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Webinar 'The EN Development Process - First batch of changes'

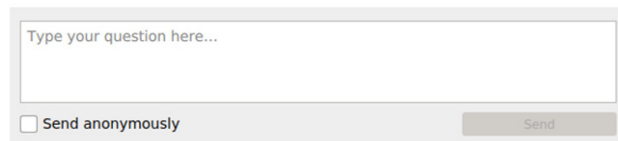
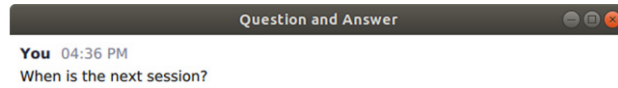
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Why

Understand why the EN, TS and TR development process are being improved

What

Understand the Batch 1 changes entering into force in October 2026

How

Know how these changes affect Technical Committees and Working Groups

Be prepared to apply the new process in ongoing and future projects

Why improve the process?

Current challenges

- ▶ Time-sensitive need for standards
- ▶ Some voting and administrative phases are lengthy
- ▶ Sequential activities create delays

Key objective: deliver high-quality European Standards faster while preserving consensus and inclusiveness, and without impacting the drafting time

What does not change?

- ▶ **Roles of TCs and experts** → TC keep playing a central role in managing their Work Programme and finding consensus, and WG experts keep drafting deliverables
- ▶ **Consensus building** → WG drafting and ENQ duration are not impacted
- ▶ **Drafting time** → as per flexible development timeframe, TCs still have 68 weeks for drafting – to be spread between ENQ and FV drafting
- ▶ **Technical quality** → same criteria in place and obligation to follow Internal Regulation Part 3 on drafting rules

