

On the Spot

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Season's Greetings and Happy New Year 2020 from CEN and CENELEC!

CEN and CENELEC wish happy holidays and a prosperous 2020 to all their Members, experts, stakeholders and partners who contribute with their work to the European standardization system. **Standards build trust!**

[Watch the video](#)



Standards for cybersecurity: **INTERVIEW** with Wolfgang Niedziella (VDE – IECEE)

Mr Wolfgang Niedziella is the Head of Digital Safety Centre of Competence at VDE and Chair of IEC System of Conformity Assessment Schemes for Electrotechnical Equipment and Components (IECEE). As part of the campaign "Standards build trust", CEN and CENELEC met him to know more about how standardization can help meet the challenges of new technologies and provide a strong framework for cybersecurity.

[Read the full interview](#)



CEN and CENELEC's Work Programme 2020 is now available

In a world where change is constant, it is more and more relevant to imagine and define the future. This calls for standardization to be forward-looking and creative. In this context, CEN and CENELEC's Work Programme 2020 gives an overview of the main standardization developments and strategic priority areas CEN and CENELEC are ready to implement in 2020.

[Read the full Work Programme 2020](#)



The European Commission adopted the Annual Union Work Programme 2020

The European Commission adopted the Annual Union Work Programme (AUWP) for European Standardisation 2020 on 28 October. The Annual Union Work Programme is published every year and lays down the Commission's intentions to use standardization in support of new or existing legislation and policies, leading up to Standardization Requests.

[Read the AUWP 2020](#)

How European Standards contribute to the implementation of the **Circular Economy**

The Circular Economy is the number one priority of the European Green Deal, which was presented by the President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen on 11 December. The European Commission recognised that European Standards are essential complementing tools to EU legislation for a circular economy, supporting, among others, the Ecodesign and Energy Labelling Regulations.



[Discover how standards support the Circular Economy](#)

DEEP DIVE: CEN and CENELEC held two events on the circular economy:

- **29 October: stakeholder workshop on materials' value chains for the circular economy – [read about its outcome.](#)**
- **17 December: Webinar 'Best practices of tackling plastics recycling in a Circular Economy by using European Standards' - [watch it here](#)**

New European appointments to the IEC SMB

CENELEC is happy to congratulate Mr Thomas Korszell from SEK, Sweden, and Mr Willem Wolf from NEC, the Netherlands, for their election to the IEC's Standardization Management Board (SMB) for a two-year mandate (2020-2022) on the occasion of IEC's General Meeting. Our warmest congratulations also go to Mr Ralph Sporer (Germany) for his election as SMB's Chair for a second mandate of three years.

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Boosting Innovation Through Standards

On 13 November 2019, CEN and CENELEC held the high-level 1-day Standards + Innovation Conference 'Boosting Innovation Through Standards' with the aim of fostering the market uptake of innovation and research outcomes by using standardization as an enabler. Leading experts in innovation and standardization presented their experiences in linking the two worlds and highlighted how each one is benefiting from the other.

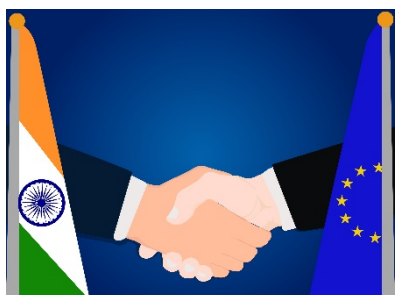
[Know more about the conference and how standards can boost innovation thanks to the new dedicated webpage](#)



Standards + Innovation Awards

On 13 November 2019, on the occasion of the European conference '[Boosting innovation through standards](#)', CEN and CENELEC launched the Standards+Innovation Awards acknowledging the important contributions of researchers, innovators and entrepreneurs to standardization and celebrating particularly relevant cases of synergies between the research and the standardization communities.

[Discover the winners](#)



First Joint BIS-CEN-CENELEC Workshop organised by the India Task Force

A two-day joint workshop was organised by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and CEN & CENELEC on 26 and 27 November 2019 in New Delhi, India. It is a first step towards creating a close working relationship with the Bureau of Indian Standards BIS and to understand the commonalities and gaps in the standards development process.

