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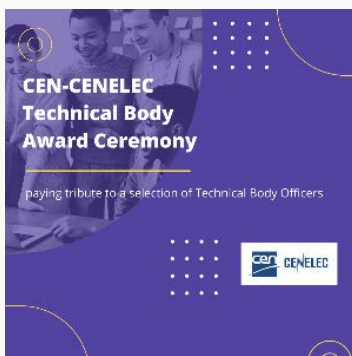
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Season's greetings from CEN and CENELEC!

CEN and CENELEC would like to thank all of you for your support and cooperation, and look forward to working together in the new year to continue building an efficient, resilient and sustainable European standardization system, to the benefit of all. We wish you a happy holiday time with your loved ones and a very good 2022!

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CEN and CENELEC'S Technical Body Awards recognised outstanding contributions to standardization

On 7 December, fourteen experts holding the Chair or Secretariat of a CEN and CENELEC Technical Body were celebrated at the CEN and CENELEC Technical Body Awards. The ceremony took place in a hybrid format from CEN and CENELEC's Brussels headquarters.

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CEN and CENELEC General Assemblies confirmed **BSI** Membership

On 25 November, the CEN and CENELEC General Assemblies overwhelmingly confirmed the British Standards Institution's (BSI) continued membership of the two associations from 1 January 2022. This decision follows careful consideration by the CEN and CENELEC members, taking into account the impact of the UK's exit from the EU and is consistent with the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) agreed between the UK and the EU.

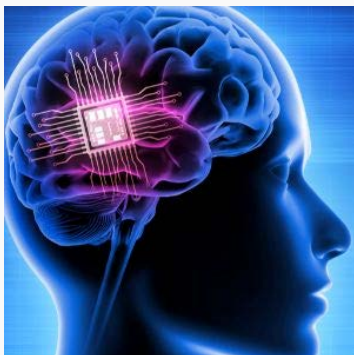
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European Year of Rail: discover the importance of CEN and CENELEC standards

CEN and CENELEC conclude the European Year of Rail with a new campaign on the importance of European standards in the daily life of trains and railways infrastructure. In each video, railways experts of CEN/TC 256 'Railways applications' and CLC/TC 9X 'Electrical and electronic applications for railways' present to the public a selection of European standard that directly contributes to a safe, efficient, and resilient railways network in Europe.

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CEN and CENELEC Organ-on-Chip Focus Group Creation

In April, the online workshop 'Organ on Chip: Towards Standardization' took place. In June, it was decided by CEN and CENELEC Technical Board that a CEN-CENELEC Focus Group on Organ on Chip (FG OoC) would be established, with the objective to ensure interaction between all relevant European stakeholders interested in potential standardization in the field of OoC.

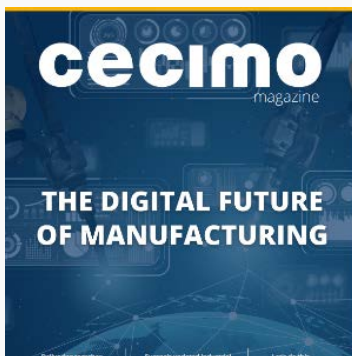
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Knut Blind has been reappointed as Chair of working group STAIR

Prof. Knut Blind has been reappointed as Chair of CEN-CENELEC Working Group STAIR (Standards, Innovation & Research) for three more years, until the end of 2024. STAIR is the focal point within CEN and CENELEC for any matter related to integrating standardization with innovation and research.

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European standards are key for the digital transition of the manufacturing industry

In an article published in the Fall 2021 edition of **CECIMO Magazine**, dedicated to "[The digital future of manufacturing](#)", Elena Santiago Cid - CEN and CENELEC's Director General - shows how standards provide the key tools to power the digital transition of the European industry and minimise risks. "The digital revolution is here to stay", she writes. "Together, we can make sure that Europe will be a protagonist in it for many years to come".

[Read the full article at page 30](#)



The brochure "Standards for the environment" now available in 7 languages

Are you interested to know how standards help public policies for the protection of the environment, and how they provide support to the public sector in European countries? Now, thanks to the collaboration across our community, you can read our dedicated brochure "Standards for the Environment" in a series of European languages: [English](#); [German](#); [French](#); [Italian](#); [Bulgarian](#); [Greek](#); [Latvian](#).

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A new policy paper highlights the contribution of standards to the fight against climate change

On the occasion of COP26, CEN and CENELEC released the new policy paper "[Uniting the world to tackle climate change: COP26 and the commitments of European Standards](#)". In the document, the two European Standardization Organisations reaffirm their commitment to contributing to the fight against climate change and raise awareness on the actions they are taking.

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EN in the spotlight // New EN 15942 helps harmonise environmental product declarations for construction products

Environmental Product Declarations (EPD) present quantified environmental information on the lifecycle of a product, thus enabling comparisons between products fulfilling the same function. The recently published standard **EN 15942:2021 'Sustainability of construction works - Environmental product declarations - Communication format business-to-business'** aims at harmonising the way in which EPD are communicated in Europe.

