

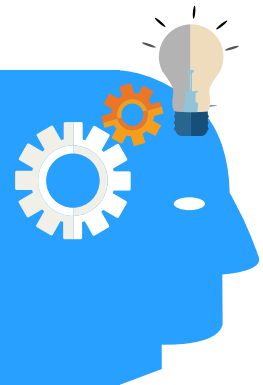


Is your country a candidate or potential candidate for European Union (EU) membership? Does your country want to reach progressive integration in the European Standardization System (ESS)?

Become a CEN and/or CENELEC **Affiliate** and help your country **move one-step closer to being a full EU member!**

## Why apply for Affiliation status with CEN and/or CENELEC?

One criteria for joining the EU is full integration in the ESS to ensure technical harmonization with the European Single Market. Countries formally recognized as potential candidates for EU membership can become a CEN and CENELEC "Affiliate". This partnership model offers a concrete way for you to demonstrate progress achieved in technical harmonization with the EU – it will pave the way for smooth integration in the European Single Market and strengthen the global trading position of your country.



## Become an Affiliate of CEN and/or CENELEC and...




Invest in a strong partnership, strengthening your country's position and giving your stakeholders a **privileged position** in the European Single Market.



Receive **unlimited access** to European Standards (ENs) for adoption.



Offer your stakeholders the chance to be part of the European standardization process and to **connect** with leading European industries and companies.



Enjoy many of the tools and procedures that apply to full members of CEN and CENELEC (e.g. the identical implementation and withdrawal of conflicting standards) – these play a crucial role in **supporting free circulation of goods** in Europe.

## Key benefits for you and your stakeholders

Gain direct access to CEN and CENELEC standards repositories.



Explore the cumulated expertise of an **extensive CEN and CENELEC network** - 200 000 experts in their field from 34 countries.

Adopt ENs as national standards without restriction, and sell them in your country.



**Foster technical alignment**, enabling your stakeholders to reach out to a market of 600 million consumers and support your application for EU membership.

Become an observer in an unlimited number of Technical Bodies (automatic access).



Have the chance to **shape future ENs**, opening the doors of the European Single Market to your companies.

Participate in CEN and CENELEC General Assembly meetings as observers.




Receive **first-hand information** on strategic developments in a leading economic bloc that you belong to.

# Interested?

Here are the next steps

## Are you eligible to apply?

- Are you the only National Standards Body/National Electrotechnical Committee in a country formally recognized as a potential candidate or a candidate country for EU membership?
- Are you a member or a corresponding member of ISO/member or associate member of IEC?
- Have you accepted the WTO Code of Good Practice for the preparation, adoption and application of standards?

 Then you are ready to apply!

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Send a formal letter of application to the CEN and CENELEC Director General, including the required supporting documents proving your eligibility.



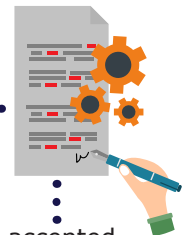
CEN and CENELEC are two different organizations. Each organization requires an individual application.

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Your application will be submitted for approval by the organization's Governing Bodies.

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Once it is accepted, you will be requested to sign an Affiliate agreement formalizing all your rights and obligations.

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Enjoy regular training opportunities that will help you make the best out of our partnership.

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Make the payment of your first annual fee and start enjoying full access to CEN and/or CENELEC tools.



More details about the Affiliate status, rights and obligations, check the CEN-CENELEC Guide 12. <http://www.cencenelec.eu/standards/Guides/Pages/default.aspx>

The CEN and CENELEC International Cooperation Unit is here to answer any questions that you may have: [intcoop@cencenelec.eu](mailto:intcoop@cencenelec.eu) | Tel: +32 2 550 08 11



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