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From Annual Union Work Programme to OJEU citation

✓ From Annual Union Work Programme to Standardization Requests

✓ Funding requests linked to Standardization EISMEA Calls

✓ Harmonized Standards development

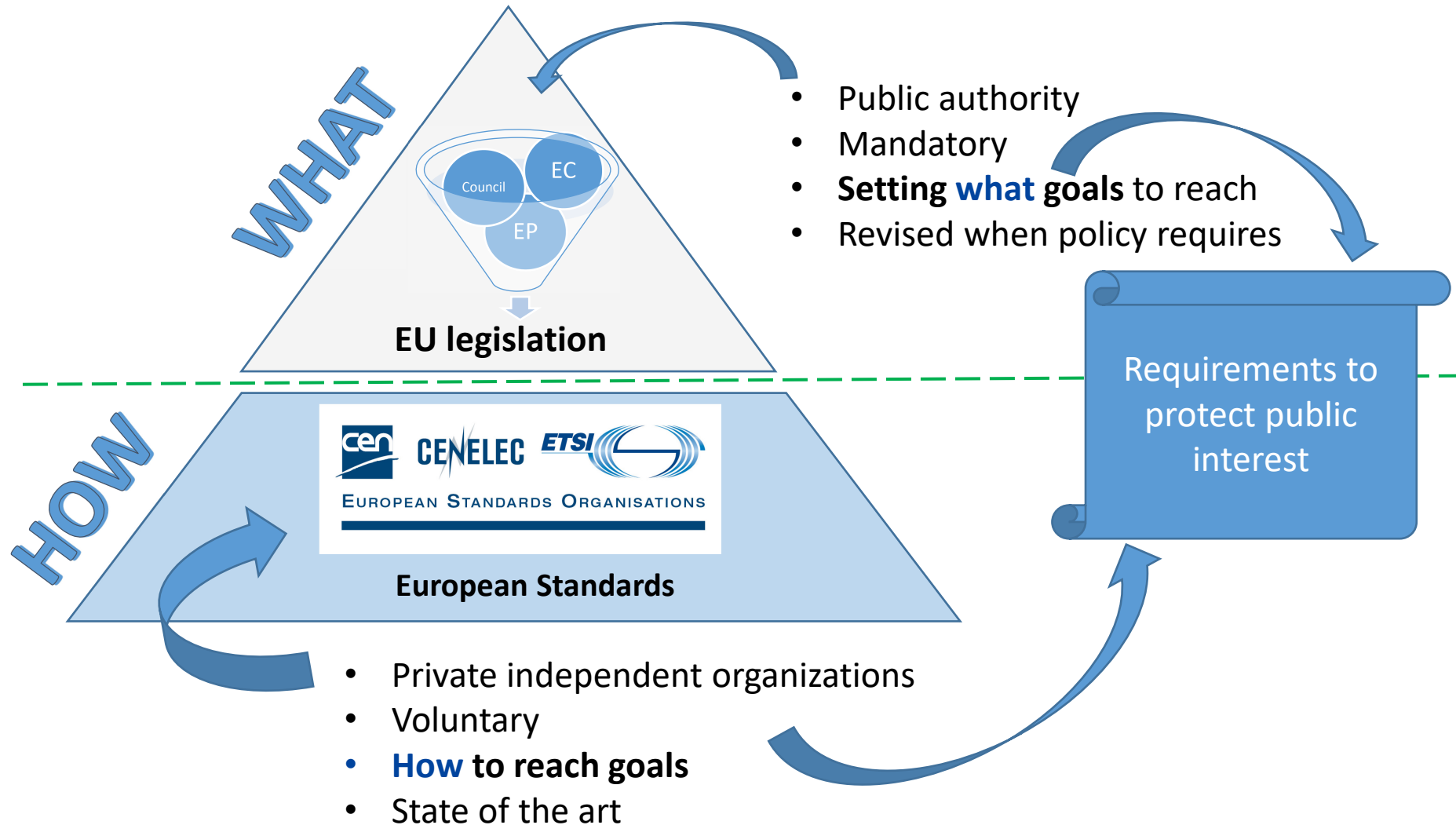# From Annual Union Work Programme to Standardization Request
