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Standards are crucial for the European climate adaptation policy

The European Commission recently adopted the new <u>EU Strategy</u> on <u>Adaptation to Climate Change</u>, which sets the pathway to prepare for the unavoidable impacts of climate change in Europe. The strategy states that the Commission intends to "increase cooperation with standardization organisations to climate-proof existing standards and develop new ones".

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CEN and CENELEC hosted a successful webinar on BIM for the digitalisation of standards for the Construction sector

On 15 February, CEN/TC 442 and CEN and CENELEC hosted a successful webinar on how BIM (Building Information Modelling) can be an enabler for the digitalisation of standards in the construction sector, which saw the participation of more than 500 people. The recording of the event is now available!

Watch the full recording



Standards, lifting the Single Market up!

The new versions of two of the most important European standards for lifts (EN 81-20:2020 and EN 81-50:2020) have just been published in the Official Journal of the EU, ensuring their harmonisation under the Lifts Directive. This can be the opportunity to explore more in detail the surprising and very important role of standards for lifts and elevators in the EU and on the global market.

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The EU Product Safety Award recognises product safety innovation

CEN and CENELEC are happy to support the **EU Product Safety Award**, organised by the European Commission, which celebrates businesses – large and small – that are going the extra mile to protect their customers and uphold the highest standards. The Award was launched in 2019 and aims to raise consumer awareness around product safety and encourage more informed purchasing choices.

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CEN and CENELEC launched a new Joint TC on Artificial Intelligence

To ensure the development of trustworthy AI systems, standardization is needed. For this reason, CEN and CENELEC have established the new CEN-CENELEC Joint Technical Committee 21 'Artificial Intelligence', which will be responsible for the development and adoption of standards for AI and related data.

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New brochure: European Standardization in support of Electronic Fee Collection

Electronic fee collection (EFC) is an overall notion used to designate solutions that automatically collect road user charges. EFC systems allow effective charging of road vehicles and support a broad variety of pricing policies. A new brochure published by CEN provides an overview on how standards contribute to the deployment of this technology in Europe.

Read the full brochure



Two new European standards establish an International Patient Summary

Two new standards establishing an International Patient Summary, **EN 17269:2019** and **CEN/TS 17288:2020**, were recently developed by CEN/TC 251 'Health informatics'. These standards cover the requirements for exchanging a core, essential dataset of healthcare data to support the continuity of care for a patient, whenever and wherever it is needed.

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EN in the spotlight // EN 17444: the first European standard on doping prevention

CEN is proud to announce the publication of **EN 17444** "Doping prevention in sport", the first European standard in the field. The new standard establishes best practices for the good development and manufacturing aimed at preventing the presence of prohibited substances in food intended for sportspeople and food supplements.

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PSIS 2021 Workshop 'Organ on Chip: Towards Standardization'

Since 2013, the JRC of the European Commission and CEN and CENELEC have carried out an annual joint 'foresight on standardization' action under the Putting Science into Standards (PSIS) initiative. The 2021 PSIS edition will be focusing on Organon-Chip (OoC) or Micro Physiological Systems (MPS), innovative

devices that emulate human/animal biology and can reproduce one or more aspects of an organ's functionality.

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

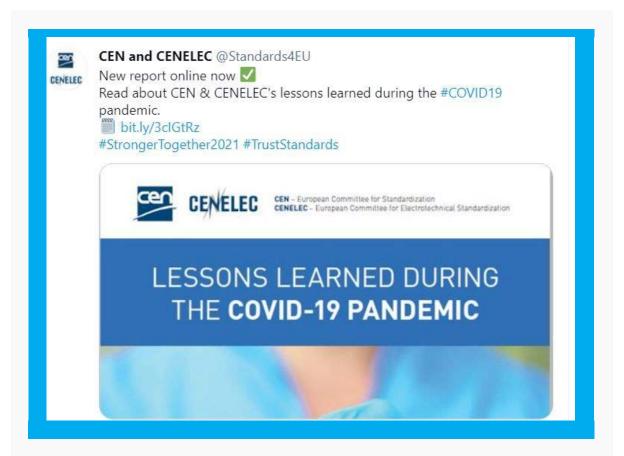
- 18 March 2021: <u>Sustainability in PPE: addressing the challenge through standardization</u>
- 28-29 April 2021: Putting Science into Standards (PSIS)
 2021 Workshop 'Organ on Chip: Towards
 Standardization'

