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Decisions from 70th CEN/BT TCMG - 97th CEN/BT - 173rd CLC/BT

Since the last issue of the BT Newsletter in November 2022, the 70th CEN/BT TCMG meeting took place on 22 February 2023 while the CENELEC/BT met on 23 February 2023, prior to a common session of the BTs on the same day.

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 March 2023**). For sectoral/Technical Committee specific matters please refer to your sectoral Project Manager.

Best regards

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Processes and operational matters

New CEN-CENELEC Internal Regulations Part 2

<u>Regulation (EU) 2480/2022</u>, amending Regulation (EU) 1025/2012, which will enter into force as of 9 July 2023, carries the obligation for CEN and CENELEC to comply with its provisions. Such provisions have a direct impact on our voting system, involving the need to adapt the Internal Regulations Part 2.

Indeed, as per the new Regulation, 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).

To address the above new requirement, CEN and CENELEC have reviewed their Internal Regulations Part 2 while ensuring that all types of Members still retain the possibility to vote.

The new version of the CEN-CENELEC Internal Regulations Part 2 has been agreed by the Technical Boards at their common session of February, and will be submitted to the CAs, for further final approval to the AGs. The new edition is expected to be published shortly after the AGs approval.

Furthermore, the IT tools will be updated and trainings on the new changes addressed to the TBs and experts will be provided in June 2023.

Decision ref: CEN/BT 009/2023 & CLC BT173/005, applicable from 2023-02-23 Contact person: Mr Alberto SIMEONI (asimeoni@cencenelec.eu)

Preparation and submission of files to CCMC

A new **guidance** page is available on the <u>CEN</u> and <u>CENELEC</u> BOSS to support standard drafters, presenting the key elements to be prepared and submitted to CCMC for all deliverables at the drafting stage (Enquiry and Formal Vote).

In this context, two **webinars** are scheduled on 2023-03-21, where CCMC will provide an overview of the newly updated BOSS pages: Register for the **CEN** webinar: <u>link</u> - Register for the **CENELEC** webinar: <u>link</u>

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Cooperation with EC/EFTA

Harmonized Standards - Assessment framework

To present the novelties of the HAS assessment system, recap the tasks and responsibilities of the HAS contractor and consultants, as well as present the existing processes and flows, a **webinar** was held on **5 December 2022**.

Should you have missed it, you can access the presentation and recording here.

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Harmonized Standards - Drafting

- Issues with normative references (e.g. undated, withdrawn) in harmonized Standards are a common reason leading to lack of compliance HAS assessment or rejection of standards for citation in the OJEU.

To address this issue, a dedicated **guidance document** 'Guidance on normative references in harmonized Standards' is available in the <u>CEN</u> and <u>CENELEC</u> BOSS.

- In the same spirit, a **webinar** on 'Drafting harmonized Standards - IR3 rules, requirements and normative references' was given on **22 November 2022**, focused on specific drafting issues that have shown to potentially lead to lack of compliance HAS assessments. The webinar was structured in 2 sessions, for the CEN and CENELEC experts respectively.

You can access the presentations and recordings on the Experts area of <u>CEN</u> and <u>CENELEC</u>.

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Standardization Requests

Since the issue of the last BT newsletter (November 2022) CEN and/or CENELEC have accepted final Standardization Requests on:

 Postal services (M/590) The work has been allocated to CEN/TC 331 'Postal services'.

Decision ref: CEN/BT C254/2022, applicable from 2023-01-17 Contact person: Ms Christina THORNGREEN (cthorngreen@cencenelec.eu)

 Rail interoperability (M/591) The work has been allocated to CEN/TC 256 'Railways applications' and CLC/TC 9X 'Electrical and electronic applications for railways'.

Decision ref: CEN/BT C006/2023 & CLC/BT D173/C098, applicable from 2023-02-08 Contact person: Mr Marc-Antoine CARREIRA DA CRUZ (macarreira@cencenelec.eu)

 Electronic displays – Energy labelling and ecodesign requirements (Publication expected) The work has been allocated to CLC/TC 100X 'Audio, video and multimedia systems and equipment and related sub-systems' and CLC/TC 59X 'Performance of household and similar electrical appliances.