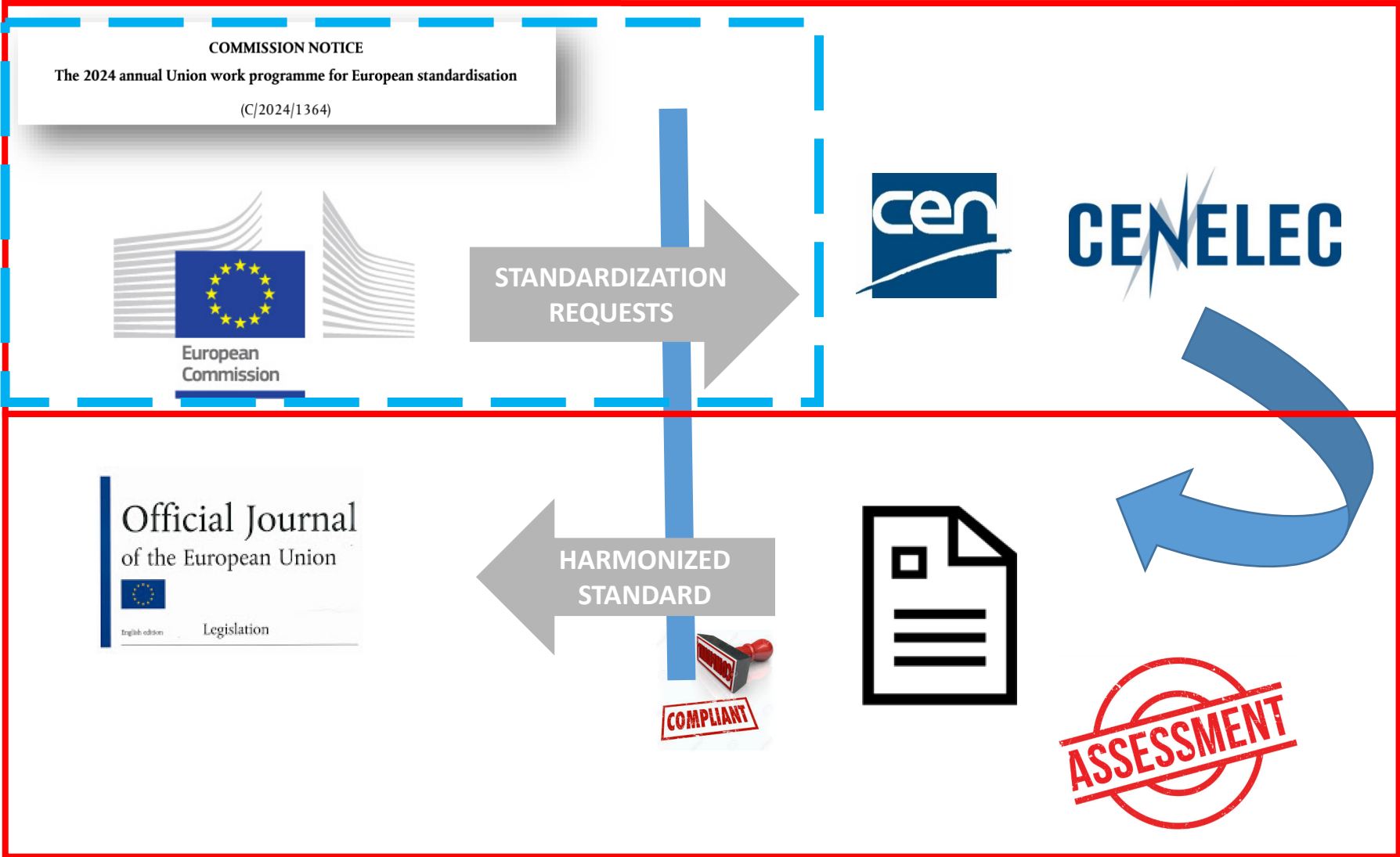
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Standards in support of EU legislation

Standardization supports legislation

WHAT

- Public authority
- Mandatory
- **Setting what goals** to reach
- Revised when policy requires

