

## Decisions from 103<sup>rd</sup> CEN/BT & 179<sup>th</sup> CLC/BT

Since the last issue of the BT Newsletter in November 2024, CEN and CENELEC BTs have held back-to-back meetings from 11 to 13 March 2025.

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 31 March 2025**). For sectoral/Technical Committee specific matters please contact your sectoral Project Manager.

Best regards

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## Rules, Processes and Operational matters

### New edition of CEN-CENELEC Internal Regulations Part 2

The new edition of the CEN-CENELEC Internal Regulations Part 2 is available on the [CEN](#) and [CENELEC BOSS](#) platforms.

The revision includes clarifications and updates compared to the previous version, notably: clarifications on the 5-member rule for the establishment of a TC (3.2.1), the standstill principle (5) and the update/review of TSs (11.3.5) & TRs (11.4.5), as well as update of several annexes following the new edition of CEN-CENELEC Guide 29 (Annex A), Cooperation Agreement with ETSI (Annex C) and BT governance review (Annex G).

**Decision ref:** *CEN/BT C086/2024 & CLC/BT D178/C009, CEN/CA C124/2024 & CLC/CA 168/C60, and CEN/AG C25/2024 & CLC/AG 67/C01, applicable from 2024-12-13*

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### Reactivation of CEN-CENELEC-ETSI JWG 'Rules and Processes'

Following the issue of the new edition of the CEN-CENELEC-ETSI Basic Cooperation Agreement, and the anticipated need for further guidance on the ESOs' modes of cooperation, the BTs reactivated the CEN-CENELEC-ETSI JWG 'Rules and Processes' and allocated the secretariat to the ESOs on a rotation basis, starting with ETSI. The JWG has been tasked to develop guidance material on the ESOs' governing bodies (identifying differences and convergences), write a guidance document clarifying the different modes of cooperation, notably Mode 4, and consider devising a new mode of cooperation for addressing Standardization Requests.

**Decision ref:** *CEN/BT C233/2024 & CLC/BT D179/C054, applicable from 2025-01-23*

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### Creation of TG 'Review of deliverables, processes and procedures'

As an outcome of the holistic discussions on CEN and CENELEC positions and response to Standardization Requests, the BTs decided to set up a Task Group under CEN-CLC/TGG 1 'Operational excellence' with the assignment to review (and possibly update), from a global perspective, the range of deliverables, processes and procedures, to accommodate different stakeholders' needs and secure the relevance of the CEN and CENELEC, taking into account the cooperation with ISO and IEC.

**Decision ref:** CEN/BT 005/2025 & CLC/BT D179/005, applicable from 2025-03-11  
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### Delegation of BT decisions to (J)TCs

- In the frame of the technical governance review, the BTs agreed in October 2024 to delegate the approval of New Work Items (NWIs) to Joint Technical Committees (JTCs), hence no longer requiring the formal approval of the BT.

The details of the new process have been shared in a webinar, which recording is available on the experts areas of [CEN site](#) and [CENELEC site](#).

Since 2025-02-04, the relevant IT tools for the adoption of NWIs in JTCs have been adapted and made available, namely:

- Committee Internal Balloting and Projex-Online Working Area for CEN-lead JTCs
- TB Dashboard and eVoting for CENELEC-lead JTCs.

All those NWI consultations launched in the JTCs before 2025-02-04 follow the 'old' process i.e. require BT approval.

All those votes launched in the JTCs as of 2025-02-04 will not require BT approval.

**Decision ref:** CEN/BT 059/2024 & CLC/BT D178/033, applicable from 2025-02-04  
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- At their meeting in March 2025, the BTs delegated further responsibilities to the (Joint) Technical Committees, namely the decisions relating to:
  - withdrawal of deliverables
  - removal of links to legislation
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Formal Vote request

The implementation will follow a stepwise approach, namely:

- 1<sup>st</sup> step: no automation of the new delegated decisions:
  - \* in CEN, including JTCs with CEN lead, CIB is used to take the decisions
  - \* in CENELEC, including JTCs with CENELEC lead, decisions are taken through CIV
- 2<sup>nd</sup> step: full automation (IT developments) following re-assessment

The BTs will review this decision one year after the implementation of the 1<sup>st</sup> step, including an implementation plan for the 2<sup>nd</sup> step.