ENs

- ▶ CEN/BT 014/2026 and CLC/BT D182/18

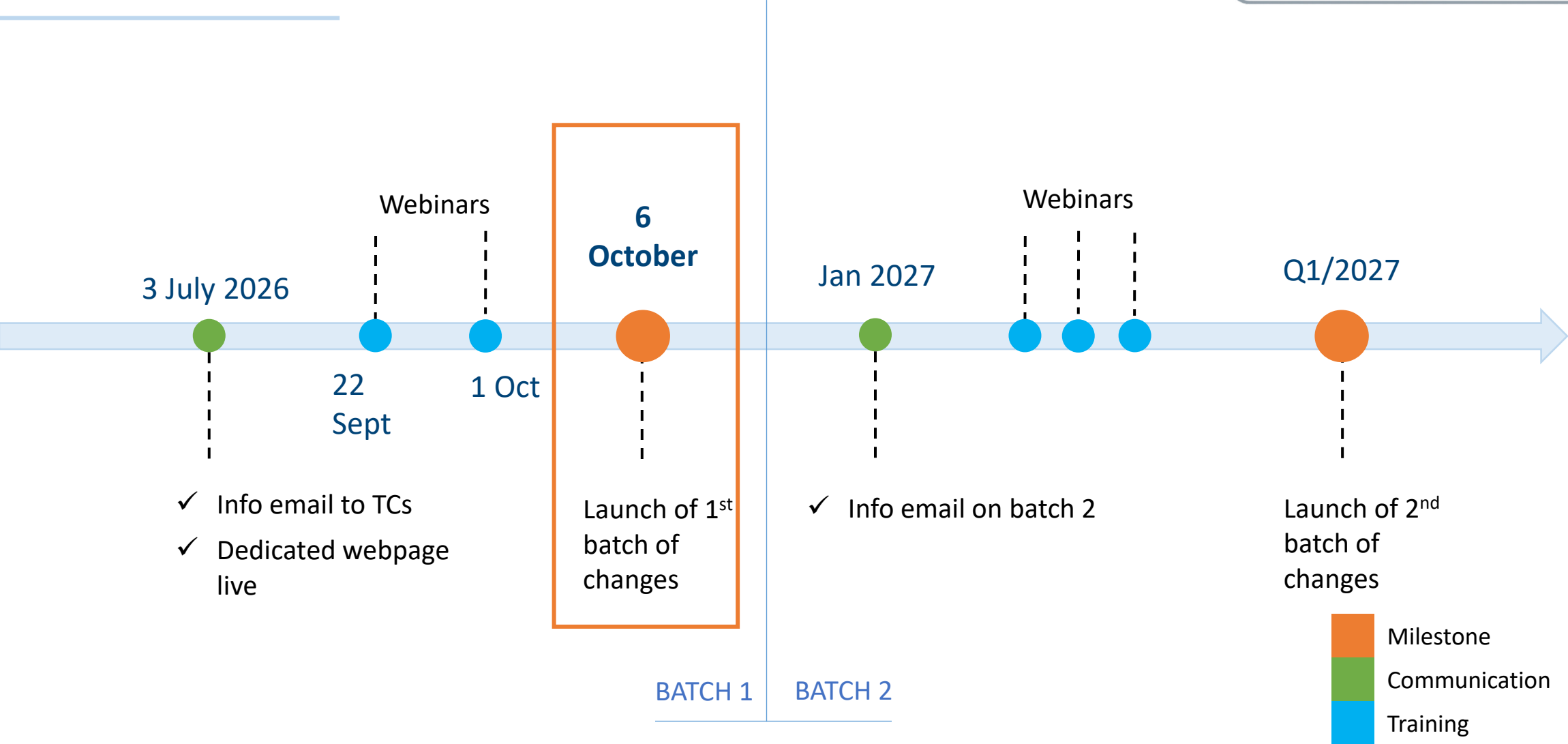
TSs and TRs

- ▶ CEN/BT 097/2026 and CLC/BT D184/C055

What deliverables are impacted?

- ✓ Homegrown European Standards (ENs), including candidate harmonized standards
- ✓ Technical Specifications (TSs) and Technical Reports (TRs)
- ✗ Excluded: parallel ISO and IEC deliverables