Council
EC
EP

EU legislation

Requirements to protect public interest

HOW

European Standards

- Private independent organizations
- Voluntary
- **How to reach goals**
- State of the art

OJEU citation of Standards - Process

Link with EU legislation

Standardization Request is a precondition for citation of harmonized standards in Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU)

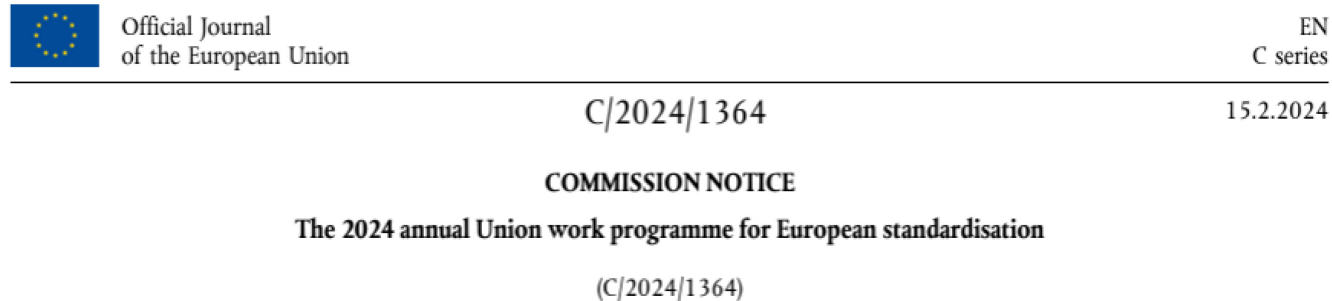Harmonized Standards must be **assessed** and have the following 'European elements'

▶ Annex ZZ (i.e table establishing the relationship between the clauses of the standard and the regulatory requirements)

▶ Other European elements (e.g table establishing the relationship between the international and the European normative references)

→ **To be prepared by the European Technical Committee**

Annual Union Work Programme

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▶ [Annual Union Work Programme](#) (AUWP) published annually by the European Commission

▶ AUWP sets out European Commission priorities on all activities related to standards

▶ AUWP 2024 includes 72 actions supporting the EU's policy ambitions towards a green, digital and resilient Single Market

▶ Any of these actions can be the basis for a **standardization request**

▶ CCMC contact concerned technical committees: to inform and get feedback

Annual Union Work Programme

▶ Examples

	Actions for the development and revision of European standards or European standardisation deliverables supporting the resilience of European industry			
Ref	Title	Reference	European standards/European standardisation deliverables	Specific objectives and policies for European standards/European standardisation deliverables
1	Recycling critical raw materials from permanent magnets	COM/2023/160 final Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for ensuring a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials and amending Regulations (EU) 168/2013, (EU) 2018/858, 2018/1724 and (EU) 2019/1020	Development of European standards for recycling permanent magnets. The standards should: Support methods that are economically competitive with primary production; ensure that the recycling processes are environmentally friendly; recover neodymium in a form that is suitable for producing high-quality magnets; collecting and sorting used products containing neodymium magnets.	The aim of the action is to secure the EU supply chains and reduce the environmental impacts associated with primary production.
2	Critical raw materials	COM/2023/160 final Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for ensuring a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials and amending Regulations (EU) 168/2013, (EU) 2018/858, 2018/1724 and (EU) 2019/1020	Development of European standards and standardisation deliverables supporting exploration, extraction, refining and recycling of critical raw materials.	The aim of the action is to strengthen the EU critical raw materials value chain to support the green and digital transitions and build up EU resilience.

High Level Forum on Standardization

▶ Established by the European Commission in January 2023

▶ Tasks:

  ▶ identify standardization priorities in support of EU policies and discuss horizontal issues (e.g. international leadership, education and skills) in a multi-stakeholder setting

  ▶ support key activities for the implementation of the EU strategy on Standardization

  ▶ make recommendations on how to address specific bottlenecks on standardization, including on how to improve the European standardization system, how to improve European representation in international standardization bodies, how to gather the right level of expertise, etc.