This decision will be applicable as from 2025-10-01, provided the availability of adapted IT tools. CCMC will make available the relevant formatted decisions, update BOSS, and provide training to TBOs.

**Decision ref:** CEN/BT 2025/C024 & CLC/BT D179/C070, applicable from 2025-10-01, provided the availability of adapted IT tools  
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### Change of approval criteria for three types of decision

Considering the overarching objective of ensuring coherence and alignment of rules and processes between CEN and CENELEC, whenever possible, and with a view to simplify the tasks of TB secretaries, particularly those of CEN-CENELEC JTCs, by ensuring that consistent criteria are applied to the same category of decisions for both CEN and CENELEC, the BTs have aligned the approval criteria for the following types of decisions:

In red, the criteria different from the previous ones			CEN	CENELEC	JTCs
Withdrawal of ENs & TSs	Mandated deliverable	Current criterion	Simple majority and no double counting	Simple majority and no double counting	Simple majority and no double counting
		New criterion	Weighted vote and double counting	Weighted vote and double counting	Weighted vote and double counting
	Non-mandated deliverable	Current criterion	Simple majority	Simple majority	Simple majority

In red, the criteria different from the previous ones			CEN	CENELEC	JTCs
		New criterion	Weighted vote	Weighted vote	Weighted vote
Removal of links to legislation	Current criterion		Weighted vote and double counting	Simple majority and no double counting	Simple majority and no double counting
	New criterion		Weighted vote and double counting	Weighted vote and double counting	Weighted vote and double counting
Activation of PWIs/ Approval of NWIs for: – Amendments to ENs or TSs not modifying the scope – Revisions to ENs or TSs not modifying the scope	Current criterion		Simple majority	Weighted vote	Weighted vote
	New criterion		Weighted vote	Weighted vote	Weighted vote

This decision will be applicable as from 2025-10-01, provided the availability of adapted IT tools. CCMC will update BOSS and provide training to TBOs.

**Decision ref:** *CEN/BT 2025/C023 & CLC/BT D179/C069, applicable from 2025-10-01, provided the availability of adapted IT tools*

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### Change and alignment of CIB duration

To ensure consistency of the CEN and CENELEC procedures, and considering that the calculation of all procedures has been done in weeks (instead of months) since the implementation of the flexible timeframe, CEN/BT decided to:

- change the ballot duration for the creation of CEN NWIs (including the activation of PWIs) from 2 months to 8 weeks
- change the default duration for all CIBs templates from 1 month to 4 weeks (unless specified otherwise by BT)
- that the decision to create PWIs can be taken during TC meetings, provided that the intention is announced on the draft agenda 2 months before the meeting, in line with IR2 Clause 12.4

CEN/BT also confirmed that, for 4-week CIBs, the TC (or SC) Secretary, in consultation with the TC (or SC) Chair/WG Convenor, may, with due justification:

- shorten it to a minimum of 2 weeks, provided that no objection is voiced by any NSB before the end of the CIB
- extend it, upon request from an NSB

This decision repeals decision CEN/BT 037/2020.

This decision will be applicable as from 2025-10-01, provided the availability of adapted IT tools. CCMC will update the BOSS platform accordingly.

**Decision ref:** *CEN/BT 020/2025, applicable from 2025-10-01, provided the availability of adapted IT tools*

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### Developing National Normative Annexes (NNAc) in Standards

As a principle, CEN/BT reminded that 'blanket decisions' on National Normative Annexes (NNAs) in Standards are not allowed, as stated in CEN/BT C106/2022, related to 'Additional national elements'.