Timeline



Overview of changes

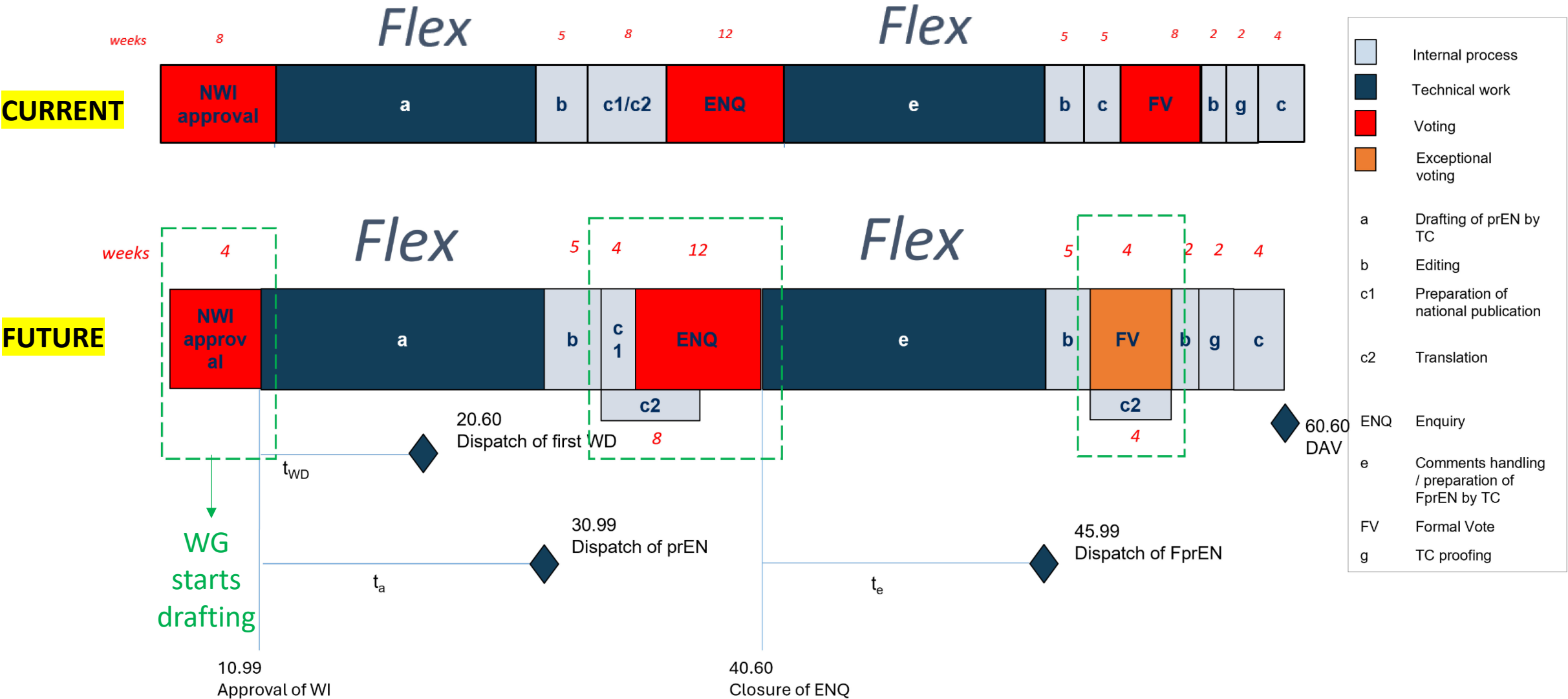
Batch 1 – October 2026

1. Shorter NWI/PWI voting period
2. National preparation period before Enquiry/Vote
3. Parallel translation of Enquiry drafts with National preparation
4. Enquiry/Vote launched with English version only if FR and DE not available
5. Shorter Formal Vote
6. Parallel translation during Formal Vote

Batch 2 – Q1/2027

- Earlier start of drafting
- Direct publication after positive Enquiry (Formal Vote as an exception)
- TC leadership communicates if FV is needed within 6 weeks after Enquiry
- Automatic publication after Enquiry in absence of TC feedback
- Mindset change: a negative position on the publication shall be explicitly communicated through a negative ENQ (or FV) vote and accompanied by comments

