

On the Spot

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Letter to Ursula von der Leyen, President-Elect of the European Commission

On Wednesday 17 July, the European Parliament officially elected Ursula von der Leyen as the new President of the European Commission. CEN and CENELEC sent Ms von der Leyen an official letter to congratulate her on this important appointment. In the letter, the two Standardization Organizations affirm the role of European standardization in contributing to the EU's policy agenda and offer to collaborate fruitfully with the new Commission.

[Read the full letter of congratulations](#)

European standardization supports the Finnish presidency of the Council of the EU

On the 1st of July 2019 Finland took over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the next six months under the official claim "Sustainable Europe, sustainable future". CEN, CENELEC and their Finnish national members SFS and SESKO congratulate Finland for this historic opportunity and are duly committed to contributing to the Presidency's priorities by developing standards promoting research, development and innovation while reaping the benefits of digitalisation.

[Read the official joint press release](#)

CEN and CENELEC's Annual Reports 2018 are out!

The Annual Reports present the main achievements accomplished in 2018 in standardization, testifying to CEN and CENELEC's extensive effort to make the European Standardization System fit to the evolving needs of the market, the industry and society at large. In 2018, European Standardization continued to prove its value for Europe's economic and societal growth, bolstering Europe's ability to navigate the 4th Industrial Revolution as a leader in a particularly challenging global ecosystem.

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CEN and CENELEC's Annual Meeting: the way forward for European standardization

On the 5 and 6 June, CEN and CENELEC had their 15th Annual Meeting in Bucharest, Romania. As part of the Annual Meeting, CEN and CENELEC held their General Assemblies, where they were able to evaluate their achievements so far and set the priorities for the future development of the European Standardization System.

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Stakeholder workshop on standards for space applications

On Monday 24 June, CEN and CENELEC held a workshop dedicated to exploring how standardization can support the European space industry and reinforce Europe's autonomous access to space. The event put together a variety of stakeholders coming from the space industry, technology providers, policy makers, civil society and the standardization community to identify the main challenges in the space sector and how standardization can help overcome them.

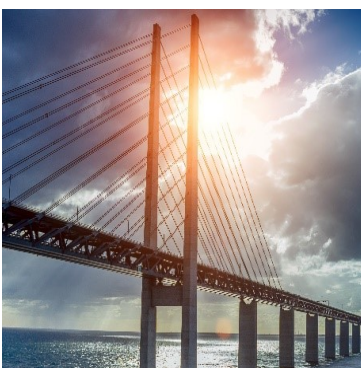
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Conference on Ecodesign and Energy Labels, EUSEW 2019

On 20 June, as part of the European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW), CEN and CENELEC, together with Coolproducts, organised "Ecodesign and Energy Labels: setting standards for consumers", an event dedicated to the role of European Standardization in supporting Ecodesign and Energy Labelling policies.

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Building Bridges: 16th PR Roundtable in Stockholm, Sweden, 12-13 September

The 2019 edition of the PR Roundtable will take place in Stockholm, Sweden, where it will be hosted by SEK, the Swedish Electrotechnical Standardization body. The topic of the 2019 PR Roundtable is 'BUILDING BRIDGES': the objective of the meeting is to contribute to a wider and deeper collaboration between the PR and Communication Directors and Managers of the CEN and CENELEC Members.

[More information on the PR Roundtable](#)



Cooperation with Japan

CEN and CENELEC participated to a series of meetings on the regulatory cooperation with Japan organised by the EU Commission. In particular, in the context of the High-level Policy Dialogue between the EU and Japan, CEN and CENELEC participated in two of the working Groups, namely the EU-Japan Regulatory Dialogue and the EU-Japan Working Group on Robotics organized between DG GROW and METI, Japan's Ministry of Economics, Trade and Industry.

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SESEI IV approved

At their Annual Meeting of 5-6 June, the Boards of CEN and CENELEC officially approved to take part in the next phase of the project SESEI (the Seconded European Standardization Expert in India), SESEI IV. Beginning officially in Autumn 2019, the fourth phase of the project SESEI will last for a period of three years.

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SESEC IV: fostering relationship between the EU and China on standardization

The Seconded European Standardization Expert in China (SESEC IV) has completed the mappings of the Chinese standardization system in sectors as diverse as cyber security, energy efficiency, medical devices and artificial intelligence.

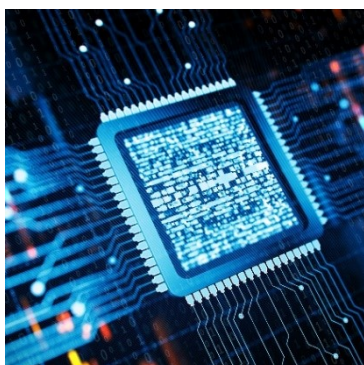
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A Chinese delegation visited CEN on lift safety

A Chinese delegation composed of representatives from regulatory bodies, standardization organizations and industry with a specific interest on lift and escalator safety visited CEN's offices in Brussels on 10 July and had fruitful exchanges with the CEN team.

