

The CEN and CENELEC Cyprus Commitment

Proposal of shared commitments to be endorsed at the CEN and CENELEC General Assembly in Cyprus, June 2026

This document is inspired by, and should be read in connection to, the proposed narrative 'A Shared Vision for the Future of European Standardization'.

European standardization is at a moment of genuine evolution. The Long-Term Vision, the European Standardization Hub, a renewed Value Proposition and a transition of our Business Model describe how our system is preparing to remain effective under new conditions: closer to the needs of our European stakeholders, faster, more digital, augmenting regulation and its implementation. This evolution will not happen on its own, and it will not happen if we treat it as the responsibility of others. It will happen because we, together with our international partners, decide to make it happen.

In that spirit, we the 43 Members of CEN and CENELEC gathered in Cyprus for the General Assemblies of June 2026, commit to the following:

To stand behind a shared direction.

We endorse the Long-Term Vision as the strategic horizon for European standardization, comprising the Standardization Hub, the renewed Value Proposition and the Business Model Transition as the mechanisms that translate it into reality. We will represent this direction coherently at the European level and in our national contexts - to our Boards and our stakeholders - so that the Membership speaks with one voice on where European standardization is heading.

To make European standardization effective under new conditions.

We commit to a system in which standards are living, machine-usable infrastructure: structured knowledge that connects directly to, industry workflows, digital products, the daily work of users, and regulation. We will support the move from documents to services, from PDFs to structured content, from one-way publication to two-way use while preserving IPR. The goal is a European Standardization System whose value is felt where decisions are made.

To preserve the foundations that make our standards trusted.

Consensus, coherence, national delegation, inclusiveness, technical authority and transparency are, and will remain, our key values and the source of the trust on which everything else rests. We commit to a transformation that protects and renews these foundations: one in which Technical Committees remain the place where European technical authority is exercised, where the voice of every Member counts, where inclusiveness and involvement of all stakeholders - from SMEs and industry to societal stakeholders - reflect our core values, and where shared tools and infrastructure are built on neutrality and Member governance.

To walk this path together, on a journey that includes every Member.

We commit to a journey that is phased, inclusive and supported. Capacity, coordination, shared learning and predictable steps are part of the design, not optional extras. Financial sustainability will be developed with proportional contributions and returns, recognising different starting points and market realities. The aim is not that all Members move at the same speed, but that every Member finds their place in the

future value creation of the European standardization system, using a shared digital infrastructure developed for their common use

To drive European interests at international level.

We commit to shaping standards in line with European priorities and translating them effectively into European value, reinforcing the international-first principle and maximising our unique agreements with ISO and IEC. We will engage with the European Commission and with industry, societal stakeholders, users and regulators across our member countries as active contributors to Europe's regulatory and industrial ambitions. **To lead this transformation ourselves.**

This is not a transformation that will be imposed on us or delivered. It is a transformation that we, the Members of CEN and CENELEC, are leading, with the CEN-CENELEC Management Centre as our connective tissue. This transformation will also require sustained efforts, top-down commitment and investment at national level, because while much of the momentum will come from the international and European levels, national Members have a critical responsibility in making this transformation real. We commit to bringing our energy, our priorities, our concerns and our capacities to the work ahead, and to using the General Assemblies, the Boards, the Committees and our day-to-day collaboration as the places where European standardization is shaped.