The improved EN process



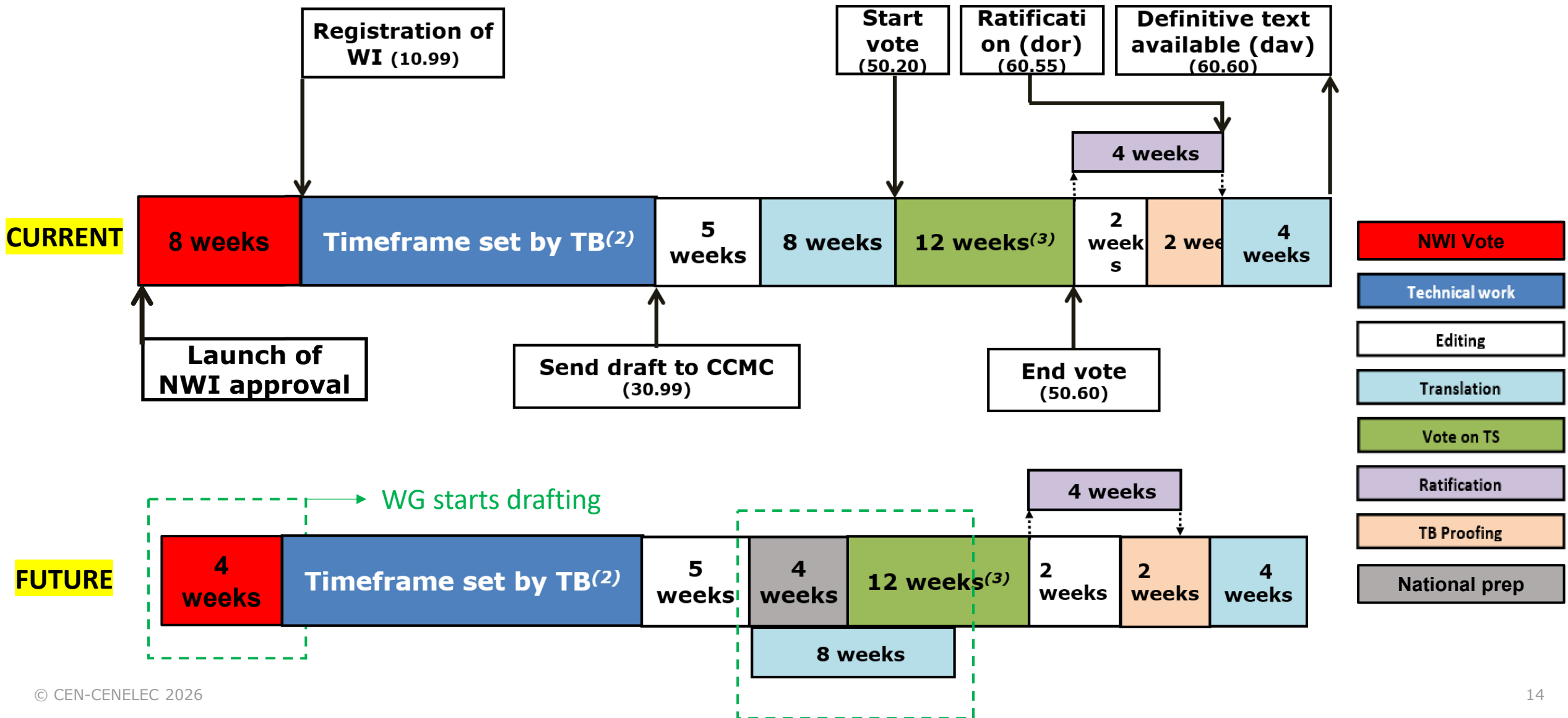
Scenario 1: FV is requested

- ▶ 4 weeks at NWI approval
 - ▶ 4 weeks before ENQ
 - ▶ 5 weeks before FV
 - ▶ 4 weeks during FV
- = 17 weeks gained**

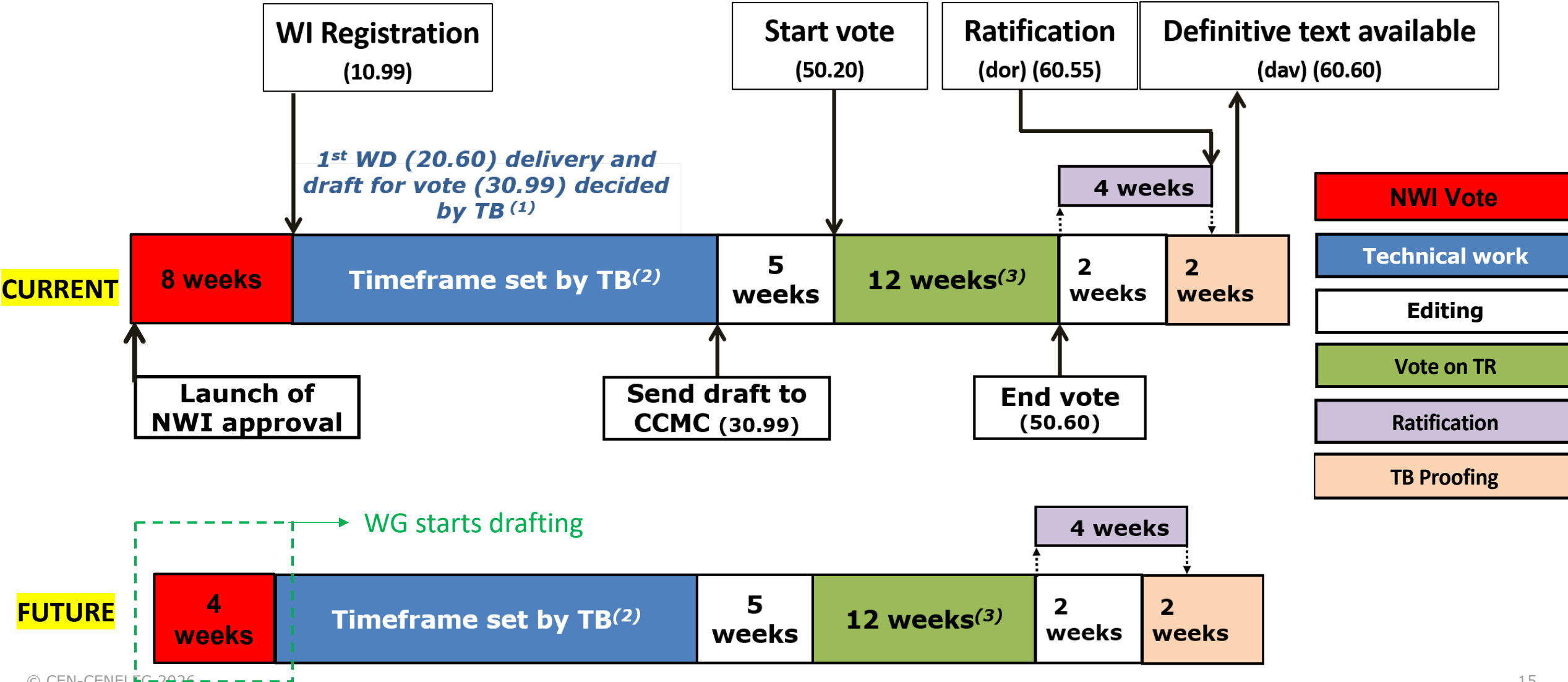
Scenario 2: Pub. after ENQ

- ▶ 4 weeks at NWI approval
 - ▶ 4 weeks before ENQ
 - ▶ Average 34 weeks of FV drafting
 - ▶ 8 weeks of FV
 - ▶ 10 weeks of procedures
- = ~ 60 weeks gained**

