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## On the spot

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### European Standards available for free to help prevent the **COVID-19** contagion

In response to the coronavirus outbreak, CEN and CENELEC agreed, in collaboration with all their Members and after the urgent request from the European Commission, to make freely available a series of European standards (ENs) for medical devices and personal protective equipment used in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Read the press release](#)

### New CEN and CENELEC COVID-19 Crisis Management Network

The CEN and CENELEC Boards agreed to establish a **CEN and CENELEC COVID-19 Crisis Management Network (CMN)**. Its role will be to coordinate and facilitate a dynamic exchange between Members on various activity areas directly affected by crisis and - where deemed necessary and efficient- fast-track a response at the European level.

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## An ever closer standardization cooperation between India and Europe

On 3 March 2020, the **SESEI IV Steering Committee** held its second meeting online to discuss present activities and future priorities of the SESEI project. The gathering was followed by the sixth online meeting of the **CEN-CENELEC Priority India Task Force**, which focused on developing the topics for cooperation identified with BIS, the Indian National Standardization Board.

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## ANSI and the ESOs discussed a strategic approach to international cooperation

As part of a longstanding dialogue on transatlantic cooperation in standardization, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the European Standards Organizations (ESOs) – CEN, CENELEC, and ETSI – met on 10 March at ANSI's headquarters in Washington, DC, for collaborative discussions on common priorities and future collaboration opportunities.

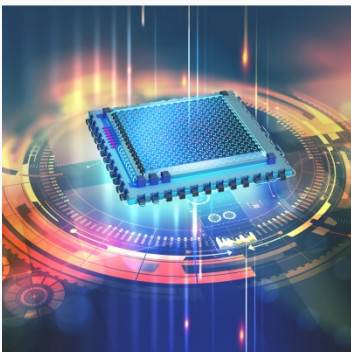
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## CEN and CENELEC launched the new flexible standards development process

On 1 April 2020, CEN and CENELEC implemented the 'Flexible Standards Development Process'. This new process aims to ensure the timely delivery of European standards by giving more responsibility and flexibility to TCs in their development. In return, TCs will be asked to commit to a timely finalisation the work and regularly monitor its progresses.

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## New CEN - CENELEC Focus Group on Quantum Technologies

CEN and CENELEC approved on 8 April 2020 the creation of a Focus Group on Quantum Technologies (QT). The new Group will ensure interaction between all relevant stakeholders interested in potential standardization in the field of Quantum Technologies and recommend further actions, to maximise the contribution of standards to the deployment of Quantum Technologies in industry.

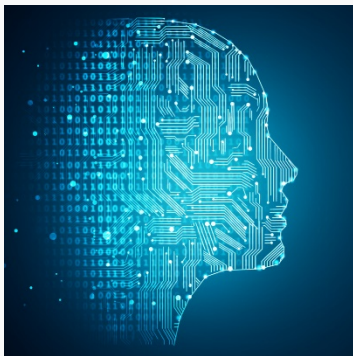
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## Supporting the engagement of the standardization community with researchers and innovators

Involving the research and innovation community in standardization is a priority for CEN and CENELEC. In this context, the **BRIDGIT2** project has produced a set of tools that is now available to all CEN and CENELEC Members to support their endeavours to build closer and long-standing relations with the Research and Innovation Community.

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## New study proposes a standardization approach for ethical AI

A new study realised by German technology organisation VDE and the Bertelsmann Stiftung demonstrates how ethical principles for artificial intelligence (AI) can be put into practice. The study, “**From principles to practice – an interdisciplinary framework to operationalise AI ethics**”, proposes a standardization approach to help consumers identify the level of trust of an AI product/service.

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## EN in the spotlight // JTC 13 published a new series of standards on cybersecurity

In a world increasingly relying on digital technologies, cybersecurity is at the centre of international efforts to minimise dangers for critical infrastructure and personal data. In this context, CEN and CENELEC's JTC 13 'Cybersecurity and Data Protection' just released a series of European Standards (ENs) to assess the security and privacy levels of IT systems.