  ▶ Work in topical workstreams → CEN and CENELEC Technical Committees invited to join and contributed

  → gives input when building the Annual Union Work Programme

Standardization Requests

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STANDARDIZATION REQUESTS

Standardization Request

Article 10
Standardisation requests to European standardisation organisations

1. The Commission may within the limitations of the competences laid down in the Treaties, request one or several European standardisation organisations to draft a European standard or European standardisation deliverable within a set deadline. European standards and European standardisation deliverables shall be market-driven, take into account the public interest as well as the policy objectives clearly stated in the Commission's request and based on consensus. The Commission shall determine the requirements as to the content to be met by the requested document and a deadline for its adoption.

2. The decisions referred to in paragraph 1 shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22(3) after consultation of the European standardisation organisations and the European stakeholder organisations receiving Union financing in accordance with this Regulation as well as the committee set up by the corresponding Union legislation, when such a committee exists, or after other forms of consultation of sectoral experts.

3. The relevant European standardisation organisation shall indicate, within one month following its receipt, if it accepts the request referred to in paragraph 1.

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ESOs notified

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All standardization requests are available at European Commission website: Hyperlink to EC Database for all Standardization Requests

A standardization Request is usually is divided in 2 parts
- formal part
- list of standards to be developed (requirements and timeframe)

Standardization Request

Formal part – work programme, reports and expiration of request

Article 1
Requested standardisation activities

The European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation (CENELEC) are requested to revise existing harmonised standards listed in Table 1 of Annex I to this Decision and to complete the work on the draft standards listed in Table 2 of Annex I to this Decision in support of Directive 2014/34/EU for the products referred to in Article 1(1) of that Directive by the deadlines set out in Annex I to this Decision.

Article 4
Validity of the standardisation request

If CEN or CENELEC do not accept the request referred to in Article 1 within a month of receiving it, that request may not constitute a basis for the standardisation activities referred to in that Article.

This Decision shall expire on *21 July 2029*.

Article 5
Expiry of the existing standardisation mandate

Standardisation request BC/CEN/46-92 – BC/CLC/05-92 shall expire on the day of acceptance of the request referred to in Article 1 by CEN or CENELEC.

Article 2
Work programme

CEN and CENELEC shall prepare a joint work programme indicating all the standards listed in Annex I, the responsible technical bodies, and a timetable for the execution of the requested standardisation activities in line with the deadlines set out in that Annex.

CEN and CELENEC shall submit the joint work programme to the Commission 21 October 2023. CEN and CENELEC shall inform the Commission of any amendments to the work programme.

CEN and CENELEC shall provide the Commission with access to an overall project plan.

Article 3
Reporting

1. CEN and CENELEC shall report annually to the Commission on the execution of the request referred to in Article 1 indicating the progress made in the implementation of the work programme referred to in Article 2.

2. CEN and CENELEC shall submit the first annual joint report to the Commission by *21 September 2024]* Subsequent annual reports shall be submitted by *21 September* each year.

3. CEN and CENELEC shall provide the Commission with the final report by *21 July 2029*.

4. CEN and CENELEC shall promptly report to the Commission any major concerns relating to the scope of the request referred to in Article 1 or the deadlines set in Annex I.

Defines period during which there is a **legal framework** for the EC to accept standards from CEN and/or CENELEC. Once the request expires, there is no legal framework to offer standards

Standardization Request

Second part - list of standards (incl. requirements and timeframe)

ANNEX I

List of existing standards to be revised and list of draft standards to be completed as referred to in Article 1

Table 1: **List of existing standards to be revised and deadlines for their adoption**

	Reference information	Deadline for the adoption by CEN and CENELEC
1	EN 1010-1 Safety of machinery - Safety requirements for the design and construction of printing and paper converting machines - Part 1: Common requirements	21 July 2028
2	EN 1010-2 Safety of machinery - Safety requirements for the design and construction of printing and paper converting machines - Part 2: Printing and varnishing machines including pre-press machinery	21 July 2028
3	EN 1127-1 Explosive atmospheres - Explosion prevention and protection - Part 1: Basic concepts and methodology	21 July 2028
4	EN 1127-2 Explosive atmospheres - Explosion prevention and protection - Part 2: Basic concepts and methodology for mining	21 July 2028
	EN 1834-1 Reciprocating internal combustion engines - Safety requirements for design and construction of engines for use in	21 July 2028

