



# Technical Boards Newsletter

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## Decisions from 95<sup>th</sup> CEN/BT – 171<sup>st</sup> CLC/BT

Since the last issue of the BT Newsletter in March 2022, the CEN and CENELEC BTs have met once, from 4 to 6 May 2022 (hybrid meetings hosted by SIS, in Stockholm).

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 10 June 2022).

Best regards

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Director Standardization & Digital Solutions – Secretary of the Technical Boards

## Common CEN & CENELEC matters

### Strategic and policy matters

#### Standards in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Since 2021 CEN and CENELEC have embarked in a project that aims at identifying to what extent CEN and CENELEC contribute to the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda and the associated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (similar approach as the ISO and IEC SDG projects).

With the support of a steering group, composed of 10 CEN and/or CENELEC members, ECOS and ETUC, around 20% of the CEN and CENELEC portfolio (4500 deliverables) have been mapped and connected to at least 1 SDG. This figure is expected to increase as this is a living exercise, not yet covering all CEN and CENELEC technical bodies. The [dedicated webpage](#) provides some visibility to this extensive exercise.

The CEN and CENELEC Technical Bodies are kindly invited to map their new/revised deliverables in the NWI form where the SDG classification has been added.

A **toolbox** is available to support the experts in this exercise: [CEN Expert Area](#) - [CENELEC Expert Area](#). A dedicated **webinar** was also given on 2 June: [CEN Expert Area](#) - [CENELEC Expert Area](#)

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## Processes and operational matters

#### Definition of 'Technical Body'

For clarification's sake the BTs have agreed on a new definition for 'Technical Body', which will be included in the next edition of the Internal Regulations Part 2, to read: "Generic term designating the CEN and/or CENELEC (Joint) Technical Committees, Subcommittees, and Task Forces of the CENELEC Technical Board (BTTFs), that all operate under the principle of national delegation, and CENELEC Reporting Secretariats (SRs). All of these can draft European Standards (ENs), Technical Specifications (TSs), Technical Reports (TRs) and Harmonization Document (HDs)."

**Decision ref: CEN/BT 006/2022 & CLC/BT D171/001, applicable from 2022-05-05**

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## Systematic grant of 17 additional weeks in development timeframe for projects under specific procedures

Considering the general issue encountered with the development timeframe for projects that need to follow a specific procedure (such as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Enquiry or 2<sup>nd</sup> Formal Vote), the BTs have agreed to systematically grant 17 additional weeks in the overall development timeframe of such projects.

**Decision ref: CEN/BT 007/2022 & CLC/BT D171/002, applicable from 2022-05-05**

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## Participation of liaison/partner organizations in CEN-CLC/JTCs

In the frame of the simplification of governance, the BTs have delegated the decision on the participation of liaison or partner organizations in the CEN and CENELEC technical work to the concerned Joint Technical Committees, for all those requests received as of 2022-07-01.

The BTs have agreed with the associated process:

- CCMC to assess, within 1 week, the request from the interested European organization (including Partner organizations) to participate in CEN-CLC/JTCs as a Liaison organization;
- the JTC Secretary to submit a draft decision by correspondence via a 4-week CIB or CIV within the concerned JTC, using the relevant template and annexing the CCMC assessment as well the original application form from the applicant;
- the participation is approved by the JTC if the following conditions are met: simple majority and absence of sustained opposition against the applicant, which has to be provided in writing by the opposer;
- the JTC Secretary to communicate the decision by e-mail to CCMC ([partners@cencenelec.eu](mailto:partners@cencenelec.eu)).

CCMC will organize a webinar for Joint Technical Committee Secretaries to explain the novelties and the relevant CEN and CENELEC BOSS pages will be updated accordingly.

NOTE: In line with CEN-CENELEC Guide 25, Annex III organizations<sup>1</sup> have the right to participate in any Technical Committee and its relevant working groups without restriction. Therefore, they are excluded from the above BT decision.

**Decision ref: CEN/BT 009/2022 & CLC/BT D171/004, applicable from 2022-07-01**

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## Attaching non-Word content to deliverables

Over the last years several Technical Committees have produced different types of non-Word content (e.g. audio, video, computer code, data schemas), with no way to publish them officially via CEN or CENELEC. To accommodate this type of content, the BTs have devised a new process, to be applicable in Q4 2022, and allocated the lead of its implementation to CCMC.

CCMC organized an informal Q&A session on 30 May, where the TCs learned more over the process that will be put in place and over the files that will be eligible.

More information will be made available on the relevant CEN and CENELEC BOSS pages in the coming months, and CCMC will regularly provide a status update of the project to the TCs and BTs.