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## Save the date: CEN-CENELEC webinars

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, all physical events organised by CEN and CENELEC are currently postponed. Nevertheless, this does not mean that all activities are suspended: simply, they are moved **online**. The CEN-CENELEC Management Centre is offering a series of online **webinars**, providing information and training sessions on various aspects of European Standardization.

[You can find the full list of webinars \(and subscribe\) here](#)

## TWEET OF THE MONTH



## MEMBERS



### **ILNAS launches new MTECH Master at the University of Luxembourg**

ILNAS, Luxembourg's National Standardization Body, is among the founders of the new master « Technopreneurship: Mastering smart ICT, standardization and digital trust for enabling next generation of ICT solutions » (MTECH) at the University of Luxembourg. It aims to teach students how to transfer ICT knowledge directly into technical innovation, through the prism of technical standardization.

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### **AFNOR launched an online platform to facilitate the production of masks**

AFNOR, the French Standardization Body, has launched a platform to enable those who make protective masks against coronavirus to meet and exchange virtually with those who are looking for them. The tutorial it offers to make masks has been downloaded 300.000 times since the end of March.

[Read the article on France Info \(in French\)](#)



## New Premises for ASRO

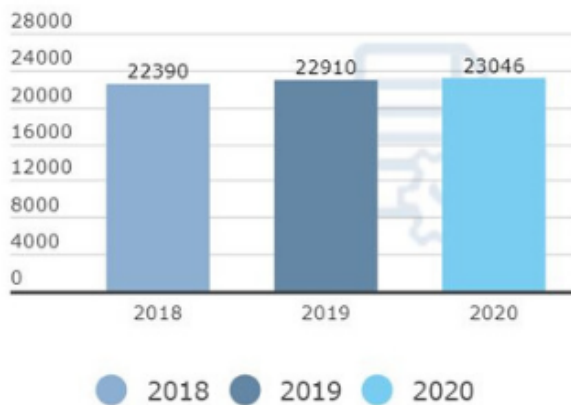
ASRO, the Romanian standards body, has relocated its headquarters. This change brings many opportunities, with a new standards-compliant workspace, a modern building concept and a welcoming atmosphere that will increase flexibility and efficiency.

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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.



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.

## PARTNERS



## ECOS published two new briefings on smart charging and hydrogen

Climate neutrality is a priority for the EU, as set out in its Green Deal. In this context, electric vehicles and hydrogen are among the solutions with the highest potential to provide more environmentally-friendly energy sources. ECOS, the environmental organisation in European Standardization, recently published two briefings on these important sustainability topics:

- [Read the Briefing on 'Electric vehicles and smart charging'](#)

- [Read the Briefing on 'Guarantees of origin of hydrogen'](#)



## How standards can improve sustainable consumption

On the occasion of World Consumers Rights Day (15 March) **ANEC**, the voice of consumers in European standardization, and CEN and CENELEC **developed a factsheet** to highlight how standards can help consumers make more sustainable choices. Better application of existing technologies and more consideration of the environmental implications in the product design stage can make an enormous contribution to environmental protection.

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## The latest contributions of trade unions to European standardization

The **European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)** plays an active role in ensuring that perspective of European workers is taken into account in European standardization. In this period, ETUC and its trade union members are providing support to workers all around Europe to keep them safe and protect their jobs and incomes in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic.

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## Small Business Standards' annual conference postponed

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual conference organised by Small Business Standards **"How can standards support SMEs to benefit from the data economy?"**, initially planned to take place on 6 May 2020 in Brussels, has been postponed to **29 September 2020**.

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## 50th anniversary of Euralarm

This year Euralarm celebrates its 50th anniversary. Starting with 24 companies from 12 countries and two national associations for fire safety, Euralarm developed into a European association that represents today over 5.000 companies, within the fire safety, security, extinguishing and related services industry. Throughout its history, Euralarm has been contributing to the standardization process and thus to a safer and more secure society.

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