

Decisions from 106th CEN/BT & 182nd CLC/BT

Since the last issue of the BT Newsletter in November 2025, CEN and CENELEC BTs have held back-to-back meetings from 17 to 19 March 2026.

We are pleased to report here on the main outcomes of crosscutting discussions resulting from those meetings, as well as on the latest decisions of transversal nature taken by correspondence (**until 25 March 2026**). For sectoral/Technical Committee specific matters please contact your sectoral Project Manager.

Best regards

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Rules, Processes and Operational matters

Internal Regulations Part 2 – A-deviations

Based on practical experience when handling A-deviations at several development phases of deliverables, the BTs streamlined the process set in the Internal Regulations Part 2 (IR2), giving a clear incentive to make such requests as early as possible in the process, while removing the obligation to act before the closure of the Enquiry, ensuring more flexibility to handle late requests for A-deviations (e.g. due to a change in legislation).

The BTs also requested that detailed guidance on the handling of A-deviation requests be included in the CEN and CENELEC BOSS:

- Highlighting that requests after the closure of the Enquiry are exceptional
- Explaining how to deal with such requests, depending on the development stage of the standard:
 - requests before Enquiry: handled in prEN
 - during Enquiry: handled in FprEN
 - between closure of Enquiry and start of Formal Vote: handled in FprEN
 - during Formal Vote: handled in final EN
 - after Formal vote or publication: handled in final EN or in an amendment
- Mentioning explicitly that after the submission of a prEN/FprEN to CCMC, a resubmission of the document to include an A-deviation is not allowed
- Underlining that all requests for A-deviations require a TC decision

The CEN and CENELEC BOSS pages will be updated accordingly.

Decision ref: CEN/BT 2026/C019 & CLC/BT D183/C006, applicable from 2026-03-11
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CEN-CENELEC Guide 32 – New edition

Since the first edition of CEN-CENELEC Guide 32, climate adaptation has moved from a contextual consideration to a structural requirement within infrastructure planning and risk governance. Standards must therefore reflect updated methodologies, risk-based approaches, and sector-specific implementation challenges.

In this context, the BTs endorsed the new edition of CEN-CENELEC Guide 32 'Guide for addressing climate change adaptation in standards', combining into one single document the previous edition (2016) and the 'Tailored Guidance for Standardization Technical Committees: How to include Adaptation to Climate Change (ACC) in European Infrastructure Standards' (2022). The objective was to propose one single, actionable framework for integrating climate resilience into European standardization deliverables. The new edition resolves contradictions and enhances usability for TCs across sectors.

Decision ref: *CEN/BT C018/2026 & CLC/BT D183/C002, applicable from 2026-03-04*
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Decisions delegated to CEN/TCs and CEN-CLC/JTCs with CEN lead – Kicking off

Through Decisions BT 008/2024 and C024/2025, the CEN/BT agreed to delegate three types of decisions to CEN/TCs and CEN-CLC/JTCs with CEN lead, hence no longer requiring the formal approval of the BT. These are:

- Withdrawal of ENs, TSs and TRs
- Removal of link to EU legislation from a deliverable
- 2nd Formal Vote request on hENs.

As of 2026-02-04, CEN/TCs and CEN-CLC/JTCs with CEN lead are able to create Committee Internal Ballots (CIB) for those decisions, through three dedicated new ballot templates.

Furthermore, formatted decisions for use by TCs have been created and uploaded on the CEN BOSS under 'Decisions delegated to Technical Committees'.

The details of the new process have been shared in a webinar, the recording of which is available in the CEN Experts area of the CEN CENELEC website

Decision ref: *CEN/BT 008/2024 and C024/2025, applicable from 2026-02-04*
Contact person: *Sectoral Project Manager in charge of your Technical Committee*

CEN - Vienna Agreement Guidelines – New edition

In collaboration with ISO, the two existing Documents i.e. 'Guidelines for the implementation of the Vienna Agreement' (2016) and 'Day to day management between ISO/CS and CCMC' (2019) have been reviewed and merged into one Guidance Document, towards more simplification and alignment to the existing rules (notably: Quality Check on harmonised EN ISO standards, HAS assessment of EN ISOs, automatic skipping of CEN Formal Vote when ISO skips FDIS, etc.).