- Annex 1 of the SReq contains the exhaustive list of the requested standards to be provided by CEN and/or CENELEC

- Limited flexibility for ESOs to adapt the work programme (merging or splitting deliverables is normally possible)

Standardization Requests

Second part - list of standards (incl. requirements and timeframe)

> **2.2** **Standards on measurement of power demand in watts in on mode for electronic displays with activated high dynamic range (HDR) functionality listed in point 2 of Table 1 of Annex 1**
>
> The harmonised standard or standards must describe the technical solutions for measuring the on mode power demand, when displaying standardised test sequences of moving pictures from dynamic broadcast content with the HDR functionality activated by metadata in the standardised HDR test sequences to ensure conformity with the ecodesign and energy labelling requirements set out in Regulation (EU) 2019/2021 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2013.
>
> **2.3** **Standards on testing methods for automatic brightness control (ABC) including control characteristics of electronic displays listed in point 3 of Table 1 of Annex 1**
>
> The harmonised standard or standards must describe the technical solutions for ABC testing methods including the capabilities and characteristics for the light source to be used if an ABC function is available. The method for checking the luminance control and set-up of an ABC ambient light source as specified in EN 62087-2:2016 must not be used for ABC related measurements in accordance with Regulation 2019/2019 and Regulation 2019/2013. A

- Describes what needs to be in the requested standards

Standardization Request

Draft Standardization Request is initiated by the European Commission

Consultation of relevant stakeholders is a **critical** step of the development

Figure 1: Issuing standardisation requests – overall workflow[8]
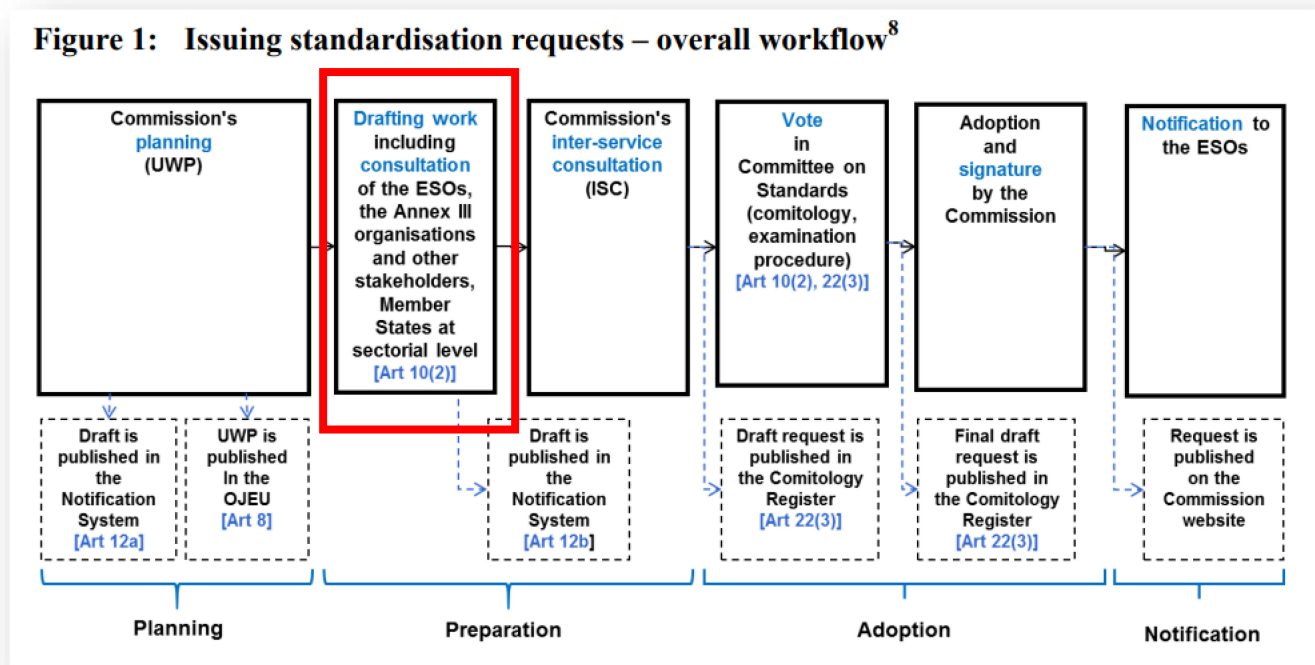
Input of Technical Committees during drafting phase is crucial !!

