

# Policy on participation in Research Project Consortia

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The following points constitute the main elements of the policy:

- CEN and CENELEC as organizations will not join a research project as a partner. A CEN or CENELEC national member, representing CEN or CENELEC, can join a research project as defined by the Integrated Approach by becoming a project partner and consequently be financed by the project.
- CEN and CENELEC national members can identify relevant research calls and project proposals and decide whether or not to join the project as a partner.
- Project proposer may contact national members directly which may result in the member joining the project as a partner.
- Project proposers may contact CCMC directly to include an activity addressing standardization in its proposal. CCMC will then contact the relevant CEN or CENELEC member according to:
  - if the proposal clearly falls within the scope of a CEN or CENELEC TC or Workshop, the Secretariat of which is held by that member.
  - if the project proposal clearly emanates from that member's country (e.g. the coordinator or some major partners are from that member's country);
- Where it is not possible to identify a CEN or CENELEC member through the above methodology, CCMC will strive to match the project proposal with the most relevant national member(s) in consultation with BT/WG STAIR and RDI-COR.
- For cases where project proposers wish to establish a link with CEN and/or CENELEC (possibly in addition to the participation of a national member as a project partner) CCMC may provide the research project proposer with a 'letter of intent' which confirms CEN's and/or CENELEC's interest in the relevant standardization project outcomes and which explains the standardization potential. CCMC will inform BT/WG STAIR of all 'letters of intent' issued.
- CEN and CENELEC member contribution to research projects should follow a common best practice approach, ensuring a consistent offer to research projects throughout Europe. The best practice approach will be promoted to the members through BT/WG STAIR and RDI-COR.
- CEN and CENELEC members have an obligation to keep CCMC and BT/WG STAIR informed of projects in which they are partners. This information will help demonstrate the successful implementation of the Integrated Approach.