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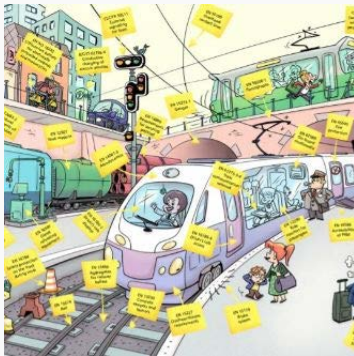


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Standards@Rail: CEN and CENELEC celebrate the European Year of Rail

2021 is the European Year of Rail. On this occasion, CEN and CENELEC are proud to highlight the important role European standards play to ensure the well-functioning of a key sector for the future of Europe. The many (and surprising ways) in which European standards support rail transport are showcased in the new cartoon [“Standards@Rail”](#), developed by CEN and CENELEC.

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The new EU Energy Label: the role of standards

The new EU Energy Label entered into force on 1 March 2021. The new rules bring back the A to G scale for a first series of products: [dishwashers](#), [washing machines](#), [washer dryers](#), [refrigerators](#), [freezers](#) and [wine storage appliances](#). In preparation for this moment, in 2020 CLC/TC 59 X developed a series of standards setting the new rules, thus contributing to achieving energy efficiency.

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A new standard contributes to climate change adaptation

A recently published standard, **EN ISO 14091:2021** 'Adaptation to climate change - Guidelines on vulnerability, impacts and risk assessment (ISO 14091:2021)' offers organisations a consistent, structured and pragmatic approach to understanding their vulnerabilities and to preventing or mitigating negative consequences caused by climate change.

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CEN and CENELEC support Africa's integration

The start of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) on 1 January 2021 marked the opportunity to realise the vision of African standards. CEN and CENELEC's Task Force Africa is drafting a strategic concept Quality Infrastructure (QI) Roadmap, with the objective to enable Africa to be safe, sustainable, fair and prosper. On 13 April, TF Africa held an exchange of views with relevant partners and the European Commission's DG INTPA.

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Discover how standards can foster innovation

CEN and CENELEC and their national members have developed a series of tools to help innovators and research institutions understand how standardization helps bring solutions to the market and serves as a catalyst for further innovation:

- [Learn more through CEN and CENELEC's eLearning tool](#)
- [Discover NENnovation funnel](#)



CEN and CENELEC **Strategy 2030**: what's new?

Since its announcement in February, CEN, CENELEC and their 44 members have promoted their new Strategy 2030, and are now working on its implementation plan for 2022. This high-level, forward-looking document will help guide and shape the European Standardization System for the decade to come.

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EN in the spotlight // EN 17210:2021 contributes to an accessible and usable built environment

CEN-CLC/JTC 11 recently published EN 17210:2021 'Accessibility and usability of the built environment - Functional requirements'. The standard is intended to describe basic, common minimum functional requirements and recommendations for an accessible and usable built environment, following the Design for All/Universal Design principles.

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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, which will take place on 28 and 29 April, will be focusing on Organ-on-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

- **20 April 2021:** [Webinar: Connecting European Sustainable Finance to standardization](#)
- **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 May 2021:** [Lessons learned for CEN and CENELEC from the COVID-19 crisis](#)
- **10 June 2021:** [CEN approach on addressing](#)

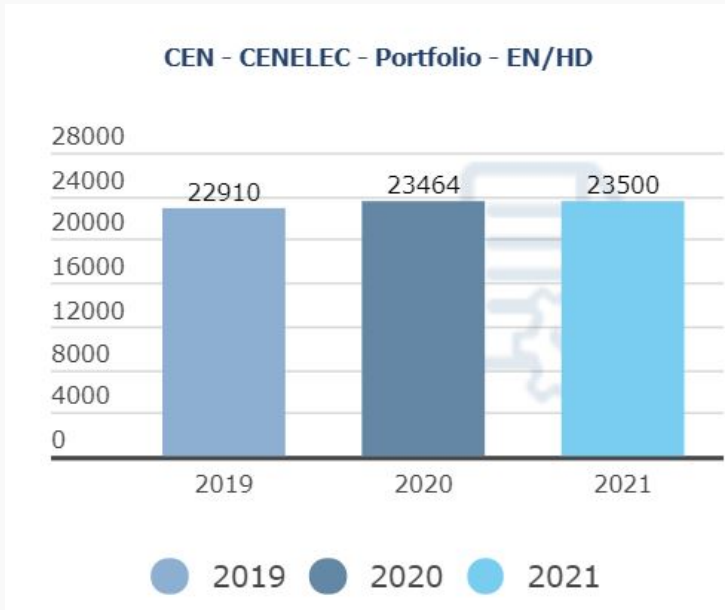
[environmental issues in standardization](#)

31 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 CENELEC activities.

MEMBERS



The first edition of MTECH at the University of Luxembourg started

The new Master in Technopreneurship: “Mastering smart ICT, standardisation and digital trust for enabling next generation of ICT solutions” officially started in February 2021 with 12 students. This two-year programme, developed by the University of Luxembourg in partnership with **ILNAS** and the Luxembourg Lifelong Learning Center (LLLC) of CSL, will train future leaders in the field of smart ICT.

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UNE's successful workshop on the key role of standards in public policies on accessibility

ONCE Foundation and the Spanish Association for Standardization-UNE held on 22 March the virtual workshop 'Common accessibility criteria for the built environment: Outcomes of Mandate M/420'. During the event, leading European accessibility experts underlined the decisive role of technical standards in promoting accessibility policies in Europe. The meeting brought together almost 300 experts from all over Europe.

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PARTNERS



ANEC calls for a volunteer expert on postal services

ANEC is looking for an expert to provide them with technical expertise and to represent the organisation and defend the consumer interests in postal services, such as in the CEN TC 331 'Postal services' and WG 1 'Quality of postal services', as of May 2021.

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Discover ECOS' rebranding

ECOS is turning twenty! Since their founding in 2001, they have experienced significant growth, becoming a well-respected international environmental NGO. To celebrate their anniversary, they have unveiled a new, modern brand identity. ECOS is becoming Environmental Coalition on Standards, with a new logo and new vision and mission statements.

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The ETUC is ready to work on climate change

CEN/TC 467 'Climate Change' was recently set up with the aim to develop guidance to support the EU policies on climate change, in the perspective of a full implementation of the EU Green Deal. The **ETUC** underlines the importance for trade unions to participate in this standardization work as climate change will profoundly impact the world of work, starting with potentially detrimental impacts over human-health and working conditions.

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SBS' Annual Conference on SMEs as drivers of green growth

On 26 May, **Small Business Standards (SBS)** will organise the seventh edition of its flagship event gathering the SBS network and participants from all horizons, including policy-makers, entrepreneurs and key stakeholders. This year's conference will focus on the opportunities and challenges of the circular economy for SMEs and how standards support the green transition.

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