

Decisions from 67th CEN/BT TCMG – 94th CEN/BT - 169th CLC/BT

Since the last issue of the BT Newsletter in July 2021, the CEN and CENELEC BTs have met once, from 19 to 21 October 2021, and the CEN/BT TCMG has held one meeting, on 14 December 2021 (virtual meetings).

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 15 December 2021).

Best regards

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Common CEN-CENELEC matters

Processes and operational matters

The new normal

The COVID-19 restrictions, remote working and virtual meetings have fostered the digital transformation in the way of working, where today virtual and hybrid meetings are to become standard fare. To address this fundamental change, ISO and IEC have recently issued a Guidance Document to ensure efficient meetings, whether virtual, hybrid or face-to-face.

A similar guidance document is being finalized, in coordination with the BTs. Once the guidance document is issued, trainings are foreseen on the effective management of hybrid/virtual meetings – invitations will be sent to the Technical Body Officers in due time.

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CEN-CENELEC Internal Regulations – Part 2 – New edition

A revision of the CEN-CENELEC Internal Regulations Part 2 (IR2) has been approved by the BTs, and subsequently endorsed by the AGs, which reflects not only the decisions taken by the BTs since the last edition of 2020 but also the decisions and discussions at governance level in relation to the new type of memberships and the associated revision of the Statutes and IR Part 1 (notably with the process for declaring and assessing A deviations).

The new edition of IR2 will be available on the CEN and CENELEC BOSS areas by the beginning of January 2022.

Decision ref: CEN/BT C194/2021 & CLC/BT D170/C012, applicable from 2021-10-13

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Revised form for NWI proposal

The BTs agreed on a revised NWIP form, to be used from 2022-01-10 onwards.

The revision brings clarification on the target dates associated with the flexible standards development process, includes detailed information on those UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) addressed in the future deliverable, and adds a section on possible digital aspect(s) for standards development and publication.

In this context, CCMC has uploaded the new **NWIP form** on the CEN and CENELEC BOSS pages (under Forms & Templates – Section ‘Technical Work’).

A **webinar** to explain the novelties of the NWIP form is available:

- **CEN**: on the [CEN Expert Area](#) and on [YouTube](#)
- **CENELEC**: on the [CENELEC Expert Area](#) and on [YouTube](#)

Furthermore, the BTs invited the SDG Steering Committee to organize a webinar for TBOs on the use of SDGs classification.

Decision ref: CEN/BT 22/2021 & CLC/BT D169/003, applicable from 2021-10-20

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Eurocodes in CEN and CENELEC standards

The BTs confirmed the need to involve CEN/TC 250 ‘Structural Eurocodes’ in the development of CEN and CENELEC standards related to structural and geotechnical design rules. To this end, CLC/BTWG 128-3 ‘BT efficiency’ was invited to assess the necessity of establishing a mechanism similar to the one already in place at CEN level (BT C36/2014).

NOTE: Through Decision BT C36/2014 CEN/BT confirmed the CEN/TC 250’s overall responsibility for structural and geotechnical design rules for building and civil engineering, and decided that:

- CEN/TCs (products, execution) should refer in their standards (when possible) to the relevant Eurocodes parts, when reference to structural and geotechnical design rules are needed;
- rules relating to structural and geotechnical design should only be included in standards under other CEN/TCs’ responsibility following agreement with CEN/TC 250;
- in cases where rules relating to structural and geotechnical design have been included in standards by other CEN/TCs, a mode of cooperation should be established with CEN/TC 250 to transpose design rules to the relevant Eurocode part where agreed or, as a minimum, eliminate any incompatibilities or ambiguities,

CEN/BT also invited

- CEN/TC 250 to contact other CEN/TCs setting out their planned work programme and inviting the reconfirmation and/or establishment of effective liaisons between product TCs and CEN/TC 250 to support the implementation of this decision;
- CEN/TC 250 to report to CEN/BT at least annually on the effectiveness of coordination with other CEN/TCs as well as the existing liaisons;
- CEN/TCs (products, execution) having in their standards rules relating to structural and geotechnical design or developing rules relating to structural and geotechnical design to liaise closely with CEN/TC 250.

Decision ref: CEN/BT 020/2021 & CLC/BT D169/010, applicable from 2021-10-20

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Cooperation with EC/EFTA

Citation of Harmonized Standards in the OJEU – State of play @end 2021

Over 2021 the BTs have been regularly updated on the progress and issues relating to citation:

- The positive evolution in the **number of citations** is confirmed, with 198 references of hENs cited in the Official Journal so far in 2021 (197 in 2020 - 151 in 2019), covering various sectors: Lifts, Recreational Craft, Pressure Equipment, Machinery, Personal Protective Equipment, Medical Devices, Explosive Atmospheres, Toy Safety, Ecodesign of Dishwashers, E-accessibility, Measuring Instruments, Postal Services, and Low Voltage.