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CEN and CENELEC **Strategy 2030**: Join the conversation!

CEN and CENELEC's [Strategy 2030](#) is a collective exercise, aiming at ensuring that the European Standardization System is fit for the future. In order to showcase the value of the Strategy, a special communication campaign was launched in the past months: from September until the end of 2021, we published on Twitter quotes from a series of CEN and CENELEC stakeholders on why the Strategy is important for them. Join the conversation (also in 2022) through the hashtag [#Strategy2030!](#)

[Discover the campaign](#)



Save the date: CEN and CENELEC's upcoming events and webinars

- **21 January 2022:** [Online workshop 'Role of Standards & Policy in Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy Transition in India and the EU'](#)
- **26 January 2022:** [Webinar 'Piloting a Shared Digital Infrastructure for CEN and CENELEC'](#)
- **8 February 2022:** [Workshop 'Security in the cyber-physical space'](#)
- **28 February 2022:** [Workshop 'Standardisation synergies between civil security, defence and space industries'](#)

[👉 You can find the full list of events here](#)

TWEET OF THE MONTH

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Disruptive events such as floods, earthquakes, or cyberattacks on infrastructure can have significant impact on society.

To minimise this risk, a new CWA provides guidelines on how to assess the resilience of transport infrastructure cencenelec.eu/news-and-event...

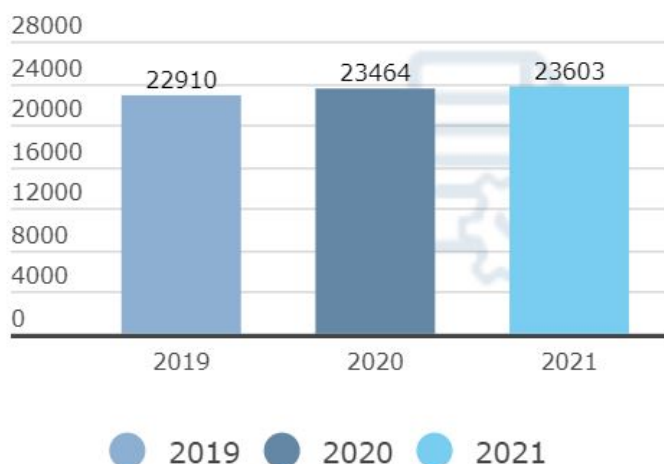
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FACTS & FIGURES

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Information about the standards that have been published or will be published, under enquiry, withdrawn, undergoing a formal vote, new projects or work items that have been adopted.

- [CEN Standards](#)
- [CENELEC Standards](#)

CEN and CENELEC in figures

[Read our latest facts and figures](#) presenting the quarterly reporting on the outcomes of CEN and CENELEC activities.

MEMBERS



PKN hosted a webinar on standardization in information security and business continuity

On 30 November 2021, **PKN**, the Polish Committee for Standardization, organised a webinar entitled "Standardization in information security and business continuity." Participants learned, among other things, about the support provided by standards in the field of information security and business continuity management in the context of standardization.

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Interview with Urs Fischer, CEO of the Swiss Association for Standardization (SNV)

As part of their December edition of SNV Stories, the Swiss Association for Standardization (**SNV**) interviewed its CEO Urs Fischer. During the conversation, Mr Fischer - who has been elected to CEN's Board for a mandate starting in 2022 - discusses the importance of standards, their present and future, and the role of members in determining them.

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Standards are a strategic tool for economic recovery, says UNE

Standardization will be a key factor in economic recovery, as well as a basis for the distribution of the "Next Generation EU" recovery package. This is one of the main conclusions of the "Standards for Economic Recovery" meeting, organised by CEOE and **UNE** at CEOE headquarters, with the aim of analysing the impact of standardization on the main areas dealt with in the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan.

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International Standards Summit for People, Planet and Prosperity: rewatch it

The International Summit "G20 Standardisation organisations contributing to sustainability goals" took place on 28 October 2021, in Milan. The event was organized by **UNI and CEI** with international Standards Bodies: IEC - International Electrotechnical Commission, ISO - International Organization for Standardisation and ITU - International Telecommunication Union. Now, all the video recordings are publically available.

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PARTNERS



Read ECOS' new briefing on sustainable and energy efficient data centres

Data centres are the factories of the digital world. As digital services move into the cloud, their energy consumption moves into data centres, and their environmental impact becomes invisible to users. However, the footprint is very significant. In their new briefing, ECOS and Coolproducts experts analyse the state of EU policies targeting the environmental footprint of data centres, a sector with a growing impact on our planet.

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ETUC's new study on the access conditions for trade unions to national standardization

While at the European level significant efforts have been deployed to facilitate the direct access of societal stakeholders to standardization, trade unions still face many challenges when trying to participate at the national level. **The ETUC** therefore commissioned a study which aims at looking in more detail at the barriers trade unions face when trying to engage in national standardisation activities.

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