



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **CEN and CENELEC welcome the Institute for Standardization of Moldova (ISM) as a new Member**

CEN and CENELEC welcome the Institute for Standardization of Moldova (ISM) as the newest Member of the two European Standardization Organizations.

The approval of ISM's membership marks an important step in the continued evolution of the European Standardization System and reflects the Republic of Moldova's continued commitment to closer alignment with the European framework for standardization. It also highlights the growing reach, openness, and strategic relevance of CEN and CENELEC in supporting Europe's economic integration and competitiveness.

As a Member, ISM joins the network of national standardization bodies working together within CEN and CENELEC to develop voluntary European Standards that support innovation, safety, sustainability, and the competitiveness of the European economy.

ISM's accession further reinforces cooperation within the European Standardization System and will enable Moldovan experts to participate fully in the technical and governance activities of CEN and CENELEC, including with voting rights, thereby contributing directly to the development of European Standards.

ISM has engaged with the European standardization community for many years, first as a Companion Standardization Body and subsequently as an Affiliate. Over time, it has demonstrated a strong commitment to the adoption of European Standards and to the alignment of its national standardization framework with European principles and practices.

*"We welcome ISM as a Member of CEN and CENELEC. This membership reflects Moldova's sustained commitment to European standardization and will further strengthen cooperation within the European Standardization System,"* said Ms Ulrika Francke, CEN President.

*"ISM's membership is an important development for the European electrotechnical standardization community. We look forward to the contribution of Moldovan experts to the development of standards that support innovation,*

*safety, and the green and digital transitions,” commented Riccardo Lama, CENELEC President.*

*“The accession of ISM highlights the continued evolution of the European Standardization System and the openness and inclusiveness that underpin it. It also confirms the growing importance of standards as a tool for alignment, cooperation, and shared progress across Europe,”* said Cinzia Missiroli, CEN and CENELEC Acting Director General.

*“For the Institute for Standardization of Moldova, becoming a Member of CEN and CENELEC is more than an institutional achievement. It represents another important step in our country’s integration into the European economic and regulatory space and confirms our commitment to the principles and values that underpin the European Standardization System.*

*This achievement would not have been possible without the openness, cooperation and guidance provided by many colleagues across the European standardization community. I would also like to acknowledge the dedication and professionalism of the ISM team, whose hard work and commitment made this achievement possible,”* reflected Ana Ghețivu, ISM’s Director.

The membership of ISM further broadens the reach and inclusiveness of the European Standardization System at a time when CEN and CENELEC continue to evolve in response to Europe’s changing economic, industrial, and policy landscape. It supports greater convergence across Europe and reinforces the role of standards in delivering a stronger, more competitive, and more innovative Single Market.

## **About CEN and CENELEC**

CEN and CENELEC are officially recognized by the European Union and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) as European Standardization Organizations. Together, they develop voluntary European standards that support European legislation, enhance interoperability, and strengthen the European Single Market.

## **About ISM**

The Institute for Standardization of Moldova (ISM) is the National Standardization Body of the Republic of Moldova. ISM is responsible for the development and adoption of standards at the national level and represents Moldova in international and European standardization activities.

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