The improved TS process



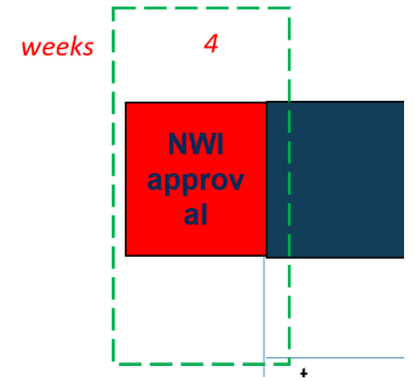
The improved TR process



Batch 1 – October 2026

Change #1: NWI/PWI Voting

- ▶ The vote duration for the adoption of New Work Items (NWI) and for the creation or activation of Preliminary Work Items (PWI) is reduced from 8 weeks to **4 weeks**
- ▶ It can exceptionally be extended up to 8 weeks when decided by the TC leadership before the launch of the ballot/vote

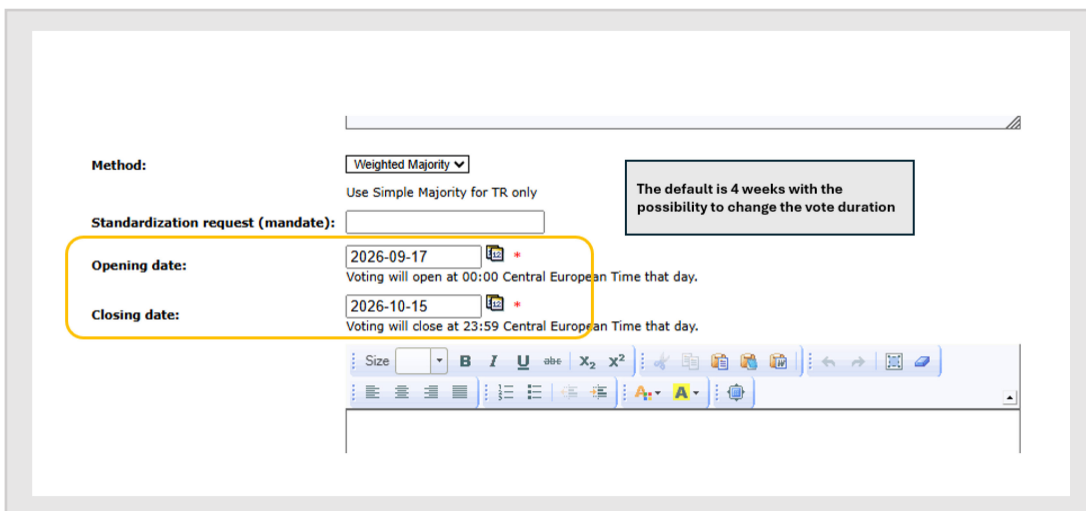


EN, TS, TR

Change #1: NWI/PWI Voting

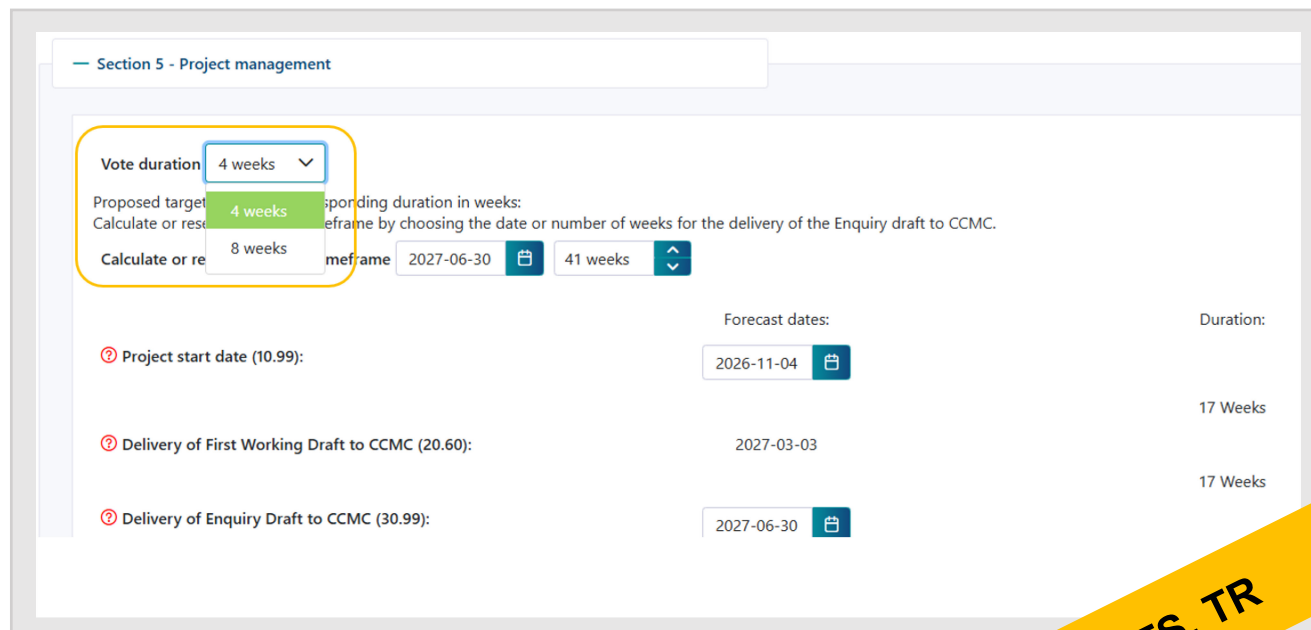
- Default vote duration: 4 weeks, extendable to 8 weeks when justified