How CEN and CENELEC organize the work during the drafting phase

Standardization Request Ad Hoc Group (SRAHG)

Standardization Request Ad Hoc Group

▶ **Established** by CEN and/or CENELEC Technical Boards

  ▶ Call for SRAHG members

  ▶ Electronic folder created on CEN Documents

▶ **Composition**

  ▶ Interested CEN and CENELEC Permanent Delegates (or their alternates)

  ▶ **National experts** nominated by CEN and CENELEC Permanent Delegates

  ▶ **Representatives of the concerned Technical Bodies**

  ▶ Partner Organizations represented in the Technical Bodies including Annex III Organizations

  ▶ One representative of the relevant Coordination Group

  ▶ ISO/IEC representative(s)

  ▶ EC representative(s) – when considered necessary to clarify the content/scope of the draft Standardization Request

  ▶ Ad Hoc Group Convenor is usually the main TC Chair

  ▶ CCMC (secretariat)

Standardization Request Ad Hoc Group

▶ **Tasks**

- ensures prompt coordination and input during the drafting of Standardization Requests

- advise/flag any possible issue in the draft that might jeopardize the acceptance of the Sreq

  - content (complete/adjust list of standards, clarification requirements, etc.)

  - deadlines, missing resources, etc.)

- consider comments and build a CEN and/or CENELEC common position against the draft Standardization Request (for European Commission and BTs)

- develop a consensus view about acceptance/rejection of a standardization request for BTs

- prepare checklist

ToR "Standardization Requests – Ad-hoc Groups (SRAHG), 'Their role, composition & way of working"

Checklist

▶ **Developed by the ESOs-EC Task force** 'Timely European Standards for a Green and Digital, Single and Global Market' and approved by the CEN and CENELEC Technical Boards in May 2023

▶ **Objective**: raise awareness to the European Commission officers on critical elements that may prevent the SReq feasibility by the relevant ESO(s)

▶ Before submitting the SReq checklist to the relevant Commission officer, it has to be:

  • filled out by CCMC, based on SRAHG input

  • shared for comments with the SRAHG members

  • agreed with the SRAHG Convenor

▶ CCMC will attach the filled checklist to BT documents

Checklist

CHECKLIST FOR STANDARDISATION REQUEST (SR)

This checklist is to be filled out by the relevant ESO(s) <u>on the basis of</u> the final draft of the SR, made available by the Commission before the submission to the Inter-service consultation. The field 'EC comments' is reserved to the Commission services for any reply to the possible concerns/critical elements of the ESO(s), before considering this document final.

	PROCESS				ESOs critical topics identified	ESOs proposed alternatives	EC comments
1	Has the dr... equivalent...						
	SR SCOPE	CEN	CLC	ETSI	ESOs critical topics identified	ESOs	
2	Is the scope clear?	(Y/N)	(Y/N)	(Y/N)			
3	Are the objectives clear?	(Y/N)	(Y/N)	(Y/N)			
	SUPPORTING LEGISLATION/REQUIREMENTS	CEN	CLC	ETSI	ESOs critical topics identified	ESOs	
4	Is the SR clearly related to a policy initiative?	(Y/N)	(Y/N)	(Y/N)			
5	Is the SR clearly related to NLF legislation (e.g. citation of hEN and presumption of conformity)?	(Y/N)	(Y/N)	(Y/N)			
6	Do the legal requirements in the SR stem from the underlying legislation (e.g. ER)?	(Y/N)	(Y/N)	(Y/N)			
7	Do legal requirements formulated in the SR reflect requirements from other legislation?	(Y/N)	(Y/N)	(Y/N)			
8	If requested/needed, was sufficient information provided by the Commission on the legal requirements?	(Y/N)	(Y/N)	(Y/N)			
	DELIVERABLES	CEN	CLC	ETSI	ESOs critical topics identified	ESOs proposed alternatives	EC comments
9	Is the list agreed with the ESOs?	(Y/N)	(Y/N)	(Y/N)			