**Decision ref: CEN/BT 011/2022 & CLC/BT D171/006, applicable from 2022-05-05**

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## A-deviations and SNCs after Formal Vote or publication

The BTs have clarified the process relating to the requests for or modifications to A-deviations and Special National conditions (SNCs):

- in **CEN**: requests for, or modifications to, A-deviations and SNCs made after the standard has been voted upon or published require BT approval (after TC advice with the support of the relevant WG Convenor) through a vote by correspondence according to IR2 6.1.4. For A-deviations, the TC advice shall be taken through a TC decision, either by correspondence (CIB) or at the meeting. The result is published as an Amendment if the standard has already been made available. If the standard is not yet published, the results are incorporated into the text before publication.

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<sup>1</sup> ANEC (The European Consumer Voice in Standardisation), ECOS (The Environmental Coalition on Standards), ETUC (The European Trade Union Confederation) and SBS (Small Business Standard).

European amendments to EN ISO standards, i.e. not affecting the text of the adopted ISO standard, are published as Amendment numbered A11, A12, etc.

- in **CENELEC**: requests for, or modifications to A-deviations and SNCs made after the standard has been voted upon require BT approval (after TB advice with the support of the relevant WG Convenor) through regular BT consultation. For A-deviations, the TB advice shall be taken through a TB decision, either by correspondence (CIV) or at the meeting. The result is published as an Amendment to the standard if the standard has already been made available, thereby confirming already taken decisions, i.e. D152/C045 and D152/045-046. If the standard is not yet published, the results are incorporated into the text before publication.

**Decision ref: CEN/BT C068/2022 & CLC/BT D172/C001, applicable from 2022-04-20, repealing CEN/BT 43/2017 & CLC/BT D157/035**

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## Cooperation with EC/EFTA

### Harmonized Standards: Assessment framework

No formal information has been received from the EC relating to the new sub-contractor that will be in charge of the HAS assessment process. Until the Consultants' activities are resumed, the Technical Bodies are invited to adopt the interim solution that has been validated by the EC (more information in the webinar of 8 March, available on the respective [CEN](#) and [CENELEC](#) expert sites).

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### Fast procedure to update normative references in harmonized Standards

Considering that the main reason for non-compliance assessment and rejection of offered Standards is related to normative references mentioned in those Standards, the BTs have agreed on a dedicated fast procedure to update normative references of homegrown harmonized Standards after the standard has been voted upon or published:

- in **CEN**:
  - o requests for updating, or modifications to, normative references of homegrown European harmonized standards made after the standard has been voted upon or published require BT approval through a vote by correspondence according to IR2 6.1.4. To update normative references in homegrown harmonized standards, a TC agreement via TC decision is necessary. The result is published as an Amendment if the standard has already been made available. If the standard is not yet published, the results are incorporated into the text before publication.
  - o requests for, or modifications to, Annex ZA (e.g., table on correspondence with essential requirements or table on normative references for EN ISO standards) made after the standard has been voted upon or published require BT approval through a vote by correspondence according to IR2 6.1.4. It is necessary to have a TC advice with the support of the relevant WG Convenor. The result is published as an Amendment if the standard has already been made available. If the standard is not yet published, the results are incorporated into the text before publication. European amendments to EN ISO standards, i.e. not affecting the text of the adopted ISO standard, are published as Amendment numbered A11, A12, etc.
- in **CENELEC**:
  - o requests for updating, or modifications to, normative references of homegrown European harmonized standards and Annex ZA/ZZ made after the standard has been voted upon require BT approval through regular BT consultation. For updated normative references in homegrown harmonized standards, a TC agreement via TC decision is necessary while for Annex ZA/ZZ it is requested a TB advice with the support of the relevant WG Convenor, where applicable. The result is published as an Amendment to the standard if the standard has already been made available, thereby confirming already taken decision, i.e. D155/035. If the standard is not yet published, the results are incorporated into the text before publication.

CCMC shall evaluate the above process and report to BTs by spring 2023.

**Decision ref: CEN/BT C069/2022 & CLC/BT D172/C002, applicable from 2022-04-20, repealing CEN/BT 43/2017 & CLC/BT D157/035**

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## Drafting harmonized Standards in specific sectors

To support the drafting and citation of harmonized Standards, i.e. deliverables developed in support of a directive/regulation in view of their citation in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU), new guidance and material have been made available over the last 3 months:

**Electromagnetic Compatibility** – The webinar of 4 May provided guidance to increase citation of EMC standards in the OJEU. The slides and presentations are available on the [CEN-CENELEC website](#).