NOTE: All in all, the number of hENs cited in the OJEU represents 12,50% of the whole CEN-CENELEC portfolio of European Standards. This percentage remains stable.

- While the timeliness of the **HAS assessments** is now a problem of the past, with 77% assessments received within the foreseen ‘35 days’ timeframe, the outcome of the assessments remains a major point of attention, with only 30% of ‘compliant’ results (35% if we consider only the assessments before publication stage), despite recurrent efforts from all parties involved. The lack of compliance affects all sectors.

One of the main reasons leading to lack of compliance relates to undated normative references in those Standards offered for citation. Some possible solutions are currently being discussed with the EC (e.g. inclusion of a table in an Annex for the dating of normative references of EN ISO harmonized Standards). Furthermore, a comprehensive guidance document for TCs on Normative references is being developed and will be available early 2022.

In 2021, around 30 ENs that had been initially developed for citation under a specific directive/regulation have been **decoupled from legislation** (i.e. the link between the projects and the Directive they were supposed to support is removed).

The EC has been recurrently alerted that this decoupling reflects the need for Industry to have a reference document available on the market in a timely manner, while a long-term solution can be sought in relation to a possible citation.

- Last but not least, the EC has informed that the current agreement they have with the HAS sub-contractor handling the HAS consultants (Ernst & Young) is coming to an end; the EC is about to launch a new call for tender. CCMC has already submitted a series of recommendations for improvement of the HAS system to be considered in the frame of the new contract. CCMC will keep the BTs and Technical Committees informed of all developments in this respect

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EC-ESOs Task Force 'Timely European standards for a Green and Digital, Single and Global Market'

The Task Force on 'Timely European standards for a Green and Digital, Single and Global Market' between the ESOs and the European Commission (DG GROW, DG CNCT and DG ENER) has been set up to cover all aspects related to the timely availability of standards for the Single Market, including the citation of harmonized Standards for sectors strategic at EU level, i.e. Green and Digital, and the relevance of European standard at global level.

Two main workstreams have been agreed, with the intention to issue an Action Plan by Q1/2022:

- Workstream 1, on the alignment of European policies, business priorities and standardization in strategic sectors, with high-level interactions between the EC and ESOs at the very early stage of the preparation of the EU work programme (including the Annual Union Work Programme & the ICT Rolling Plan).
- Workstream 2, on the improvement of operational matters, finding a common understanding and possible solutions to identified issues relating to Standardization Requests and standards development & citation.

An online workshop -open to all stakeholders- took place in November 2021 to inform on the initial discussions within the Task Force and the inputs gathered at the occasion will be considered for the subsequent work. All relevant information on those activities is shared with the BTs.

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EC-ISO-IEC-CEN-CENELEC Brainstorming Group on Citation

The key importance and benefit of having European and International standards aligned in support of the Single Market -including their citation in the OJEU- is systematically raised at meetings of all levels with the Commission. To allow a mutual understanding of the current challenges and to put in place a 'toolbox of solutions' a Brainstorming Group gathering several high-level representatives from CEN, CENELEC, ISO, IEC and the EC has been set up. The objective is to define concrete actions to streamline the current process and increase its efficiency. The work of this group is complementary to the exchanges within the EC-ESOs Task Force on 'Timely European standards for a Green and Digital, Single and Global Market'.

The BTs are kept informed of all relevant information at their common sessions.

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Standardization Requests

Since the issue of the last BT newsletter (July 2021) CEN and/or CENELEC have received the following Standardization Requests:

- Standardization Request on **Space heating appliances** (M/577) in support of Regulation (EU) 305/2011 in the field of Construction products.
The related standardization work has been allocated to CEN/TC 295 'Residential solid fuel burning appliances' and CEN/TC 46 'Fireplaces for liquid fuels'.

Decision ref: CEN/BT C155/2021, applicable from 2021-08-25
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- Standardization Request on **Automatic Number Plate Recognition** (ANPR) (M/578) in support of Directive (EU) 2019/520.
In line with the CEN/BT decision CEN has not accepted this Standardization Request due to identified issues impeding the development of the requested standards, while remaining open to further discussions with the EC.

Decision ref: CEN/BT C217/2021, applicable from 2021-11-10
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- Standardization Request on **Performance, safety and sustainability requirements for Batteries** (M/579) in support of the Strategic Action Plan on Batteries.
CCMC will initiate discussions with the relevant CEN and CENELEC technical bodies on the allocation of the work, with the support of the CEN-CENELEC Coordination Group on eMobility.