**Decision ref:** *CEN/BT 023/2025 – standing BT decision*

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### Developing harmonized Standards in the Construction sector

To provide clear guidance to the TCs involved in the development of European standardization deliverables in the frame of the Construction Product Regulation (CPR) (EU) 305/2011, the BTs approved the issue of a revised [CEN-CENELEC Guide 36](#) 'Guidance on the rules for the drafting and presentation of candidate harmonized standards in support of the (EU) 305/2011 Construction Products Regulation', which has been developed in close cooperation with the EC.

Furthermore, the BTs approved a revised template for the informative Annex Z to be included in harmonized Standards developed in support of the CPR. It will be available shortly on the BOSS platforms.

**Decision ref:** CEN/BT C204/2024 & CLC/BT D179/C038, applicable from 2024-12-18  
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### Online Standards Development (OSD) – Figures in documents drafted with OSD tool

The BTs agreed with the revised figure requirements for CEN and CENELEC deliverables drafted using the OSD tool, aligning with the principles applied in ISO and IEC:

Rule from current ICQ	Current requirement (in CEN)	Future requirement (using OSD)
File format	- Tiff - Converted to PNG for insertion into XML	- PNG - Not revisable
Resolution (DPI)	Minimum 600 dpi (unit: per inch)	Minimum 300 dpi
Compression	LZW for colour figures, LZW or CCITT4 for monochrome figures	Not applicable as TIFF not used anymore
pages/layers	No multi-pages nor multi-layers are allowed.	Not applicable as only relevant for TIFF format
Scale	figure should be inserted in WORD with scale 100%	Not applicable. Image size will be defined by size attribute in OSD for CCMC publishing (attribute becomes MANDATORY)
Cropping	No cropping is allowed	Not applicable. Image size will be defined by size attribute selected in OSD for CCMC publishing.
Actual size	Shall not exceed 170 mm × 250 mm or 250 mm × 170 mm	Not applicable. Image size will be defined by size attribute in OSD for CCMC publishing;
Link	Figure should be linked to an image file (in the image directory submitted)	Not applicable Files are automatically saved in the appropriate directory.
MS Word drawings	Not allowed	Not applicable
Naming conventions	All image files shall be named according to strict naming conventions (see BOSS - Preparation and Submission of files – Clause 4)	Not applicable All graphics inserted through OSD will have a generic name assigned.

**Decision ref:** CEN/BT 011/2025 & D179/010, applicable from 2025-03-11  
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## New Bodies set up by BTs

### CLC/BTTF 179-1 'Common modifications to prEN IEC 60086-1'

Considering the need for European common modifications to the future EN IEC 60086-1 'Primary batteries - Part 1: General', developed in response to SReq M/579 'Batteries', in order to meet the requirements of the associated Regulation (EU) 2023/1542, CLC/BT set up CLC/BTTF 179-1 (with DE NC convenorship). Once published, the deliverable will be transferred to CLC/SR 35 'Primary cells and batteries' for maintenance and the BTTF disbanded.

**Decision ref:** CLC/BT D179/C021, applicable from 2024-11-06  
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### CLC/BTTF 179-2 'Maintenance of emergency escape self-contained luminaires BAES and BAEH'

In the frame of the Vilamoura procedure, the CENELEC Members had been invited to express their interest in participating in the work foreseen in Notification BT/FR078/REV, namely the revision of a French standard on 'Maintenance of emergency escape self-contained luminaires BAES and BAEH'. Considering that at least five Members had confirmed their interest, CLC/BTTF 179-2 has been set up, with FR NC convenorship and with participation of AT, GB, DE, IT, NL and SE NCs.

**Decision ref:** CLC/BT D179/C055, applicable from 2025-01-22  
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## CEN/TC 459/SC 13 'Stainless steels'

Following the request from CEN/TC 459/SC 5 'Steels for heat treatment, alloy steels, free-cutting steels and stainless steels' to remove stainless steels from its scope, CEN/BT exceptionally set up a new SC within CEN/TC 459 'European Committee for Iron and Steel Standardization' i.e. SC 13 'Stainless steels', with SIS secretariat. The two Subcommittees have been requested to coordinate the transfer of the relevant work items.

