

Webinar of 2026-09-11

Webinar 'Climate Resilience in Standardization: Applying CEN-CENELEC Guide 32'

1	Is there going to be a separate funding program for activities related to this SR? Something like CyberStand for the CRA?	There is no EU funding for this particular Standardization Request. However, there is another funding programme that was allocated a few years ago and is ongoing to promote climate resilience in standardisation through information and communication within the standardization community and through active support to technical committees regarding the inclusion of climate change adaptation in standards. The project is called "Assistance to standardisation work in mainstreaming climate adaptation into EU standards" (ACC-CG) and will last until end of 2027.
2	Can you explain the difference between "climate adaptation" and "climate resilience" ?	Some say adaptation is the activity to attain resilience, and this is helpful Resilience is an interesting word meaning different things in different sectors.
3	Is the 2026 CEN-CENELEC Guide 32 public?	Yes it is accessible via: https://www.cencenelec.eu/media/Guides/CEN-CLC/cen-cenelec_guide32-2026.pdf
4	Does the increasing need for local climate adaptation of infrastructure products conflict with the goal of harmonized international standards and a common market? If so, how can this conflict be managed?	The goal is to produce standards that at the same time address the requirements of EU law and are globally relevant. There is a considerable number of such harmonised EN ISO or EN IEC standards in CEN and CENELEC - e.g. on safety of agriculture machinery. how to achieve it - European members that are present in ISO or IEC/TCs are invited to bring the voice about the European needs.
5	How should standards address the challenge that infrastructure products designed for a 100-year service life may experience premature failure due to climate change? Should standards include provisions for accelerated replacement, adaptation, or upgrading of such products?	There's a concept called 'Adaptation Pathways' that can help dealing with uncertainty - there is a UK standard BS 8631 that can help.

6	Do you have a specific example of a TC or WG that have used the Guide 32? Would be great :)	During the webinar John Dora showed one of the reports on the screen, examples will be more prolific next year as COG Climate is awaiting feedback from early reports.
7	Given the rapid pace of climate change and the increasing divergence of local environmental conditions, should standardization be strengthened at the national level to enable faster adaptation of infrastructure products?	Yes.
8	Does the assessment of existing infrastructure through the lens of climate adaptation lead to a commercial devaluation of current infrastructure assets? If so, how should standards and regulatory frameworks address this challenge?	This is outside the scope of the CEN-CLC Guide 32 work and would be a matter for organisations to deliberate upon.
9	Are there plans to develop a standard for climate risk assessment at the CEN-CENELEC level?	EN ISO 14091:2021 “Adaptation to climate change - Guidelines on vulnerability, impacts and risk assessment (ISO 14091:2021)” covers guidance on risk aligned to EN ISO 14090:2019 “Adaptation to climate change - Principles, requirements and guidelines (ISO 14090:2019)”. see CEN CENELEC website: https://standards.cencenelec.eu/ords/f?p=CEN:110:::FSP_PROJECT,FSP_ORG_ID:67972,6339&cs=1DE19E510902063F2E9E26EA1165275D6and New standard helps adapting to climate change: EN ISO 14091:2021 - CEN-CENELEC Or: https://www.iso.org/standard/68508.html