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**Electrotechnology** – CCMC has recorded important information clarifying the different roles and responsibilities within the CENELEC Technical Bodies throughout the development of such Standards. Listen to the recording 'New CENELEC Matrix of responsibilities': [https://youtu.be/5GzsT8g\\_QWk](https://youtu.be/5GzsT8g_QWk)

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**Machinery** – To complement the guidance instructions for developing the relevant Annex Z in Standards supporting the Machinery directive (available on the [CEN](#) and [CENELEC](#) BOSS pages), the CEN TCs will have at their disposal an additional tool, based on the list of significant hazards existing in CEN Standards. The tool will be available shortly on the CEN BOSS.

**Decision ref:** *CEN/BT C074/2022, applicable from 2022-04-27*

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## Revision of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR)

The EC has published a proposal for the revision of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR), seeking two general objectives: to achieve a well-functioning market for construction products and to contribute to the objectives of the Green and Digital Transition.

With the CPR revision, the EC is proposing a hybrid system where one part includes mandatory harmonized technical specifications, and a second part follows a New Legislation Framework (NLF) approach with voluntary harmonized technical specifications. According to the proposal, 'harmonized technical specifications' are construction product standards or delegated acts adopted by the EC containing technical prescriptions.

As presented at the last common session of the BTs, CEN-CLC/BTWG 9 'Strategy for the construction sector' and the European Policy Hub (EPH) are jointly preparing a reply to the EC consultation on the CPR revision, where CEN and CENELEC will call for a constructive dialogue to find flexible solutions for a smooth transition from the current to the revised CPR; they will also highlight that the development of delegated acts by the EC should be exceptional and used in limited cases as a fall-back solution instead of an alternative equal solution to harmonized Standards.

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## EC-ESOs Task Force on 'European standards for a green and digital, single and global market'

The Task Force was set up mid-2021 to identify the bottlenecks in the current life cycle of harmonized standards and propose solutions towards the timely development and citation of Standards in the OJEU. The Task Force is working according to two main workstreams:

- Workstream 1, with a view to enhance the alignment of European policies, business priorities and standardization in strategic sectors, anticipating therein standardization needs. To this end, two pilots have been selected, on Hydrogen and on Artificial intelligence.
- Workstream 2, focused on the more operational aspects relating to processes, in order to remove roadblocks that prevent the citation of harmonized Standards. So far, consensus was found on improvements regarding the drafting and execution of the Standardization Requests. Several pilots have been selected, where the ESOs and the relevant technical bodies will ensure that the SReq drafting goes in the right direction, notably Artificial Intelligence, Smart contracts for data, Accessibility, Medical devices.

The Sectoral Project Managers are coordinating with the relevant Technical Bodies and EC services to carry out the above pilots.

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## Standardization Requests

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

- **Alternative Fuels Infrastructure** (M/581)  
Several TCs will be involved in the development of the requested deliverables, notably CLC/TC 9X 'Electrical and electronic applications for railways', CEN/TC 268 'Cryogenic vessels and specific hydrogen technologies applications', CEN/TC 301 'Road vehicles', CLC/TC 18X 'Electrical installations of ships and of mobile and fixed offshore units', and CEN/TC 15 'Inland navigation'.  
**Decision ref: CEN/BT C031/2022 & CLC/BT D171/C059, applicable from 2022-03-02**  
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- **Energy labelling and ecodesign of refrigerating appliances with a direct sales function** (M/582)  
The work has been assigned to CEN/TC 44 'Commercial and professional refrigerating appliances and systems, performance and energy consumption' and CLC/TC 59X 'Performance of household and similar electrical appliances'.  
**Decision ref: CEN/BT C032/2022 & CLC/BT D171/C060, applicable from 2022-03-02**  
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- **Pyrotechnic articles** (M/583)  
CEN/TC 212 'Pyrotechnic articles' will develop the expected deliverables.  
**Decision ref: CEN/BT C063/2022, applicable from 2022-04-13**  
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- **Unmanned Aircraft Systems** (Revision of M/567)  
ASD-STAN, as Associated Body of CEN, has been tasked to draft the relevant specifications, which will then be submitted to the regular CEN approval procedures for finalization and publication as ENs.  
**Decision ref: CEN/BT C064/2022, applicable from 2022-04-13**  
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## Next CEN and CENELEC BT meetings

2022-07-05 – 69<sup>th</sup> CEN/BT TCMG  
2022-10-19 – 172<sup>nd</sup> CLC/BT  
2022-10-20 – BTs common session  
2022-10-21 – 96<sup>th</sup> CEN/BT

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