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## CEN approach on addressing environmental issues in standardization

### Questions & Answers

1	<p>Could you explain more about SABE?</p>	<p>You can find more information about SABE on the CEN-CENELEC website:  <a href="https://www.cencenelec.eu/standards/topics/environment/pages/sabe.aspx">https://www.cencenelec.eu/standards/topics/environment/pages/sabe.aspx</a></p> <p>The SABE newsletter (January 2021) contains additional information:  <a href="https://ftp.cencenelec.eu/EN/EuropeanStandardization/Sectors/Environment/SABENewletter_2021January.pdf">https://ftp.cencenelec.eu/EN/EuropeanStandardization/Sectors/Environment/SABENewletter_2021January.pdf</a></p>
2	<p>I have a question regarding accessibility of norms and standards. Are there prospects or discussion on making norms and standards (that are or could be used in legislation), as well as preparatory documents, freely accessible?</p>	<p>There are discussions ongoing about this but for the time being they are not freely available.</p>
3	<p>How to implement the environmental issue while preparing, for example, a standard for detect salmonella in plant bio stimulants?</p>	<p>There is not one solution/procedure to address environmental issues in standards as environmental issues are very versatile. There are, however, plenty of guides and checklists which can help the technical bodies to systematically address environmental issues in different kinds of standards (e.g. product, testing or service standards). You will find an overview of the most relevant guides in the presentation to this webinar (see slide 29).</p> <p>You will also find these guides as well as additional guidance (e.g. examples) on the website of the CEN environmental helpdesk (EHD):  <a href="https://www.cen.eu/about/helpdesks/environmental/pages/default.aspx">https://www.cen.eu/about/helpdesks/environmental/pages/default.aspx</a></p> <p>If you need additional guidance please feel free to</p>

		contact the <a href="#">EHD</a> .
4	Are TC's now required to include Environmental Impact Assessments in Standards (or are such Assessments beyond the general environmental issues to be covered in Standards)? Also what happens when the environmental need to cover the total life cycle of a product goes beyond the specific and restricted scope of a Standard (e.g. manufacture, maintenance etc)?	<p>TCs are not required to include Environmental Impact Assessments in Standards although these are recommended, if relevant.</p> <p>The CEN environmental approach, however, introduced “mandatory” elements to raise awareness and to encourage TCs to systematically address environmental issues, see slide 26 of the presentation and clause 2.3 of the “<a href="#">CEN environmental approach</a>”.</p> <p>It is quite often the case standards do not cover the full life cycle of a product and, consequently, TCs can usually only address parts of the life cycle by specifying requirements in the standard. TCs should, however, nevertheless take into account the full product life cycle as e.g. requirements for the production or use phase can have a significant impact on e.g. the end-of-life phase (e.g. affecting reuse or recyclability of the product).</p>
5	I'm CEN/TC secretary. Ideally I would like to periodically share with all convenors and members an overview of relevant up-to-date info on CEN environmental approach. I'm thinking about something like a 1-pager include links to: - summary of mandatory elements for TC (Business plan Focus to be really on the practical input. I could draft this myself, but I'd have to make some assumptions for prioritizing, and risk that I differ from choices of other TC secretaries. Would it be possible for CENCENELEC to provide such 1-pager?"	<p>I recommend you to share this page with the TC: <a href="https://boss.cen.eu/reference-material/guidancedoc/pages/environment/">https://boss.cen.eu/reference-material/guidancedoc/pages/environment/</a></p> <p>Also the website of the EHD, i.e. the environmental framework, provides several tools, guides and other guidance:</p> <p><a href="https://www.cen.eu/about/helpdesks/environmental/pages/default.aspx">https://www.cen.eu/about/helpdesks/environmental/pages/default.aspx</a></p> <p>The SABE newsletter (available at above website) also gives regular updates on the work of SABE and e.g. announces webinars related to environmental topics.</p>
6	In this context will be shortened the DOR, date of ratification, and DOP, date of publication, of these involved standards in the procedure of ratification?	The CEN environmental approach does not have any impact on the DOR or DOP. Addressing environmental issues is part of the usual standards drafting procedures and no additional steps are included.
7	What will be the main ways to raise awareness about the importance of environmental issues in developing	The CEN environmental approach introduced the “mandatory elements” to raise awareness and to encourage TCs to systematically address

	standards?	<p>environmental issues, see slide 26 of the presentation and clause 2.3 of the "<a href="#">CEN environmental approach</a>".</p> <p>Furthermore, the intention is to raise awareness, e.g. by regular communication such as webinars or by involving relevant TCs e.g. in SABE topic groups.</p> <p>Promoting environmental issues, however, also strongly relies on members of relevant TCs themselves (e.g. chair, secretary, WG convenor).</p>
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