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Decisions from 108th CEN/BT & 184th CLC/BT

Since the last issue of the BT Newsletter in June 2026, CEN and CENELEC BTs have held back-to-back (hybrid) meetings from 20 to 21 October 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 or during an ad hoc (online) meeting (**until 30 October 2026**). For sectoral/Technical Committee specific matters please contact your sectoral Project Manager.

Best regards

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Rules, Processes and Operational matters

Application of five-member rule in Joint Technical Committees

Under the provisions of CEN/BT 060/2024 and CLC/BT D178/034 applying to Joint Technical Committees (JTCs), outreach of additional countries after the closure of the vote was limited to countries that expressed a positive vote, with a view to reaching the required threshold of five participants.

In the meantime, through decisions CEN/BT 022/2026 and CLC/BT D183/005, the BTs agreed to revise this approach for CEN/TCs and CLC/TCs in order to allow any Member, regardless of their vote, to participate in the development of the NWI, thereby facilitating broader engagement and participation.

In this context, the BTs have adopted the same principle for Joint TCs as for CEN/TCs and CLC/TCs and decided that:

- the commitment of at least 5 countries is required for a NWI to be approved, except for adoptions, without modifications, of existing ISO/IEC standards as ENs
- Members have to express their commitment to participate to the work during the vote on the NWI approval
- after the closure of the vote, if there are less than 5 countries committed, the JTC Secretary has 4 weeks to reach out potential interested Members. If after those 4 weeks, there are still less than 5 countries, CEN-CLC/JTCs can ask CEN and CENELEC BTs for a derogation;

The BTs also remind JTCs that they need to reconfirm the WG participants when approving a NWI through Committee Internal Balloting (CIB) (in case of CEN lead) or NWI Online Form (in case of CENELEC lead).

Decision ref**:* ***CEN/BT C089/2026 & CLC/BT D184/C026, applicable from 2026-07-08, Repealing BT 060/2024 and D178/034
Contact person**:* ***Ms Alessia GAETANI (BT@cencenelec.eu)

TS and TR development processes – Alignment with EN improvements

Through decisions CEN/BT 014/2026 and CLC/BT D182/018, the BTs approved a series of measures aimed at reducing the overall development duration of homegrown European Standards.

Considering the need to ensure coherence of processes and to optimize resources, particularly in relation to the ongoing IT developments for the above EN process, the BTs have decided to extend those measures to Technical Specifications and Technical Reports:

- relating to the TS and TR development
  - the ballot/vote duration for the adoption of New Work Items (NWI), and for the creation or activation of Preliminary Work Items (PWI), is set to 4 weeks, with a possible exceptional extension to 8 weeks when decided by the TC leadership before the launch of the ballot/vote
- relating to the TS development
  - a period for the preparation of the national consultation after CCMC editing is set to 4 weeks
  - translation prior to Vote on TS into French and German starts in parallel with the national preparation period and is set to 8 weeks (4 weeks of national preparation period and first 4 weeks of Vote period)
  - the Vote on TS is launched after the national preparation period
  - the Vote on TS is launched with the English version only, unless the translation is available at the moment of the launch.

Trainings on the EN, TS and TR process improvements are being scheduled and will be communicated in due time.

Decision ref**: **CEN/BT C097/2026 & CLC/BT D184/C055, applicable from 2026-08-05
Contact person**: **Ms Alessia GAETANI (BT@cencenelec.eu)

TC Chair (re)appointment after 9-year term[(1)]

The BTs have assessed the framework in place for the appointment of TC Chairs, with a view to promote renewal, transparency and opportunities for new leadership. While the existing frame (i.e. an initial 6-year term followed by a possible 3-year extension) has been considered appropriate, the (re)appointment process itself needed some clarification.

Therefore, the BTs have decided that:

- *before* the end of the 9-year term[(1)]
  - where no new candidate has been identified by the TC/SC secretariat 12 months before the end of the Chair's term, the TC/SC secretariat shall launch an 8-week open call for candidates at TC/SC level
  - the TC/SC secretariat nominates the Chair among the proposed candidates (including the current Chair if justified) within 8 weeks after the closure of the call for candidates
- *after* the 9-year term[(1)]
  - additional open calls shall be organized every 3 years until a new Chair is appointed.

The above modification will be reflected in the next edition of the CEN-CENELEC Internal Regulations Part 2, as well as on the CEN and CENELEC BOSS areas.

[(1)] Initial six-year term, followed by (possible) three-year extension

Decision ref**: **CEN/BT 029/2026 & CLC/BT D184/006, applicable from 2026-10-21
Contact person**: **Ms Alessia GAETANI (BT@cencenelec.eu)

Harmonized Standards in the Construction sector – Guidance and Annex Z template

Considering the transition from the Construction Regulation (EU) 305/2011 to its revision (EU) 2024/3110, the BTs have endorsed the new edition of CEN-CENELEC Guide 36 'Guidance on the rules for the drafting and presentation of candidate performance harmonized standards in support of Regulation (EU) 2024/3110 Construction Products Regulation', as well as the revised template of the informative Annex Z, both prepared by the Coordination Group CEN-CLC/COG 'Construction and the built environment', in close coordination with the EC.

