



Technical Boards Newsletter

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Decisions from 98th CEN/BT – 174th CLC/BT

Since the last issue of the BT Newsletter in March 2023, the 98th CEN/BT meeting took place on 23 May 2023 while the CENELEC/BT met on 25 May 2023, with a common session of the BTs on 24 May.

We are pleased to report here on the main outcomes of crosscutting nature discussions resulting from those meetings, as well as on the latest decisions of transversal nature taken by correspondence (**until 1 June 2023**). For sectoral/Technical Committee specific matters please refer to your sectoral Project Manager.

Best regards

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Director Standardization – Secretary of the Technical Boards

Processes and operational matters

Development timeframe for Technical Specifications and Technical Reports

To give more flexibility to Technical Bodies for the **development** of Technical Specifications (TS) and Technical Reports (TR), the BTs have agreed that:

- CEN and/or CENELEC (joint) TBs decide on the development time for each TS or TR NWI and indicate the planned dates in the NWIP
- If no dates are filled in, the default date for 30.99 will be set to 52 weeks from stage 10.99 (i.e. recommended timeframe)
- The initially planned timeframe (stages 10.99-30.99) for TS and TR can be modified *once* with a simple agreement of the TB Officers, in coordination with the WG Convenor:
 - o In CEN, this change can be done via the 'one change option' in Projex Online Working Area
 - o In CENELEC, this change can be requested by email

The BTs confirmed that the current process for **tolerance** is applicable for TS and TR and that these can be requested by the TB Officers in agreement with the WG Convenor.

The BTs reminded the TBs to monitor the development of their WIs to ensure their delivery by the set deadline (stage 30.99) and to take measures in case of delay, in order to avoid the risk of the deletion of WIs in unjustified cases.

CMMC is adapting the related IT tools and will schedule a training once those are available, at the attention of the TB Officers. You will be kept posted.

Decision ref: **CEN/BT 014/2023 & CLC/BT D174/001, applicable for all new projects as of 2023-10-01, provided the availability of the IT tools**

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New CEN-CENELEC Internal Regulations Part 2 – Addressing Reg. (EU) 2480/2022

To comply with [Regulation \(EU\) 2480/2022](#), amending Regulation (EU) 1025/2012, which requires that decisions regarding standardization requests and related mandated work shall be taken exclusively by the NSBs/NCs of the EEA-only countries (i.e. CEN and CENELEC Blue-type Members), the BTs have agreed on a revised edition of the **Internal Regulations Part 2** while ensuring that all types of Members still retain the possibility to vote.

The new version of Internal Regulations Part 2 has been recently agreed by the General Assemblies of CEN and CENELEC and is available on the [CEN](#) and [CENELEC](#) BOSS, in time before the application of the new Regulation (9 July 2023).

Given the important changes introduced and their impact on the overall system, a **deep-dive webinar** has been scheduled in two sessions (same content), on 16 and 30 June (more info & registration on [here](#)). A recording will be made available short afterwards.

Additionally, to address the EC concern relating to mandated work under the Vienna and Frankfurt Agreements, the BTs have just taken a complementary decision that emphasizes their role as sole responsible for the timely development and delivery of harmonized Standards in answer to Standardization Requests: should no work be initiated at international level, CEN and CENELEC will need to take action and ensure the delivery of the requested standards.

Decision ref: *CEN/BT 009/2023 & CLC/BT D173/005, applicable from 2023-02-23, complemented by CEN/BT 017/2023 & CLC BT D174/004, applicable from 2023-05-24*
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Timeline for implementation of BT decisions impacting rules and processes

Considering the challenges for TB Officers and CCMC to adapt and implement frequent changes to the rules, taking notably into account their dependency on IT developments/adaptations impact and the need for organizing appropriate support and training to the standardization community, the BTs agreed to set fixed implementation dates for those BT decisions that trigger changes to rules and processes: in practice, the implementation of such decisions will be fixed on 1 February and 1 October, provided that the relevant IT tools are available.

It goes without saying that in duly justified cases (e.g. high strategic projects), the BTs might decide a different implementation date.