Decision ref: CEN/BT C219/2021 & CLC/BT D170/C041, applicable from 2021-11-10
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Cooperation with ETSI

Revised Mode 5 of co-operation

Taking into account the increasing number of common, complementary activities among the three ESOs, and several shortcomings that had been detected by joint technical bodies operating under Mode 5, the CEN-CENELEC-ETSI Joint Working Group 'Rules & Processes' (JWG R&P) has revised the Mode 5 of co-operation among the ESOs. The new version, which has been endorsed by the BTs, will be submitted to the Joint Presidents Group for final endorsement, following which the CEN-CENELEC-ETSI 'Basic Co-operation Agreement' will be updated, as well as the CEN-CENELEC Internal Regulations Part 2 and the ETSI Directives.

Decision ref: CEN/BT C234/2021 & CLC/BT D170/C059, applicable from 2021-12-08

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Technical Body Officers events of December 2021

On 7 and 8 December 2021 the annual **training for newly appointed Technical Body Officers** and the biennial **CEN-CENELEC Technical Body seminar** were organized online, covering various concepts and tools directly related to the standardization community.

The **presentations** and **recordings** of this two-day event are available for downloading in the CEN and CENELEC expert area of the website.

Clustered to these trainings, the CEN and CENELEC **Technical Award ceremony** of 7 December celebrated a few Technical Body Chairs and Secretaries, acknowledging thereby their outstanding contributions to the work of European standardization:

- Mr Christian WETTERBERG, Chair of CEN/TC 52 'Safety of Toys'
- Mr Ulrich BORCHERS, Chair of CEN/TC 230 'Water Analysis'
- Mr Steve DENTON, Chair of CEN/TC 250 'Structural Eurocodes'
- Mr Georg SCHREIBER, Chair of CEN/TC 275 'Food analysis – horizontal methods' and CEN/TC 460 'Food authenticity'
- Mr Frank LAMÉ, Chair of CEN/TC 444 'Environmental characterization of solid matrices'
- Ms Lisbet LANDFALD, Secretary of CEN/TC 442 'Building Information Modelling'
- Mr Eike FRIEDRICHS, Chair of CLC/TC 34 'Lighting'

- Mr Jacques PERONNET, Chair of CLC/TC 64 'LV Electrical installations and protection against electric shock'
- Mr Christian DWORAK, Chair of CLC/TC 111X 'Environment'
- Ms Beatriz NOVEL, Chair of CLC/TC 205 'Home and building electronic systems and CLC/TC 23E 'Circuit breakers and similar devices for household and similar use'
- Mr Luca REINA, Secretary of CLC/TC 61 'Safety of household and similar electrical appliances'
- Mr Jörg ENDISCH, Chair of CEN-CLC/JTC 17 'Gas appliances with combined heat and power'
- Mr Ortwin COSTENOBLE, Secretary of CEN TC/19 'Gaseous and liquid fuels, lubricants and related products of petroleum, synthetic and biological origin', CEN/TC 383 'Sustainably produced biomass for energy applications' and CEN/TC 441 'Fuel labelling', who won the **Lifetime Achievement Award**

It is without saying that, along with those Technical Body Officers that have been honoured this year, the standardization community can count on the support and commitment of all CEN & CENELEC Technical Body Chairs and Secretaries, hence a special thanks to all of them for their work and contribution to the whole standardization system!

Furthermore during the ceremony the winner of the third edition of the **Standards + Innovation Award** for Technical Body Officers was also announced i.e. Ms Sandra FELICIANO, a lecturer at Porto Polytechnic and a researcher at the Knowledge Innovation Centre, for building bridges between the worlds of academia and standardization for over a decade.

CEN-only matters

Processes and operational matters

Dating of normative references in hENs developed in parallel with ISO

Considering the requested dating of normative references in harmonized Standards (hENs) offered for citation, also for those developed in parallel with ISO in the frame of the Vienna Agreement, CEN/BT endorsed the generic approach of having a dedicated template for Annex ZA to be used for harmonized EN ISO Standards containing undated normative references.

This template, to be used from 2022-03-01 onwards, includes a table establishing the correspondence between the undated references mentioned in Clause 2 of the ISO standard and the dated references of the corresponding EN ISO standards.

CCMC will make the new template available on BOSS, also indicating how to proceed in case of hEN supporting multiple Directives, as well as the relevant the guidance document.

A dedicated training for the Technical Body Officers will be scheduled before the starting date for the use of the new template.