CIB form (CEN) - Opening and closing dates



The screenshot shows the CIB form (CEN) interface. A yellow box highlights the 'Opening date' and 'Closing date' fields, which are set to 2026-09-17 and 2026-10-15 respectively. The 'Method' is set to 'Weighted Majority'. A text box states: 'The default is 4 weeks with the possibility to change the vote duration'.

Online form (CLC) - Opening and closing dates

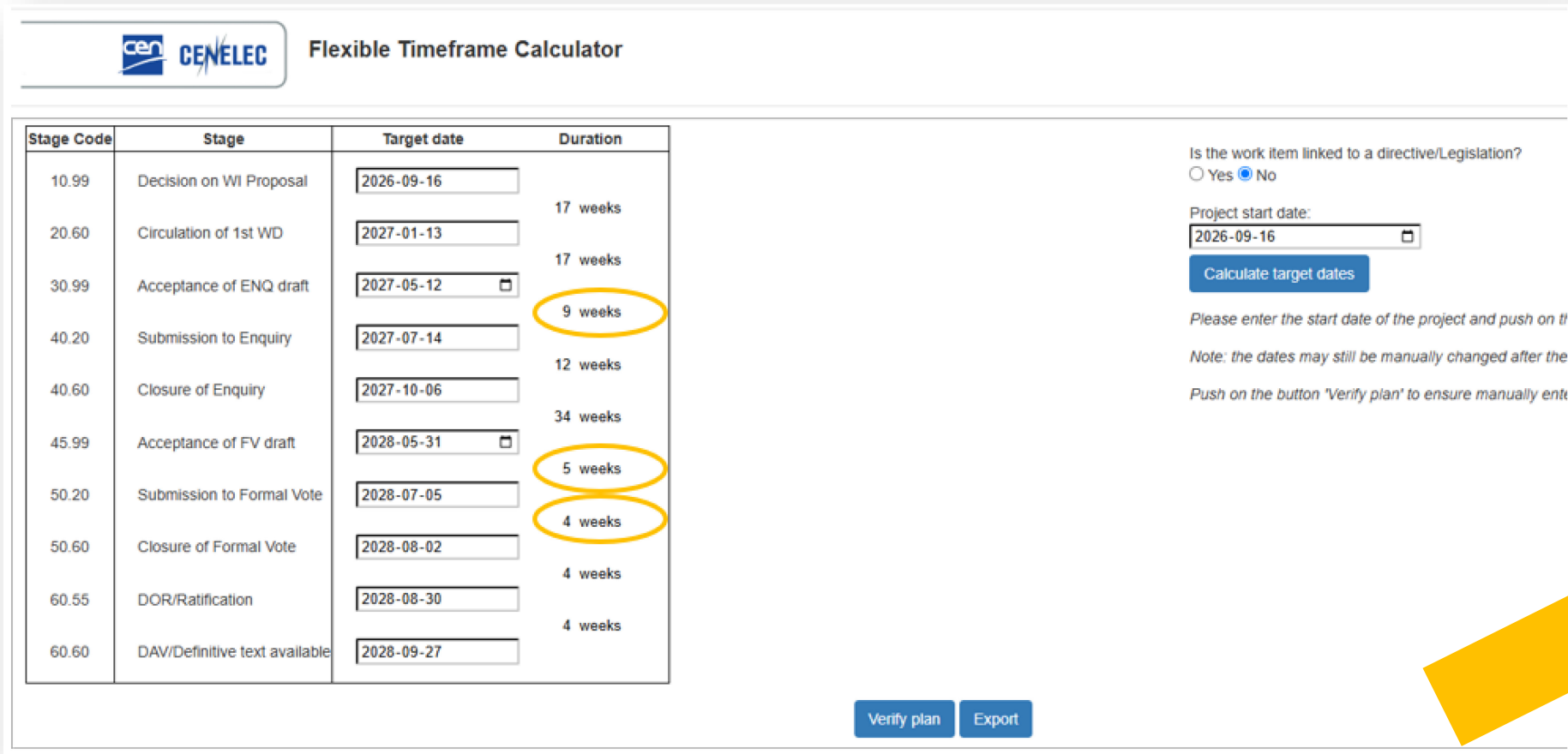


The screenshot shows the Online form (CLC) interface. A yellow box highlights the 'Vote duration' dropdown menu, which is set to '4 weeks'. The 'Proposed target' is '4 weeks'. The 'Calculate or reset' button is visible. The 'Forecast dates' section shows the 'Project start date (10.99)' as 2026-11-04, the 'Delivery of First Working Draft to CCMC (20.60)' as 2027-03-03, and the 'Delivery of Enquiry Draft to CCMC (30.99)' as 2027-06-30. The 'Duration' is 17 Weeks.

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Change #1: NWI/PWI Voting

- The **Flexible Development timeframe** still applies → Online timeframe calculator adapted > [Flexible Timeframe Calculator](#)



The screenshot shows the 'Flexible Timeframe Calculator' interface. It features a table with columns for Stage Code, Stage, Target date, and Duration. The table lists 12 stages of the development process. The 'Duration' column for several stages (10.99, 20.60, 30.99, 40.20, 40.60, 45.99, 50.20, 50.60, 60.55, 