

Decisions from 105th CEN/BT & 181st CLC/BT

Since the last issue of the BT Newsletter in June 2025, CEN and CENELEC BTs have held back-to-back meetings from 14 to 16 October 2025.

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 31 October 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 decisions delegated to TBs - Clarification

The BTs have refined their decision previously taken on their power delegation to (Joint) Technical Bodies (CEN/BT C024/2025 and CLC/BT D179/C070), relating to the withdrawal of deliverables, removal of links to legislation, and 2nd FV request on hENs, and decided that the delegation principle is applicable to (Joint) Technical **Committees only**.

Decision ref: CEN/BT 2025/C167 & CLC/BT D181/C053, applicable from 2025-09-17

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Internal Regulations Part II (IR2)

Besides editorial improvements throughout the text, the new edition of IR2 brings several clarifications — relating notably to the scopes of the new COGs, SAGs and TGGs, and the work repartition among the three ESOs—, alignments —e.g. removal of particularities for JTCs—, as well as updates reflecting recent BT decisions.

The BTs have endorsed the new edition, and requested its circulation for acceptance by the Boards and then by the General Assemblies. Upon their approval, the publication of the IR2 is scheduled for begin 2026.

Decision ref: CEN/BT 2025/C209 & CLC/BT D182/C024, applicable from 2025-10-29

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Coordination Groups (COG) and Strategy Advisory Groups (SAG)

Considering several practices that have been identified within COGs and SAGs since their creation in January 2025, the BTs have emphasized that:

- no changes on the COG and SAG principle are brought up until end 2026
- any request from a COG or SAG shall be assessed by the Permanent Delegate holding the secretariat prior to its submission to CCMC and BT
- Vice-Chair/Co-Chair role or twinning secretariat do not exist for COGs and SAGs
- COGs and SAGs provide recommendations and do not take decisions

Furthermore, the BTs have confirmed that the COG or SAG Chair may invite experts to attend specific meetings/topics on a case-by-case basis.

Decision ref: *CEN/BT 044/2025 & CLC/BT D181/001, applicable from 2025-10-14*
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Online Standards Development

The objective of the Online Standards Development (OSD) tool is to offer a collaborative, Word-like online editing tool, optimized for the CEN and CENELEC standards development process, which experts can use to draft their standards and then flow through to steps of the production chain. This helps increase collaboration, inclusivity and efficiency while resulting in higher-quality standards. Close collaboration with ISO and IEC is essential and ensured throughout the whole development of the tool and associated adaptations.

Currently, the OSD tool is available on request for **CEN** homegrown deliverables only.

Considering the positive results from the CEN pilots, and aligning with ISO decision to use OSD as the default process from mid-2026 onwards, CEN/BT has decided that OSD will be the default process for *all* NWIs created as of 2026-07-01.

To ensure a smooth transition, the OSD users are offered a series of trainings and info sessions – All details are available on dedicated OSD web pages:

Online Standards Development - Experts CEN, including recordings of previous info sessions
Online Standards Development - Experts CENELEC, including recordings of previous info sessions

Additionally, a Drafting Guidance page about OSD will be developed and published on the CEN BOSS.

In **CENELEC**, the OSD tool is not available yet and highly depends on the progression at IEC level.

To advance the project and ensure alignment, the CENELEC and IEC OSD project teams meet begin November, in order to define CENELEC requirements for the future OSD solution and agree on an implementation roadmap.

Decision ref: *CEN/BT 056/2025, applicable from 2025-10-16*

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Support to CEN OSD users: *production@cencenelec.eu for generic questions on processes, and tool guidance*
helpdeskcentc@iso.org for IT issues

New Bodies set up by BTs

CEN/TC 478 'Water resilience and sustainable use'

The imperative to take up the challenge of water quality and management at European level has given rise to numerous actions and commitments by the EU and stakeholders. All of them need the support of relevant European standards. In this context, the CEN/BT has set up CEN/TC 478 'Water resilience and sustainable use' and allocated the secretariat to AFNOR. CEN/TC 478 will focus on integrated strategies for optimizing water resources, reducing withdrawals, enhancing reuse, and considering the impacts of climate change. As such, the TC will complement the work within CEN/TC 164 'Water Supply' and CEN/TC 165 'Wastewater Engineering'.