The revised CEN-CENELEC Guide 36 is available on the website.

The revised template of Annex Z is available on BOSS.

Decision ref**: **CEN/BT C129/2026 & CLC/BT D185/C008, applicable from 2026-10-14
Contact person**: **Ms Pavlina KARAGIANNI (pkaragianni@cencenelec.eu)

Harmonized Standards development – Engaging with HAS Consultants

To strengthen the interaction between Technical Bodies and HAS Consultants during the development of harmonized European Standards, with their citation in the Official Journal as ultimate goal, the BTs strongly encourage the Technical Bodies, following a lack of compliance assessment at Mature Draft (MD) or Enquiry (ENQ) stage, to request a meeting with the relevant HAS Consultant(s).

This measure is intended to encourage early dialogue on the issues identified during the assessment and support their timely resolution.

Meetings with HAS Consultants can be requested via the EY's meeting request tool.

Decision ref**: **CEN/BT 032/2026 & CLC/BT D184/009, applicable from 2026-10-21
Contact person**: **Mr Frédéric MLANAO (HSC@cencenelec.eu) – Relevant sectoral Project Manager

Occupational Health and Safety - Guidance

The BTs have endorsed the 'Practical guidance for CEN and CENELEC standardization committees on consideration of occupational health and safety in European standards' developed by the Strategic Group CEN-CLC/SAG 'OHS'.

The document is available on the web page on 'Occupational Health and Safety'.

Decision ref**: **CEN/BT C087/2026 & CLC/BT D184/C027, applicable from 2026-07-08
Contact person**: **Ms Jennifer OGBONNA (jogbonna@cencenelec.eu)

BT decisions specific to CENELEC activities

Naming convention for Technical Body documents

In order to improve the document availability on digital platforms, Technical Bodies are asked to respect the document naming convention as described in the revised document References and filenames of Technical Body and Technical Board documents available on BOSS.

Decision ref**: **CLC/BT D184/C021, applicable from 2026-07-08
Contact person**: **Ms Wallis RAEKELBOOM (BT@cencenelec.eu)

Availability of TC documents

It is reminded that all documents meant to be voted upon shall be shared on the Collaboration Platform and attached to a CIV.

In this respect, the TC Secretaries are requested to:

- create a CIV, using the template available on BOSS
- attach the document to the created CIV
- upload the results on the CIV on the Collaboration platform within 2 weeks

Also documents with informative purpose shall be uploaded on the Collaboration Platform only.

Decision ref**: **CLC/BT D184/C022, applicable from 2026-07-08
Contact person**: **Ms Wallis RAEKELBOOM (BT@cencenelec.eu)

Developing harmonization elements for Standards within a Reporting Secretariat

In the context of standardization work addressing a Standardization Request, it may happen that specific European elements need to complement an IEC-based Standard. In such cases, if the Standard had been allocated to a Reporting Secretariat (SR), a BT Task Force (BTTF) can be set up to support the SR in the development of the expected harmonization elements.

CLC/BT has recently refined two aspects i.e.

- The name of the BTTF should reflect the link with the related SR and follow the same pattern, i.e. CLC/BTTF 1XY-N 'Development of Harmonization elements for CLC/SR xx'
- The lifetime of the BTTF is limited to the lifetime of the related Standardization Request.

Decision ref**: **CLC/BT D184/C023, applicable from 2026-07-08
Contact person**: **Ms Wallis RAEKELBOOM (BT@cencenelec.eu)

Innovative process for parallel projects

Following BT decision D176/002, the Innovative process is being applied to candidate Harmonized standards under parallel development.

In this context, CLC/BT has fine-tuned the above decision and agreed that the Innovative process is *not* mandatory for European Amendments (A1X) when the intention is to submit the parallel project (e.g. prEN IEC) and its European Amendment simultaneously to CDV / Enquiry stage.

***Decision ref**: CLC/BT D184/C025, applicable from 2026-07-08*
***Contact person**: Ms Wallis RAEKELBOOM (BT@cencenelec.eu)*

New Bodies set up by BTs

CLC/TC 221 'Operation of electrical installations'

Noting that the work of CLC/BTTF 62-3 'Operation of electrical installations' was no longer temporary, as originally foreseen, but permanent, CLC/BT disbanded the current structure and set up CLC/TC 221 'Operation of electrical installations' (secretariat: DKE), with the scope to develop European deliverables "for the safe operation and safe work activities, on, with and near electrical installations". The BTTF work programme has been transferred to the new TC.