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The TBO Awards recognised outstanding contributions to standardization

On 12 December, twelve officers holding the Chair or Secretariat of CEN and CENELEC Technical Bodies were presented the CEN and CENELEC Technical Body Officers and Secretaries (TBO) award. The occasion was also an opportunity for the announcement of the first edition of the "Standards + Innovation" awards, which acknowledged three Technical Body Officers who contributed to bridging the gap between research and standardization.

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New Joint TC on Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technologies

Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technologies (DLTs) are among the most promising developments in ICT for sharing data and managing transactions in a decentralised, controlled manner. To contribute to ensuring a safe adoption of such new technologies in Europe, CEN and CENELEC recently established new CEN-CENELEC JTC 19 'Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technologies'. The JTC19 will be responsible for the development and adoption of standards for Blockchain and DLTs.

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Conference on Harmonised standards supporting Construction Products Regulation (CPR)



On 4 December, CEN and CENELEC organised the conference 'Harmonised standards supporting Construction Products Regulation (CPR) - from present to future'. More than 150 participants coming from the variety of backgrounds took part in the event, which focussed on the main specificities and challenges regarding harmonised standards and the standardization process for construction products.

[Download all recordings, presentations and preparatory material](#)

EN IN THE SPOTLIGHT: CEN, CENELEC and ETSI developed a new standard for ICT accessibility



CEN, CENELEC and ETSI, the three European Standardization Organizations (ESOs), jointly developed EN 301549:2019 'Accessibility requirements for ICT products and services'. The standard is intended for use by public authorities and other public sector bodies to ensure that websites, software and digital devices are more accessible to persons with a wide range of disabilities.

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CEN and CENELEC in the press



In the framework of the campaign '[#TrustStandards](#)', in the past months CEN and CENELEC have published a series of articles and infographics in some of the most relevant and widely-circulated media outlets specialised on EU policy. These set out CEN and CENELEC's vision for the future of Europe and provide information on the role standards play to support policy. This media presence is expected to continue in the coming months to position CEN and CENELEC and European standardization as an enabler of the European Single Market.

Read CEN and CENELEC's media contributions:

- ['Four ways to build trust for the single market'](#), op-ed on Politico Europe

- [‘Towards a more sustainable Europe: the potential of standards’](#), op-ed on **Euractiv**
- [One-page ad on #TrustStandards](#), Parliament’s **Magazine MEP Photo Guide**
- [Estandares para una Europa Unida](#), Elena Santiago Cid’s editorial on **El Correo** (in Spanish)

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ECOS on delivering the Green Deal with a transformative circular economy

If Europe is serious about becoming the first climate neutral continent by 2050, circular economy needs to be at the forefront of the European Green Deal. For this, Europe must implement an Ecodesign approach for sectors with the highest environmental impact, stresses ECOS, the environmental NGO expert in Ecodesign and product policy.

[Read more on ECOS’ website](#)



ANEC’s Interview with Benedicte Federspiel

Ms Federspiel is a founding member of the ANEC General Assembly. Treasurer since 2007, she was ANEC President in the decade from 1997. A former Treasurer of Consumers International, and the present Vice-President of the External Relations Section (REX) of the European Economic & Social Committee (EESC), Benedicte is one of the best known members of the consumer movement, both at home and abroad.

[Read the full interview on ANEC’s website](#)

Standards Facts and Figures

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.

[Access the figures](#)



Mark the date



- **21 January 2020:** Webinar: Standards & Societal Stakeholders: everything you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask
- **3 February 2020:** Cybersecurity Standardization Conference 2020: Cybersecurity Standardization and the EU Cybersecurity Act - What's Up?
- **6-7 February 2020:** [5th IP and Competition Policy Forum – Building Bridges for Markets for Standard Essential Patents, organized by OxFirst](#)
- **10 February 2020:** 10-10 webinar: The Joint Initiative on Standardization (JIS) three years later: achievements & closure
- **17/18 February 2020:** GSO workshop on the Gulf conformity assessment schemes, transposition of the LVD and Toys Safety Directive
- **2-3 April 2020:** CEN-CENELEC StandarDays - Discover the world of European Standards

[Other events will follow over the course of the year on CEN and CENELEC's website.](#)

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