Decision ref: CEN/BT 027/2021, applicable from 2021-12-14

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CENELEC-only matters

Processes and operational matters

Development of ENs to be offered for citation in the OJEU – Matrix of responsibilities

In order to clarify and detail the tasks for Technical Body Officers, Convenors and experts responsible for the development of harmonized standards, a 'Matrix of responsibilities for the development in CENELEC of European Standards to be offered for OJEU citation' has been developed and further endorsed by the CENELEC BT.

In line with the BT decision, CCMC has uploaded the document on the CENELEC BOSS (available [here](#)) and an ad-hoc webinar will be organized shortly.

The Technical Bodies are expected to apply the Matrix and provide feedback on possible improvements to CCMC by the end of January 2022 - The use of the matrix will become mandatory as of 2022-03-01.

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Information on other interested technical bodies in draft deliverables

The CENELEC BT considered useful the IEC practice of adding information on other interested Technical Bodies in draft deliverables – using the formulation "This document could be of interest to... (other technical bodies)" and agreed on a similar approach for CENELEC homegrown standards.

To this end, CCMC was asked to develop the relevant IT tools for integrating the information in the letter accompanying the documents submitted to the different stages (Enquiry and Formal Vote). The relevant IT project is expected to be completed by Q1/2022.

As an interim solution, the BT asked the Technical Body Secretaries to provide CCMC with the relevant information on other interested Technical Bodies, for further inclusion in the European foreword of the drafts under procedure.

Decision ref: CLC/BT D169/002, applicable from 2021-10-20
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Participation of European organizations in technical work First BT decision delegated to CENELEC Technical Bodies

In the frame of the simplification of governance at BT level the CENELEC BT has decided to delegate the decision on the participation of European organizations in CENELEC technical work (i.e. Liaison organizations as defined in CEN-CENELEC Guide 25) to the concerned Technical Bodies, for all those requests received as of 2022-01-01.

This constitutes the first BT decision delegated to CENELEC Technical Bodies.

The following process shall be followed:

- CCMC to assess, within 1 week, the request from the interested European organization (including Partner organizations) to participate in CENELEC Technical Bodies as a Liaison organization
- the Technical Body Secretary to submit a draft decision by correspondence via a 4-week CIV within the concerned Technical Body, using the relevant template (available on BOSS)
- the participation is approved by the CENELEC Technical Body 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 Technical Body Secretary to communicate the decision by e-mail to CCMC.

Furthermore, CCMC has been asked to provide the Permanent Delegates with the weekly list of 'Delegated decisions'.

A webinar for TBOs to explain the novelties is available on the [CENELEC Expert Area](#) and on [YouTube](#).

The relevant BOSS pages will be updated beginning of 2022.

Decision ref: CLC/BT D169/004, applicable from 2021-10-20
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New Reporting Secretariats

To mirror and monitor the activities of new technical groups set up at IEC level, the following Reporting Secretariats have been set up:

- CLC/SR 127 'Low-voltage auxiliary power systems for electric power plants and substations' (Secretariat: French NC)
Decision ref: CLC/BT D170/C056, applicable from 2021-12-08
- CLC/SR 129 'Robotics for electricity generation, transmission and distribution systems' (Secretariat: French NC)
Decision ref: CLC/BT D169/008, applicable from 2021-10-20
- CLC/SR COMM 'Communication Technologies and Architectures' (Secretariat: French NC)
Decision ref: CLC/BT D169/009, applicable from 2021-10-20
- CLC/SR SM 'Smart manufacturing' (Secretariat: British NC)
Decision ref: CLC/BT D170/C063, applicable from 2021-12-15
- CLC/SR SE 'Smart energy' (Secretariat: German NC)
Decision ref: CLC/BT D170/C064, applicable from 2021-12-15

Cooperation with IEC - Frankfurt Agreement

Exemptions from parallel procedures

The CENELEC BT is closely monitoring the implementation of the [Frankfurt Agreement](#). At each meeting, an updated review of IEC publications exempted from parallel procedures is presented: a first part lists permanent and temporary exemptions, while a second part indicates those IEC documents that are used as such in Europe. The Permanent Delegates are invited to check beforehand with the relevant Technical Bodies whether the status mentioned is still correct and to inform CCMC of any needed modification. This document remains a key tool in order to apply the Frankfurt Agreement properly.

The Exemption list is available on the [CENELEC BOSS](#).

Next CEN and CENELEC BT meetings

2022-02-08 – 170 CLC/BT
2022-03-10 – 68 CEN/BT TCMG
2022-05-04 – 95 CEN/BT
2022-05-05 – BTs common session
2022-05-06 – 171 CLC/BT

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