60.60) is circled in yellow. To the right of the table, there are input fields for 'Is the work item linked to a directive/Legislation?' (Yes/No), 'Project start date' (2026-09-16), and a 'Calculate target dates' button. Below these, there is a note: 'Please enter the start date of the project and push on the button "Calculate target dates". Note: the dates may still be manually changed after the calculation. Push on the button "Verify plan" to ensure manually entered dates are correct.' At the bottom right, there are 'Verify plan' and 'Export' buttons.

Stage Code	Stage	Target date	Duration
10.99	Decision on WI Proposal	2026-09-16	17 weeks
20.60	Circulation of 1st WD	2027-01-13	17 weeks
30.99	Acceptance of ENQ draft	2027-05-12	9 weeks
40.20	Submission to Enquiry	2027-07-14	12 weeks
40.60	Closure of Enquiry	2027-10-06	34 weeks
45.99	Acceptance of FV draft	2028-05-31	5 weeks
50.20	Submission to Formal Vote	2028-07-05	4 weeks
50.60	Closure of Formal Vote	2028-08-02	4 weeks
60.55	DOR/Ratification	2028-08-30	4 weeks
60.60	DAV/Definitive text available	2028-09-27	

Is the work item linked to a directive/Legislation?
☐ Yes ☒ No

Project start date:
2026-09-16

Calculate target dates

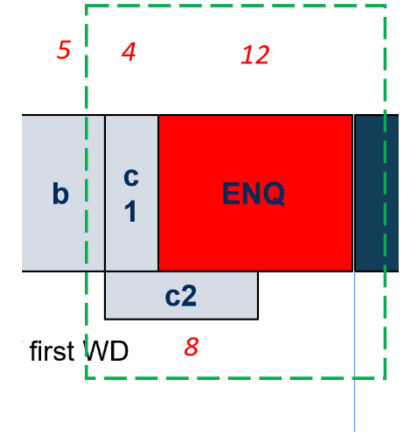
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Verify plan Export

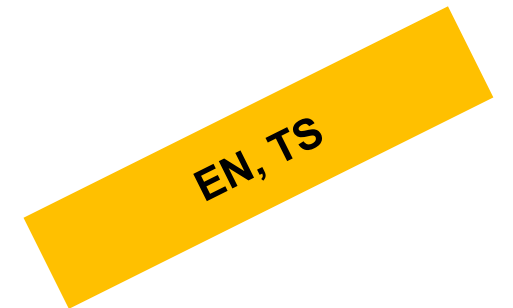
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Change #2: National Preparation period