Decision ref: CLC/BT D184/C033 to C035, applicable from 2026-07-29
Contact person: Mr Yves LEBOUCHER (ylebоucher@cencenelec.eu)

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):

SReq M/623 on Non-Automatic Weighing Instruments

This SReq in support of Directive 2014/31/EU (NAWID) requires the revision of EN 45501:2015 'Metrological aspects of non-automatic weighing instruments'. The work is allocated to CEN-CLC/JTC 18 'Weighing instruments'.

Final SReq [C(2026)3910] issued by the EC on 2026-06-19 (repealing M/412)

Decision ref: CEN/BT 2026/C081 & CLC/BT D184/C019, applicable from 2026-07-01
Contact person: Mr Ardit CAMI (acami@cencenelec.eu)

SReq M/624 on Methane emissions

This SReq in support of Regulation (EU) 2024/1787 requires the development of several Standards helping reduce the methane emissions in the in the oil and fossil gas sectors. CEN/TC 12 'Oil and gas industries including lower carbon energy', CEN/TC 234 'Gas infrastructure' and CEN/TC 264 'Air quality' are in charge of the work.

Final SReq [C(2026)4696] issued by the EC on 2026-07-10

Decision ref: CEN BT 2026/C093, applicable from 2026-07-22
Contact person: Mr Benjamin DE VILLE DE GOYET (bdeville@cencenelec.eu)

SReq M/625 on Environmental impact and climate resilience of transport infrastructure

This SReq in support of Regulation (EU) 2024/1679 requires the development of Standards that will establish methodologies to assess the environmental impact and the climate resilience of transport infrastructure over its entire life cycle. The work is allocated to CEN/TC 350 'Sustainability of construction works'.

Final SReq [C(2026)5034] issued by the EC on 2026-07-23

Decision ref: CEN BT 2026/C096 & CLC/BT D184/C037, applicable from 2026-07-29
Contact person: Mr Casper VAN HERZELE (cvanherzele@cencenelec.eu)

SReq M/626 on Measuring instruments

This SReq in support of Directive 2014/32/EU (MID) requires the revision of 25 Standards in order to address the latest technological developments in the field of measuring instruments. The work is spread among CEN/TC 92 'Water meters', CEN/TC 176 'Thermal energy meters', CEN/TC 237 'Gas meters' and CLC/TC 13 'Electrical energy measurement and control'.

Final SReq [C(2026)5159] issued by the EC on 2026-07-28

Decision ref: CEN BT 2026/C115 & CLC/BT D184/C053, applicable from 2026-08-26
Contact person: Mr Ardit CAMI (acami@cencenelec.eu)

Amdt 1 to SReq M/590 on Postal services

This Amendment to SReq M/590 in support of Directive 97/67/EC and Regulation (EU) 2018/644 meets the request of the responsible CEN/TC 320 'Transport, Logistics and Postal Services' to revise delivery dates for the requested deliverables.

Final SReq [C(2026)6226] issued by the EC on 2026-09-10

Decision ref: CEN BT 2026/C116, applicable from 2026-08-26
Contact person: Mr Lorenzo FRANZONI (lfranzoni@cencenelec.eu)

SReq M/627 on Precast concrete products

This SReq in support of the Construction Products Regulation (EU) 305/2011 requires the development or revision of several Standards in order to address the changes introduced by the Regulation -compared to the Construction Directive 89/106/EEC-, in particular regarding the basic requirements for construction works. 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' have taken the work on board.

Final SReq [C(2026)6680] issued by the EC on 2026-09-28

Decision ref: CEN BT 2026/C117, applicable from 2026-08-26
Contact person: Ms Pavlina KARAGIANNI (pkaragianni@cencenelec.eu)

Amdt 1 to SReq M/589 on Safety of toys

This Amendment to SReq M/589 in support of Directive 2009/48/EC postpones the target dates for the delivery of several deliverables and amends the expiry date of the SReq. The work involves CEN/TC 52 'Safety of Toys' and in CLC/TC 61 'Safety of household and similar electrical appliances'.

Final SReq [C(2026)6914] issued by the EC on 2026-10-05

Decision ref: CEN BT 2026/C133 & CLC/BT D185/C021, applicable from 2026-10-28
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Good to know

Guidelines for effective Technical Body meetings

Following decisions BT C079/2026 and D184/C016, the 'CEN and CENELEC Guidelines for effective Technical Body meetings' (replacing the previously called 'New Normal' guidelines) are now available on CEN BOSS and CENELEC BOSS.

These guidelines provide practical recommendations for planning, conducting, and following up on face-to-face, virtual, and hybrid meetings.

All TB Chairs and Secretaries, WG Convenors, experts and TB observers are invited to integrate these practices into future meetings.

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Next CEN and CENELEC BT meetings

109th CEN BT and 185th CENELEC BT
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