To be filled by relevant ESOs on the basis of the stable draft Sreq

reserved to the Commission services for any reply to the possible concerns/critical elements of the ESO(s), before considering this document final

SRAHG - Points for attention

1. There are **some** elements that can be negotiated with the European Commission at **certain** moments of the process → Focus on them at the right moment! (CCMC help)

2. CEN and/or CENELEC – not the SRAHG, not the BTs – formally accept/reject the Commission Implementing Decision

3. Acceptance **cannot be conditional upon anything** (e.g. funding, future agreement to change standards/deadlines)

4. if accepted, CEN and/or CENELEC are **committed** to delivering what is expected in the SReq

Accepted Standardization Requests Follow-up
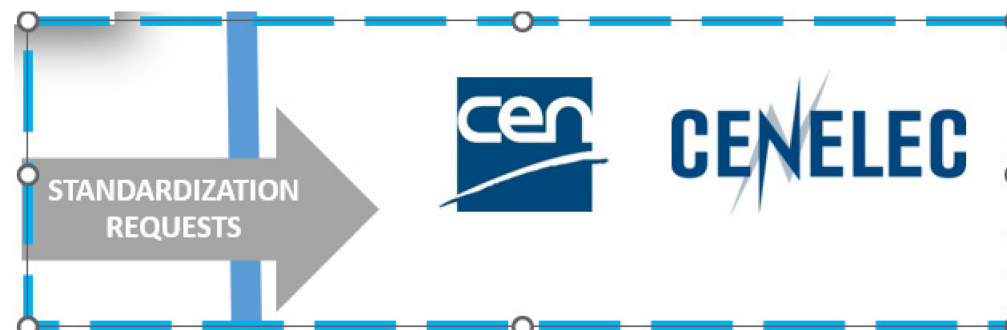
Steps after the acceptance of the SReq

Work Programme → **Annual Reports** → **Final Report**

Article 2 of the SReq

Article 3 of the SReq

Inputs are to be provided by the TC secretaries and compiled by CCMC

It shall include:

- Responsible Technical Bodies
- Deliverables to be developed/revised (titles and scope)
- Timeframe for the execution of the deliverables

It shall include:

- Progress of the deliverables and possible delays (updated Work Programme)
- Need of chaging titles and scope
- Any issues that might jeopardize the delivery

To request additional standards, extension of deadlines for standards' delivery and/or extension of the expiry date of the SReq

An existing SReq **can be amended only via a new SReq!** It is not a quick exercise

Useful links

1. [Standardization requests (Mandates)](#)

2. [ToR "Standardization Requests – Ad-hoc Groups (SRAHG), 'Their role, composition & way of working"](#)

3. [Draft SReq Checklist](#)

Source

1. [Regulation 1025/2012](#)

2. [EC COM(2018)](#)

3. [EC website on harmonised standards](#)

4. [EC mandates database](#)

5. [EC Vademecum on European standardisation in support of Union legislation and policies - Part 2 - Preparation and adoption of the Commission's standardisation requests to the European standardisation organisations](#)