Decision ref: *CEN/BT 016/2023 & CLC/BT D174/003, applicable from 2023-05-24*
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Cooperation with EC/EFTA

Harmonized Standards & Standardization Requests – Use of NEW checklists

The ESOs-EC Task Force (TF) 'Timely EN for a Green and Digital, Single and Global Market' was set up in 2021 as a joint effort to find solutions to the many roadblocks impeding eventually the citation of European standards in the OJEU. The TF has been working to improve the way the ESOs and the Commission interact during the whole life cycle of harmonized Standards.

In this context, **two checklists** have been agreed within the TF and endorsed by the BTs:

1. Checklist to be used when developing candidate harmonized Standards:

A new checklist, *identical* for the ESOs (and their Technical Bodies), the HAS consultants and the EC, will be used to assess the compliance of candidate hENS, ensuring that the same criteria are applied by all parties.

The use of the new checklist is **recommended** as of **1 July 2023**, in replacement of the current one – becoming **mandatory** as of **1 October 2023**.

NOTE: This new common checklist might be complemented by supplementary sectoral checklists agreed by the EC and ESOs.

CCMC will update the CEN and CENELEC BOSS accordingly.

Furthermore, an online training dedicated to the TB Officers and Working Group Convenors is scheduled on 23 June 2023, with the view to present the new checklist and explain the main differences with the previous one – you can register through the following link:

https://cencenelec.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SIOg0txXR-KUfdNYaWkXMA

Decision ref: *CEN/BT 018/2023 & CLC BT D174/005, applicable by 2023-10-01 at the latest*
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2. Checklist to be used for assessing feasibility of future Standardization Requests:

This checklist will be used to assess the feasibility of all draft Standardization Requests that are under preparation and are shared by the Commission with CEN and/or CENELEC before the EC internal approval procedure.

In practice:

- Prior to its submission to the relevant EC officer, the checklist will be
 - o filled out by CCMC, based on SRAHG (Standardization Request Ad-Hoc Group) input,
 - o shared for comments with the SRAHG members, and
 - o eventually agreed with the SRAHG Convenor.
- The checklist, duly filled out by both CCMC (as above) *and* the EC officer, will be joined to the document circulated to BT for decision on the possible acceptance of the Standardization Request.

CCMC will update the CEN and CENELEC BOSS accordingly and organize an online training shortly.

Decision ref: *CEN/BT 019/2023 & CLC BT D174/006, applicable by 2023-05-24*

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CEN-specific BT decisions

TC proofing - Extension from 2 to 4 weeks (holiday period)

CEN/BT extended the TC proofing period of two additional weeks during the holiday period, i.e. proofing requests sent between 15 June & 15 August and between 1 & 31 December, as it is already the case in CENELEC.

CCMC was asked to implement this decision as from 2023-06-15.

Decision ref: *CEN/BT 012/2023, applicable from 2023-06-15*

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CENELEC-specific BT decisions

CLC/BTWG 128-3 'BT efficiency'

CLC/BT appointed Mr Miguel Angel Aranda Gomez (UNE) as new Convenor of CLC/BTWG 128-3 'BT Efficiency' Convenor, starting from 2024-01-01 for a period of 3 years, thanking Mr Thierry Laîné (AFNOR-CEF) for his valuable work during his convenorship.

Decision ref: *CLC/BT D174/013, applicable from 2024-01-01*

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Semiconductor Chips activities

In the frame of the [European Chips Act](#) a CENELEC Technical Committee i.e. CLC/TC 47X 'Semiconductor devices and trusted chips' has been set up (secretariat: AFNOR-CEF), with a view to monitor the activities of IEC/TC 47 'Semiconductor devices' (and its subcommittees), identify standardization gaps in this domain and develop European Standards in answer to the future Standardization Request.

Decision ref: *CLC/BT D174/016 & D174/017, applicable from 2023-05-25*

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Next CEN and CENELEC BT meetings

2023-07-11 – CEN/BT TCMG

2023-10-17 – 175th CLC/BT

2023-10-18 – Common session of the BTs

2023-10-19 – 98th CEN/BT

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