standards who are addressing chemicals in product standards. From a broader perspective, the guide aims to support the EU objectives to minimize the health and environmental impact of chemicals and as such contribute to the implementation of the EU policy on chemicals and the development of a "Union strategy for a non-toxic environment" envisaged for 2018.

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We are moving

CEN and CENELEC Management Centre (CCMC) is proud to announce the move to a new location on 6 November 2017. The new office will offer a flexible 'activity-based' smart-working environment and meeting centre. The office has been designed taking into consideration the need to stimulate collaboration and engagement among CCMC's resources, improving overall efficiency and creating business value. The ultimate goal is well-being and high performance.

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News from our Members



A Twinning Arrangement for the secretariat of CENELEC TC/88 - Wind Turbines

The membership of CEN and CENELEC is composed of 34 National Members that are all quite diverse in their experience within the European standardization system. Some, for instance, hold a small number of Technical Committee secretariats, and others, have not had this experience yet.

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Transnational Training about Standardization

Europe needs to maintain competitiveness of European businesses at world-class level and prepare current and future CEOs, managers and workers for the changing needs of the emerging markets. Companies and organizations must therefore ensure that their resources understand the importance of standards. They need to acquire practical knowledge of how to access and apply standards that are relevant to their respective roles and responsibilities.

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Standards Evolution and Forecast

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 [Access the list](#)

CENELEC Standards [Access the list](#)

CEN and CENELEC in figures

Statistical pack presenting the quarterly reporting on the outcomes of CEN and CENELEC activities.

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3-5 October 2017, Amsterdam

[European Utility Week](#)

9-13 October 2017, Vladivostok

[IEC General Meeting](#)

10 October 2017, Brussels

[10-10 Webinar: Standards and IPR](#)

19 October 2017, Brussels

[Cities set Standards to become smarter and more sustainable](#)

19 October 2017, Brussels

[Making ICT standards fit for Active and Healthy Ageing in Europe](#)

25 October 2017, Brussels

[Railways of the future](#)

27 October 2017, Brussels

[Webinar for standard drafters: Procedures at the voting and publication stages for Vienna and Frankfurt Agreement projects](#)

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