The new Guidance Document, endorsed by the CEN/BT, will be shortly available on the CEN BOSS, together with a reviewed list of 'Frequently Asked Questions on the application of the Vienna Agreement'.

The initiative will be complemented by a training at the attention of the CEN Technical Bodies.

Decision ref: *CEN/BT C015/2026 and 013/2026, applicable from 2026-03-19*
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CENELEC - Frankfurt Agreement – New list of exemptions from parallel procedures

The CLC/BT has endorsed the revised format and content of the list of exemptions from parallel procedures and asked CCMC to make available this new version in Excel format on the CENELEC BOSS.

The CENELEC Technical Bodies are invited to regularly check the content of the exemptions list and to request BT any necessary inclusions and/or removals.

Decision ref: *CLC/BT D182/C040, applicable from 2025-12-17*
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CENELEC – Five-Member rule

When a new field of activity is proposed, which does not fall within the scope of an existing technical body, the proposal is circulated to the BT for approval, inviting the Permanent Delegates to state explicitly whether they are committed to participate in the future work. One of the criteria to have the new work approved and progressed at European level is the 'five-Member rule': at least five Members in favour of the proposal shall commit to participate in the future work. This specific criterion is a recurrent topic of discussion at BT level.

Following discussions at its last meeting, the CLC/BT confirmed the current five-Member rule and decided that any derogation shall be circulated to BT for a decision by correspondence with a shortened three-week deadline.

Decision ref: *CLC/BT D182/012, applicable from 2026-03-19*

Furthermore, CLC/TGG 2 'BT efficiency' was asked to consider delegating the derogation from five-Member rule to TCs and adapting Decision D175/004 so that TC Secretaries may accept all interested Members to join work, not only those having voted positively on the New Work proposal.

Decision ref: *CLC/BT D182/013, applicable from 2026-03-19*

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New Bodies set up by BTs

CLC/TC 220 'Alcohol interlocks'

Considering the permanent nature of CLC/BTWG 116-2's work on Alcohol interlocks, the structure of the Group did not correspond to the definition of a BTWG anymore. As a consequence, the CLC/BT disbanded the BTWG and transferred its work programme into a newly created CLC/TC 220 (secretariat: DKE).

CLC/TC 220 will develop European standards on alcohol interlocks to improve road, transport, workplace and individual safety by preventing people with an alcohol level above a specified limit from operating vehicles and equipment or engaging in unsafe activities. The TC work may be extended to include drug detection in the future European standards.

Decision ref: *CLC/BT D182/010, applicable from 2026-03-19*

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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 invited to vote on 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 CEN and/or CENELEC BT(s) (via weighted vote - IR2 clause 6.4.4):

Amendment to SReq M/604 on Digital Product Passport

The main purpose of this Amendment is to align M/604 requirements with the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR) (EU) 2024/1781 and remove the link to the Battery Regulation (EU) 2023/1542. There is no modification of the work programme. The Amendment also extends the timeframe to deliver the requested standards, which are being developed by CEN-CLC/JTC 24 'Digital Product Passport - Framework and System'.

Final SReq [C(2025) 8024] issued by the EC on 2025-11-28

Decision ref: *CEN/BT 2025/C234 & CLC/BT D182/C044, applicable from 2025-12-17*

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SReq M/619 on Hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment

This SReq requires the development of a European amendment to EN IEC 63000:2018 'Technical documentation for the assessment of electrical and electronic products with respect to the restriction of hazardous substances' to align the standard with the requirements of Directive 2011/65/EU (ROHS) on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment. CLC/TC 111X 'Environment' is in charge of the work.

Final SReq [C(2025) 8725] issued by the EC on 2025-12-18

Decision ref: *CLC/BT D182/C039, applicable from 2025-12-10*

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Next CEN and CENELEC BT meetings

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