- ▶ A period for the **preparation of the national consultations** after CCMC editing is set to **4 weeks** and is followed by Enquiry in case of EN, and by Vote in case of TS
- ▶ This period already existed and was previously included in the 8-week translation period
- ▶ It allows Members to organise the consultations of their national technical committees, and the Public Enquiry

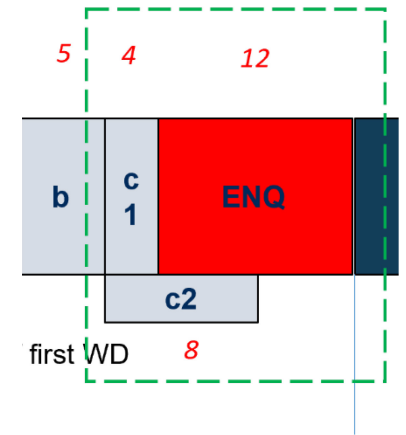


c1: National preparation period



Changes #3 and #4: Translation parallel to ENQ/Vote and English-only ENQ/Vote Launch

- ▶ **Translation** of Enquiry drafts into French and German starts **in parallel with the national preparation period and is set to 8 weeks** (4 weeks of national preparation period and first 4 weeks of Enquiry period)
- ▶ No longer possible to extend translation period
- ▶ Enquiry/Vote procedure will no longer wait for the French and German versions to be launched
- ▶ **Enquiry/Vote is launched with the English version only**, unless the translation is available at the moment of the launch

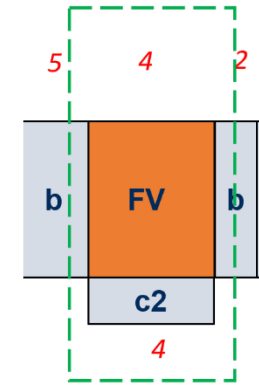


c2: Translation

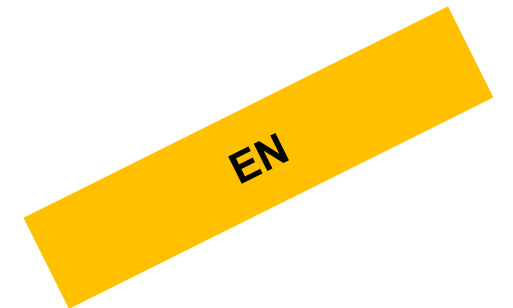
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Changes #5 and #6: FV duration and Translation

- ▶ The **Formal Vote** duration is reduced from 8 weeks to **4 weeks**
- ▶ **Translation** of Formal Vote draft takes place in **parallel with Formal Vote**
- ▶ **Formal Vote** is launched with the **English version only**



c2: Translation



The changes included in the first batch will apply as of **6 October** to:

- ▶ All New Work Items, and
- ▶ Drafts entering relevant stages after 6 October

Entry into force and Work Items concerned

Deliverable	Before 6 October	As of 6 October
EN	NWI/PWI votes last 8 weeks	NWI/PWI votes last 4 weeks
	ENQ draft <u>submitted</u> to CCMC at 30.99 = 5-week editing + 8-week translation → launch of ENQ	ENQ draft <u>submitted</u> to CCMC at 30.99 = 5-week editing + 4-week national preparation period (translation in parallel) → launch of ENQ
	FV draft <u>submitted</u> to CCMC at 45.99 = 5-week editing + 5-week translation → launch of FV	FV draft <u>submitted</u> to CCMC at 45.99 = 5-week editing → launch of FV
TS	NWI/PWI votes last 8 weeks	NWI/PWI votes last 4 weeks
	Vote draft <u>submitted</u> to CCMC at 30.99 = 5-week editing + 8-week translation → launch of Vote	ENQ draft <u>submitted</u> to CCMC at 30.99 = 5-week editing + 4-week national preparation period (translation in parallel) → launch of Vote
TR	NWI/PWI votes last 8 weeks	NWI/PWI votes last 4 weeks

- ▶ Dedicated webpage on Expert Area of [CEN](#) and [CENELEC Website](#)
- ▶ Updated process on BOSS ([CEN](#) and [CENELEC](#)) – as of 6 October
- ▶ Recording of this webinar + Q&A on [CEN and CENELEC Website](#)

Stay tuned for batch 2!

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