**Decision ref:** CEN/BT 2024/C207, applicable from 2025-01-22

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## CEN-CLC/SAG 'Action plan for climate change'

During a dedicated workshop, the Permanent Delegates (PDs) examined questions related to climate action (with a focus on the role of standards and their development in driving effective and sustainable solutions). Based on the outcome of the workshop, the BTs have established CEN-CLC/SAG 'Action plan for climate change' (secretariat: SIS), composed of PDs (or their Alternates) only. The SAG is expected to review the proposals from the workshop and come up with concrete actions for addressing climate change within CEN and CENELEC, in due consultation with the relevant stakeholders.

**Decision ref:** BT 001/2025 & D179/001, applicable from 2025-03-11

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## CEN-CLC/COG 'Circular economy'

To address circular economy aspects in standardization in the most coherent way, the BTs have set up CEN-CLC/COG 'Circular economy' (secretariat: NEN), for a limited duration, i.e. until 2026-06-30. The COG has been tasked to map CEN and/or CENELEC bodies covering circular economy aspects and initiate their coordination, and to propose a plan on how to address circular economy topics within CEN and CENELEC.

**Decision ref:** BT 003/2025 & D179/003, applicable from 2025-03-11

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## New Standardization Requests

Before being formally sent to the ESOs, a Standardization Request is submitted for vote to the Committee on Standards (CoS) set up under [Regulation \(EU\) 1025/2012](#). If approved, the Standardization Request will be offered to the ESOs without any change in its content.

The BTs are systematically presented for vote those Standardization Requests that received a positive opinion by the CoS, together with an analysis of their content. The BT outcome is reflected in the CEN and/or CENELEC's reply communicated to the EC upon receipt of the final Standardization Request.

Since the last BT newsletter, the following Standardization Request have been approved by the BTs (via weighted vote - IR2 clause 6.4.4):

### • Amendment 2 to SReq on **Unmanned Aircraft Systems**

This Amendment modifies SReq **M/567**, already accepted by CEN, extending the timeframe to develop the requested standards. The work will be pursued CEN/TC 471 'Unmanned Aircraft Systems'.

**Final SReq [C(2024) 7416] issued by the EC on 2024-10-31**

**Decision ref:** CEN/BT 2024/C171, applicable from 2024-11-06

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### • Amendment 1 to SReq on **Batteries and waste batteries**

This Amendment modifies SReq **M/579**, already accepted by CEN and CENELEC, to adapt it to Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 on 'Batteries and waste batteries'. CEN/TC 301 'Road vehicles', CLC/TC 21X 'Secondary cells and batteries' and CLC/SR 35 'Primary cells and batteries' will progress the expected standardization deliverables.

**Final SReq [C(2024) 8343] issued by the EC on 2024-11-29**

**Decision ref:** CEN/BT 2024/C173 & CLC/BT D179/C022, applicable from 2024-11-13

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### • Amendment 1 to SReq on **Space heating appliances**

This Amendment modifies SReq **M/577**, already accepted by CEN, asking some modifications in the four requested deliverables and extending the deadline for their adoption to 2025-03-31. The relevant CEN/TC 295 'Residential solid fuel burning appliances' and CEN/TC 46 'Fireplaces for liquid fuels' experts have taken a proactive approach and should deliver the expected standards in due time.



**Final SReq [C(2025) 455] issued by the EC on 2025-01-28**

**Decision ref: CEN/BT 2024/C199, applicable from 2024-12-11**

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- SReqs on **Air Quality - Ambient Air**

The three expected SReqs, in support of EU ambient air quality legislation, will cover each a specific aspect of ambient air quality, namely:

- Modelling quality objectives for assessment purpose in ambient air
- Methods for sampling and measuring Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) in ambient air
- Performance evaluation of sensor systems for the determination of concentrations of gaseous pollutants and particulate matter in ambient air

The work has been allocated to CEN/TC 264 'Air quality'.