You can find the full list of events here

10-10 webinars

- 10 March 2021: <u>Inclusive European Standardization: the case of Gender</u>
- 9 April 2021: Standardization in Horizon Europe
- The full agenda of 10-10 webinars is available here

TWEET OF THE MONTH



FACTS & FIGURES



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

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DKE's position paper on the EU Regulation proposal on batteries and waste batteries

In its new position paper, **DKE** takes a stance on the new EU regulation on batteries and waste batteries proposed by the European Commission. DKE recommends further revisions of the Regulation to the European Commission and DKE calls for new standardization areas in the frame of labelling, the "battery passport", recycling and reuse.

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New study on the impact of standards on the Belgian economy

The Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) carried out a study at the request of **NBN** on the added value of standards for the Belgian economy. The main questions were: "What is the impact of standards on the Belgian economy? "and "What are the benefits of standards for companies and other organizations?". The results of the study provide a good overview of the positive impact of standards on the economy.

Read the full study (in French)



NEN has a new corporate identity

As of 1 March, **NEN**, the Dutch National Standardization Body, has a refreshed corporate identity that shows what NEN stands for and is going towards. In the new brand style, NEN's core business and its vision for the future are fully expressed. The color red underlines NEN's vision and the values 'discovering, driven and involved'.

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SII developed a video on how to correctly use face masks

The **Standards Institution of Israel (SII)** recently released a cartoon video to explain citizens on how to use face masks, based on CEN's Workshop Agreement on the same topic, CWA 17553 Community face coverings. The video is in Hebrew and can be watched on SII's Youtube channel.

Watch the full video



SNV published a new Swiss rule on community masks

The **Swiss Association for Standardization (SNV)** has been developing a Swiss rule on community masks (SNR 30000). This document, which defines basic requirements for community masks, was published on 29 January 2021. It was written in feminine form, in the framework of UNECE's "Gender Responsive Standards Initiative", signed by SNV one and a half years ago.

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Next Generation EU: an opportunity for new standardization in Spain

Innovative activities related to the European Recovery Plan can seed new standardization topics. In Spain, strong focus is set on the modernization of industry, especially regarding green and digital aspects. **UNE** is raising the awareness of authorities and stakeholders on the benefits of standardization as a vector for the dissemination of new solutions.

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UNI published a brochure on lessons learned from the Covid-19 pandemic

UNI, Italy's national standardization committee, published in Italian a brochure on the four main lessons learnt by standardization from the Covid-19. The document is based on the <u>report</u> developed by the CEN-CENELEC Covid-19 Crisis Management Network, integrated with the Italian national experience.

Read more (in Italian)

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ANEC, CEN and CENELEC to celebrate World Consumer Rights Day 2021

World Consumer Rights Day is just around the corner (15 March) and this year's theme is "Tackling Plastic Pollution". CEN/CENELEC and ANEC would like the conversation on European standards to focus on helping achieve the EU's goal of reducing waste, through supporting detailed legal requirements on packaging waste prevention and packaging reuse.

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ECOS published its Annual Work Programme 2021

ECOS published its new Work Programme for 2021 - an important year for the organization, as it will celebrate its 20th Anniversary. In 2021, ECOS will focus their efforts on calling for the sustainability and circularity of all products, reliable green claims for consumers, a phase-out of fossil fuels in heating and a boost to the uptake of natural refrigerants.

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ETUC is working on standards for ladders

CEN/TC 93 'Ladders' is currently developing two standards to support the implementation of the GPSD and will specify the requirements of the platform's width. The ETUC will engage in this work and calls for the future standards to ensure ladders are safe to use by all workers in Europe and contribute to decrease the number of occupational accidents.

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