Decision ref: *CEN/BT 2025/C057, applicable from 2025-05-28*
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CEN-CLC-ETSI/COG 'All-Electric Society' (AES)

The new CEN-CLC-ETSI/COG 'All-Electric Society' will ensure the coordination among technical bodies to manage and allocate standardization activities related to the All-Electric Society, *including* Smart Grids and Smart Metering. The COG has been established for a duration of 2 years, from 2025-09-01, and the secretariat has been assigned to NEC.

Concomitantly, the BTs disbanded CLC/BTWG 176-3 'All-Electric Society' and CEN-CLC-ETSI/COG 'Smart Grids', as suggested in their final reports to BT.

Decision ref: *CEN/BT 2025/C147-C148 & CLC/BT D181/C041-C043, applicable from 2025-08-27*
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CEN-CLC-ETSI/SAG 'Sustainable Data Center'

The new CEN-CLC-ETSI/SAG 'Sustainable Data Center' will explore the need for standardization on Sustainable Data Centers and recommend ways to address these needs, with a focus on energy efficiency and carbon footprint standardization. The SAG has been established for a duration of 2 years, from 2025-10-01, and the secretariat has been assigned to DKE.

Concomitantly, the BTs disbanded CEN-CLC-ETSI/CG 'Green Data Centers', as suggested in its final report to BT.

Decision ref: CEN/BT 2025/C187-C188 & CLC/BT D182/C001-C002, applicable from 2025-10-01

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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 BTs (via weighted vote - IR2 clause 6.4.4):

- Amendment to SReq M/593 on **Artificial Intelligence**

This Amendment, issued as **M/613**, modifies SReq M/593, already accepted by CEN and CENELEC, extending the timeframe to develop the requested standards in support of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689. Those are developed by CEN-CLC/JTC 21 'Artificial Intelligence'.

Final SReq [C(2025) 3871] issued by the EC on 2025-06-23

Decision ref: CEN/BT 2025/C121 & CLC/BT D181/C026, applicable from 2025-07-02

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- SReq on **Cement**

SReq **M/615**, issued in support of Regulation (EU) 2024/3110, foresees the development (1) and revision (9) of European standards on cement, lime and other hydraulic binders. The work has been allocated to CEN/TC 51 'Cement and building limes'.

Final SReq [C(2025)4828] issued by the EC on 2025-07-28

Decision ref: CEN/BT 2025/C136, applicable from 2025-07-23

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- SReq on **Structure metallic products**

SReq **M/616**, issued in support of Regulation (EU) 305/2011, foresees the development (5) and revision (7) of European standards on structural metallic products, ancillaries and double skin metal faced insulating panels. No less than 8 CEN Technical Committees are involved in the work.

Final SReq [C(2025)6586] issued by the EC on 2025-10-02

Decision ref: CEN/BT 2025/C202, applicable from 2025-10-22

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- SReq on **Climate adaptation**

The work framed by SReq **M/617** will support Regulation (EU) 2021/1119. The SReq foresees the development of two European standards on Climate services (i.e. the provision of climate information to assist decision-making, in particular in the field of climate adaptation). The work has been allocated to CEN/TC 467 'Climate change'. Additionally, 25 standards in the current portfolio of 6 other Technical Committees shall be reviewed, towards mainstreaming of the climate adaptation requirements included in those deliverables.

Final SReq [C(2025)6809] issued by the EC on 2025-10-15

Decision ref: CEN/BT 2025/C118 & CLC/BT D181/C025, applicable from 2025-06-25

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- SReq on **Lighting products**

The expected SReq will support Regulations (EU) 2019/2015 and (EU) 2019/2020 on Energy labelling of and Ecodesign requirements for lighting products. CEN/TC 169 'Light and lighting' and CLC/TC 34 'Lighting' will be involved in the expected development and revision of European standards.

Decision ref: *CLC/BT D181/C046, applicable from 2025-08-27*

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Next CEN and CENELEC BT meetings

2026-03-17 to 2026-03-19:
106th CEN/BT and 182nd CLC/BT

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