**Decision ref: CEN/BT 2025/C230 – C231 - C232, applicable from 2025-01-15**

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- SReq on **Machinery**

SReq **M/605** is the long awaited legal basis to develop hENs in support of the Machinery Regulation. Considering the massive volume of work expected (ca. 800 deliverables), a two-phase approach has been used for setting the deadlines for the adoption of hENs, as well as prioritization system; Phase 1 ends on 2026-01-20, while the deadline for Phase 2 is set to 9 years. Around 60 technical bodies are involved in the expected work.

**Final SReq [C(2025) 129] issued by the EC on 2025-01-20**

**Decision ref: CEN/BT 2025/C011 & D179/C067, applicable from 2025-02-05**

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- Amendment 1 to SReq on **Explosives for civil use**

This Amendment modifies SReq **M/562**, already accepted by CEN, extending the deadline for the adoption of the requested deliverables to 2025-10-01. Those are developed by CEN/TC 321 'Explosives for civil uses'.

**Final SReq [C(2025) 1020] issued by the EC on 2025-02-20**

**Decision ref: CEN/BT 2025/C022, applicable from 2025-02-12**

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- SReq on **Cyber resilience**

SReq **M/606**, in support of Regulation (EU) 2024/2847 ('Cyber Resilience Act'), requires the development of ca. 40 standards covering the placing on the market of products with digital elements and essential requirements for their design, development, and production, to ensure security of those products throughout their life cycle and essential requirements for the vulnerability handling. At least four TCs are involved in the development of the work programme.

**Final SReq [C(2025) 618] issued by the EC on 2025-02-03**

**Decision ref: CEN/BT 2025/C028 & CLC/BT D179/C081, applicable from 2025-02-19**

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- SReq on **Precast Concrete Products (PCC)**

The expected SReq, in support of the Construction Products Regulation (EU) 305/2011, requires the development of five deliverables relating to PCC performance assessment, several types of lightweight PCCs, and sustainability. The work will be allocated to CEN/TC 177 'Prefabricated reinforced components of autoclaved aerated concrete or light-weight aggregate concrete with open structure' and CEN/TC 229 'Precast concrete products'.

**Decision ref: CEN/BT 2025/C031, applicable from 2025-02-26**

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- SReq on **Wireless charging**

SReq **M/607** requires the development of standards in support of Radio Equipment Directive (RED) 2014/53/EU, setting requirements for the charging interface and charging communication protocol of radio equipment being recharged by means of 'wireless charging'. CLC/TC 100X 'Audio, video and multimedia systems and equipment and related sub-systems' has been allocated the work.

**Final SReq [C(2025) 1207] issued by the EC on 2025-02-26**

**Decision ref: CLC/BT D180/C009, applicable from 2025-03-05**

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- SReq on **Ecodesign and energy labelling of smartphones, mobile phones and tablets**

The expected SReq requires the development of standards that support the relevant ecodesign requirements of Regulation (EU) 2023/1670 as well as the energy labelling requirements of Regulation (EU) 2023/1669. These standards, requested to be developed within 36 months, will cover various aspects of smartphones, mobile phones and tablets, such as their reuse, reliability, recyclability, Energy Efficiency Index (EEI), etc. CLC/TC 100X 'Audio, video and multimedia systems and equipment and related sub-systems' and CEN-CLC/JTC 10 'Material efficiency aspects for products in scope of Ecodesign legislation' will be in charge of the work.

**Decision ref: CEN/BT 2025/C047 & CLC/BT D180/C022, applicable from 2025-03-26**

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## Next CEN and CENELEC BT meetings

2025-06-03 to 2025-06-05 (Prague):  
104<sup>th</sup> CEN/BT and 180<sup>th</sup> CLC/BT

2025-10-14 to 2025-10-16 (Brussels):  
105<sup>th</sup> CEN/BT and 181<sup>st</sup> CLC/BT

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