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DITSAG, the new strategic advisory group on digital and IT

During CEN and CENELEC Annual Meeting in Bucharest, on 5-6 June 2019, the Boards of CEN and CENELEC agreed to establish the Strategic Advisory Group on Digital and Information Technology (DITSAG). The new body has the aim to ensure a comprehensive and efficient management of IT projects and pilot part of CEN and CENELEC's Digital Transformation Strategy.

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Bilateral meetings during ISO GA and IEC GM

CEN and CENELEC are coordinating with their international cooperation partners to organise bilateral meetings in the context of ISO's General Assembly, which will take place in Cape Town, South Africa, on 19-20 September, and IEC's General Meeting, which will be in Shanghai, China, from 21 to 25 October.

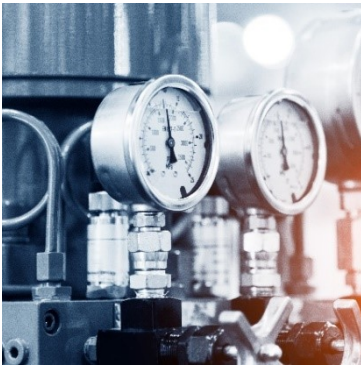
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CEN and CENELEC at ARSO's General Assembly

Mr Thomas Idermark, CEN's Vice-President Finance, participated to the 25th General Assembly of ARSO, the African Organisation for Standardization, that took place on the 19 and 20 June in Nairobi, Kenya. The event was composed of two parts. The first day celebrated the "African Day of Standardization", while the second day was dedicated to the General Assembly itself.

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Discover newly released GUIDE 17 on the safety of pressure equipment

Newly published CEN Guide 17 'Safety of pressure equipment - Rules and recommendations for the drafting and presentation of safety standards' provides guidelines on how to develop safety standards for pressure equipment. In particular, it provides clear recommendations on the criteria for the selection of new work items and for procedures to prepare, produce or revise standards in an efficient and effective way, focussing on safety aspects of pressure equipment.

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News from our partners



ANEC has a new President

The 30th ANEC General Assembly meeting, which took place on 13 and 14 June in Brussels, elected Dermott Jewell (Ireland) as ANEC President for the term 2019 to 2021 by acclamation. He succeeds Arnold Pindar (UK) who had been President for four terms since 2011.

[Read the interview with Dermott Jewell](#)



ECOS' report on plastic in the circular economy

On 13 June, ECOS hosted the Conference "Plastic in a Circular Economy: Rethink, Reduce, Redesign!", gathering over 100 participants. As part of the conference, ECOS presented its new report on "Applying Ecodesign Principles to Plastics in the Circular Economy", with a keynote speech from Kestutis Sadauskas, Director for the Green Economy at DG Environment.

[Read the full report](#)

New Liaison Organisations

List of new liaison organisations

Since January 2019, CEN and CENELEC have signed liaison agreements with a series of organisations representing their respective CEN-CENELEC industries at European level, or international organisations with recognised expertise that is valuable to European standardization. Liaison organisations are committed to provide input to the technical work of one or more CEN and/or CENELEC Technical bodies, alongside with other stakeholders' representatives from European policy making and from the consumers' world.

[Read the full list of liaison agreements signed since January 2019](#)



Standards Facts and Figures

Standards Evolution and Forecast

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 [Access the list](#)

CENELEC Standards [Access the list](#)

CEN and CENELEC in figures

Statistical pack presenting the quarterly reporting on the outcomes of CEN and CENELEC activities.



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Mark the date

2019-09-19/20: ISO's General Assembly in Cape Town, South Africa

2019-09-26: [Webinar for Standard Drafters: "Internal Regulations Part 3 – Updates to the latest edition"](#)

2019-10-21/25: IEC's General Meeting in Shanghai, China

2019-10-29: [Stakeholder workshop: Materials – Value chains for circular economy: metal, wood, plastic and concrete](#)

2019-11-13: [Boosting Innovation through Standards - Your gateway to market](#)

2019-12-12: [Annual training session for newly appointed CEN & CENELEC TB Officers](#)

2019-12-12: [Technical Body Awards ceremony](#)

2019-12-13: [CEN-CENELEC Technical Body Officers Seminar](#)

[You can find a list of other events foreseen for 2019 here](#)

10-10 Webinars:

2019-09-10: [Frankfurt Agreement \(FA\) - Principles and day-to-day management](#)

2019-10-10: [Vienna Agreement \(VA\) day-to-day management](#)

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