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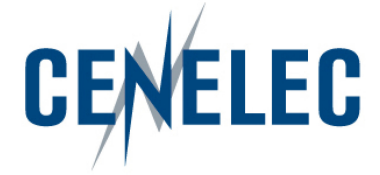
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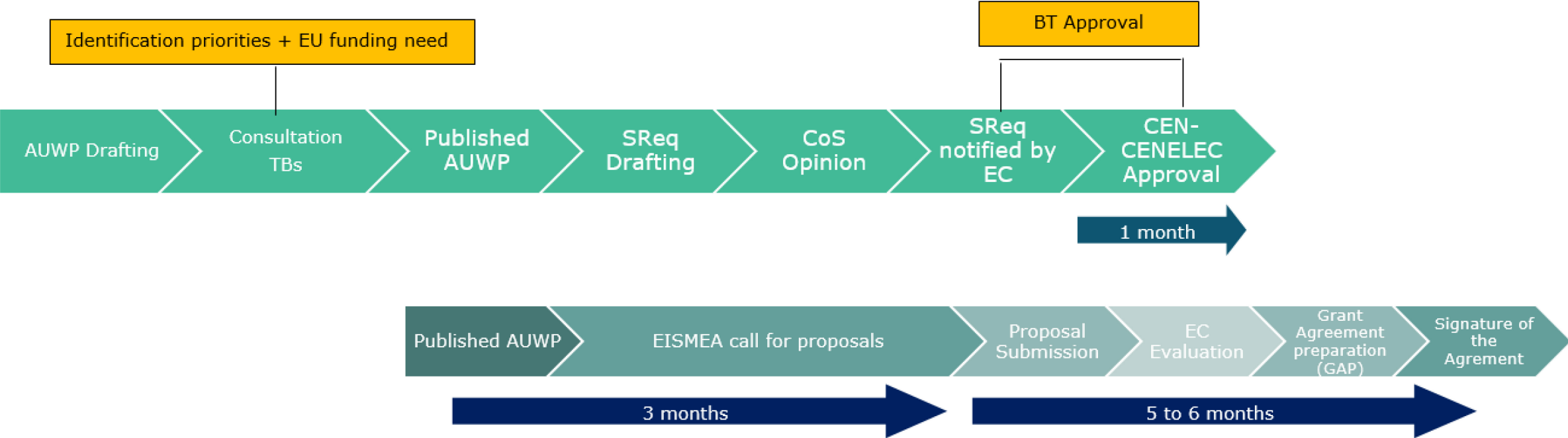
Thank you!

Questions?

Funding requests linked to Standardization EISMEA Calls

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Legal framework

- Regulation 1025/2012 – Art. 15
  - ✓ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02012R1025-20230709

- SMP: EU funding to standardisation is included in the Single Market Programme Regulation which is integrated in the EU Multiannual financial Framework 2021-2027, approved in December 2020. Budget 2024 approved in December 2023 + Annex I (section 3.1.1.1) to the Commission Implementing Decision.

- EU Financial Regulation: point of reference for the principles and procedures governing the establishment, implementation and control of the EU Budget.

- MGA: Mono/Multi-beneficiary Grant Agreement: includes all General and Specific conditions of the contract

Request for funding flow

Identification priorities + EU funding need

BT Approval

AUWP Drafting → Consultation TBs → Published AUWP → SReq Drafting → CoS Opinion → SReq notified by EC → CEN-CENELEC Approval

1 month

Published AUWP → EISMEA call for proposals → Proposal Submission → EC Evaluation → Grant Agreement preparation (GAP) → Signature of the Agrement

3 months

5 to 6 months

Link with AUWP

✓Restricted Calls for Proposals - addressed to the 3 ESOs

✓Issued by EISMEA 2 to 3 times a year (March – July – October)

✓Including topics mainly extracted from AUWP

Support for projects not listed in AUWP

- Development of a scoping paper to propose a topic we would like to see in the next call for proposal issued by EISMEA.

- Non-priorities projects can be funded if they are supported by the EC desk officer → the latter should therefore be contacted as soon as the interest in funding has been expressed.

- EC desk officer will communicate it with DG GROW, to include topic in the next call for proposals.

Alignment SReq vs GA

Measures to take to align the start of Standardisation activities from a SReq and the start of the Grant Agreement:

1. EU Funding need to be raised in the SReq checklist as 'critical element'

2. Considering the time that will be consumed for the funding request and preparation of the Grant Agreement during the negotiation of the SReq Timeframe (SRAHG)

3. Once a stable SReq in place – Start developing a scoping paper on the topic to be included in the next EISMEA Call

4. Mention of the funding need in the SReq approval letter from CEN & CENELEC *(cannot be a pre-condition for the acceptance)*

5. *Possibility to have the retroactivity of the funds as of 1st of January of the present year.*

* Allowed by ANNEX 1 to the COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION on the financing of the Programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed, and European Statistics and the adoption of the work programme.

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Thank you!

Questions?