Decision ref: CLC/BT D174/C023, applicable from 2023-03-01 Contact person: Ms Catherine VIGNERON (cvigneron@cencenelec.eu)

CEN-specific BT decisions

Skipping the Formal Vote of WIs under ISO lead

To streamline the development of Work Items under **ISO lead**, CEN/BT has decided **not** to require anymore a CEN/TC decision to skip the Formal Vote for:

- all WIs under ISO lead leading to the development of EN ISO standards (already published by ISO or developed in parallel), if the Enquiry results and -where applicable- HAS Consultant assessment are positive, and no technical changes are made before publication
- all WIs under ISO lead leading to the development of EN ISO standards in case ISO goes directly to FDIS (ISO adoption from other organization, minor revisions and in all other cases where ISO goes to FDIS and CEN goes to Enquiry), if the Enquiry results and -where applicable- HAS Consultant assessment are positive, and no technical changes are made before publication.

The relevant BOSS pages will be updated shortly.

Decision ref: CEN/BT 003/2023, applicable from 2023-02-22 Contact person: Ms Joanna Frankowska (jfrankowska@cencenelec.eu)

Revision of projects under Vienna Agreement – Target dates in the development

When ISO starts the revision of an ISO standard, the EN ISO project is automatically registered in CEN (i.e. without CIB on the NWI) and, in case of **CEN lead**, the CEN development process and time frames are applied. In practice, it means that target dates need to be defined in line with the flexible development process.

Therefore, in case CEN lead is assigned to such revision projects, the relevant CEN/TCs are kindly requested to take a decision on the proposed target dates and corresponding duration in weeks; this decision can be taken either by correspondence or at the TC meeting.

This item will be added to the CEN BOSS shortly, together with a formatted template for the CEN/TC decision on the proposed target dates.

Decision ref: CEN/BT 004/2023, applicable from 2023-02-22 Contact person: Ms Joanna Frankowska (jfrankowska@cencenelec.eu)

Simultaneous adoption of a main ISO standard and its amendment(s)

When CEN is about to adopt simultaneously an ISO standard and its amendment(s), CEN/BT has decided that there shall be as many WIs created as there are ISO documents ('1-1 approach').

Decision ref: CEN/BT 005/2023, applicable from <u>2023-07-01</u> Contact person: Ms Joanna Frankowska (jfrankowska@cencenelec.eu)

CENELEC-specific BT decisions

Withdrawn IEC not reflected in the CENELEC portfolio

In the frame of the Frankfurt Agreement day-to-day management, CCMC is in charge of identifying those IEC standards that had been endorsed identically at European level and withdrawn in the meantime (without being superseded by another standard).

In December 2022, since several European deliverables identical to IEC were still active in the CENELEC portfolio although the corresponding IEC publication had been withdrawn, a cleaning exercise was performed, and the TBs contacted in order to decide on the way forward for each of them (e.g. immediate withdrawal, revision as homegrown standard).

As a result of this exercise, CLC/BT was invited to confirm the withdrawal of 37 European deliverables. CCMC will inform the relevant TBs and update the database accordingly.

Decision ref: CLC/BT D173/003, applicable from 2023-02-23 Contact person: Ms Ingrid Soetaert (isoetaert@cencenelec.eu)

Semiconductor Chips activities

In the frame of the <u>European Chips Act</u> and in support of the <u>Annual Union Work Programme 2022</u>, CCMC hosted a hybrid Stakeholders workshop 'Trusted Chips' on 2 December 2022, gathering +100 participants, representing the European semiconductor and chips manufacturing industries and research hub, cyber security companies, the European SME digital alliance, the EC services and agencies, IEC, and ENISA.

The objective was to start the dialogue, identify European experts, create a network, and further identify needs/gaps for standardization.

The following topics were addressed: The European Semiconductor Strategy, Threats along the electronics value chain, Standardization and security certification for trusted chips, and The relation with the Cyber Resilience Act.

The outcome of the workshop is being used as a first baseline to further develop a European standardization roadmap.

To be best equipped to develop European Standards in response to the European semiconductor needs, the creation of a CENELEC TC i.e. CLC/TC 47X 'Semiconductor devices and trusted chips' to monitor the activities of IEC/TC 47 'Semiconductor devices' (and its subcommittees) is also in progress (CLC/BT consultation ongoing until 2023-05-09).

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Next CEN and CENELEC BT meetings

2023-05-23 - 97th CEN/BT 2023-05-24 - Common session of the BTs 2023-05-25 - 174th CLC/BT

2023-07-11 - CEN/BT TCMG

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