



ESO-EC TASK FORCE "TIMELY EUROPEAN STANDARDS FOR A GREEN AND DIGITAL, SINGLE AND GLOBAL MARKET"



Questions and Answers

1. Why was the Task Force assembled?

The Task Force was set up to find jointly agreed solutions to eliminate bottlenecks in standardisation, to maximise efficiency of processes on both sides, to better anticipate future standardisation needs and to clarify respective roles and interactions. Work took place in a very collaborative and solution-oriented spirit.

2. Who was involved in the Task Force?

The Task Force is chaired by the Head of 'Standards Policy' Unit of European Commission's DG GROW and the Director General of CEN and CENELEC, and composed by representatives from ETSI, EFTA, and several EC DGs: GROW, CNCT, ENER, SANTE, DEFIS and MOVE.

3. When does the Task Force meet?

The TF held 15 meeting in the last two years, ending the mandate and entering into the implementation phase. . The last meeting of the Task Force took place in June 2023.

4. Does the Task Force have any KPIs that they are working towards?

Yes! The Task Force has developed 5 KPIs that will measure the success of its proposals. KPIs will be regularly checked by the ESOs and the European Commission. An ad-hoc meeting is foreseen in July 2024 to measure KPIs.





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5. Is a procedure in place to maintain the checklists? What is the estimated stability period for these checklists?

The first experiences with this checklist are positive. It gives structure to the consultations between ESOs and Commission services and ensures that all relevant aspects are discussed and clarified at an early stage.

It documents the exchanges and respective comments, and the way specific points were solved and agreed.

The ESOs and Commission will monitor and evaluate the use of this checklist, and if needed clarify with a guidance how it should be used by both sides.

6. Have all the DG's agreed to use the new checklists? Have the tools been approved at interservice consultation level, or how have they committed to apply this?

All DGs have agreed to use the checklist, which helps avoid the inclusion of any critical elements that may prevent the feasibility of the SReq. Unit 'Standards Policy' within DG GROW (Grow.H3) is the focal point and provides assistance to the other DGs. Besides, in its capacity of Secretariat to the Committee on Standards, GROW.H3 will ensure the correct implementation of the agreed process and checklist.

7. What are the upcoming milestones for the European Excellence Hub?

The European Commission has targeted June 2024 to have a fully established European Excellence Hub.








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8. Is it possible to see the new checklist somewhere?

Both checklists will be part of the Toolbox for common guidance, when ready. In the meantime, they can be easily accessed via CEN and CENELEC BOSS pages (under 'Forms and templates' / 'Technical work):

-  [Checklist for hENs \(self-\)assessment](https://boss.cen.eu/media/BOSS%20CEN/formtemp/checklist_hens_2023.docx)
https://boss.cen.eu/media/BOSS%20CEN/formtemp/checklist_hens_2023.docx
-  [Checklist for harmonized standards](https://boss.cen.eu/media/BOSS%20CEN/formtemp/checklist_hens.docx)
https://boss.cen.eu/media/BOSS%20CEN/formtemp/checklist_hens.docx
-  [Checklist for drafting Standardization requests](https://boss.cen.eu/media/BOSS%20CEN/formtemp/draft_sreq_checklist.docx)
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9. Will the TF take stock after some time to assess the effect? And do we need more dialogue about the non-homegrown standards?

The TF will re-assess its measures in one year. CEN and CENELEC have already presented the principles for improving the development of candidate harmonized standards when developed with ISO and IEC under Vienna and Frankfurt Agreement.

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