

## Decisions from 100<sup>th</sup> CEN/BT & 176<sup>th</sup> CLC/BT

Since the last issue of the BT Newsletter in November 2023, CEN and CENELEC BTs have held back-to-back meetings from 13 to 15 February 2024.

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 1 March 2024**). For sectoral/Technical Committee specific matters please contact your sectoral Project Manager.

Best regards

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## Processes and operational matters

### Revised CEN-CENELEC Guide 29 on CWAs

The BTs approved the revision of CEN-CENELEC Guide 29 'CEN and/or CENELEC Workshop Agreements - A rapid way to standardization', as well as the associated Workshop description form and CWA NWI form.

Compared to the previous version, the new edition:

- Excludes safety from the scope of CWAs;
- Introduces a prescriptive 30-day consultation of the concerned Technical Bodies, including instructions to streamline this practice;
- Clarifies the roles (CCMC, WS secretary, WS Chair, BT...), with an update of the matrix of responsibilities;
- Introduces a clause on the distribution of CWAs in the R&D and ICT domains (prepayment policy)
- Presents Clause 6 'Copyright, exploitation rights and other IPR' in a more user-friendly language

The new CEN-CENELEC Guide 29 will be shortly available on the CEN-CENELEC website and BOSS platforms.

**Decision ref:** *CEN/BT C005/2024 & CLC/BT D177/C013, applicable from 2024-02-07*

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### Five-member rule for creation of NWIs

The five-member rule in place for the creation of NWIs has been clarified:

- In **CEN**:
  - o The commitment of at least 5 Members is needed for a NWI to be approved, except for adoptions without changes of existing ISO standards as ENs
  - o Members have to express their commitment to participate to the work during the vote on the NWI approval
  - o After the closure of the vote, if there are less than 5 Members committed, the Technical Body Secretary has 4 weeks to reach out potential interested Members amongst those that voted positively. If after those 4 weeks, there are still less than 5 Members, the Technical Body can ask CEN/BT for a derogation, including for work items developed in parallel with ISO under the Vienna Agreement.

- In **CENELEC**:
  - o The commitment of at least 5 Members is needed for a NWI to be approved
  - o Members have to express their commitment to participate to the work during the vote on the NWI approval
  - o After the closure of the vote, if there are less than 5 Members committed, the Technical Body Secretary has 4 weeks to reach out potential interested Members amongst those that voted positively. If after those 4 weeks, there are still less than 5 Members, the Technical body can ask CLC/BT for a derogation.

**Decision ref:** **CEN/BT C004/2024, applicable from 2024-02-07** (repeals BT 007/2014)  
**CLC/BT D175/004, applicable from 2023-10-18**

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## TC reporting to BTs

In the context of the BTs governance review, CCMC will not circulate to BT consultation those CLC/TC and CEN-CLC/JTC reports that do not require a BT decision.

**IMPORTANT** - The CLC/TCs and CEN-CLC/JTCs are still requested to prepare the meeting reports and circulate them timely to CCMC, which will check the contents and either prepare the BT document -if an item requires a BT decision-, or upload the (J)TC report in a dedicated area on the Collaboration platform or SD Docs, as relevant, for BT's information.

NOTE: CEN/TCs are not impacted by this decision, as CEN/TC reports are not circulated to CEN/BT.

**Decision ref:** **CEN/BT 005/2024 & CLC/BT D176/004, applicable from 2024-02-28**

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## Cooperation with EC/EFTA

### Harmonized Standards under parallel development – New process

As a complement to the Innovative process on homegrown harmonized Standards (hENs) in place since 1 October 2023 (BT decisions CEN/BT C135/2023 & CLC/BT D175/C112), and with a view to tackle the persistent difficulties of having compliant assessments by the HAS consultants on hENs developed in parallel, the BTs have validated a **new process** for those cases.

This process should reduce the risk of having a document blocked at the end of the parallel development at CEN or CENELEC level while not slowing down the international process, and increase the chances of having an identical international and harmonized European standard.

All projects under parallel development reaching the CD stage at ISO and IEC level as of 1 March 2024 systematically follow the new process.

A **webinar** 'New process for harmonized Standards under parallel development' at the attention of the Technical Body Officers and Working Groups Convenors is scheduled on **21 March 2024**. Participation is free but registration is mandatory. Book your online seat [here](#).

In the same context, **two seminars** are scheduled on **22 & 23 May 2024** in Brussels, dedicated to the development of harmonized Standards, from the legal framework to the OJEU citation.

The seminars will provide a complete background on the development of harmonized standards, highlight critical elements from CEN-CENELEC Internal Regulations Part 3, explain regional (Single Market) and international (ISO/IEC) interwork and challenges, deal with the legal framework, and as well share best practices and invite experts to share their knowledge.

The seminars will **focus on 4 sectors** having the highest volume of harmonized standards, and therefore the highest impact on industry and SMEs:

- the seminar of 22 May 2024 will be dedicated to **Machinery** and **Health**
- the seminar of 23 May 2024 will be dedicated to **Low Voltage** and **Electromagnetic Compatibility**

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### Ensuring a smooth transition between the GPSD and GPSR

In December 2024, the new General Product Safety Regulation (EU) 2023/988 (GPSR) will enter into force and will repeal the General Product Safety Directive 2001/95/EC (GPSD).

A **webinar** is scheduled on **19 March 2024** (15:00 – 16:00 CET) to provide CEN and CENELEC Technical Body Officers with practical information to ensure a smooth transition for the preparation of CEN and CENELEC standards to be cited in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) under the new GPSR.

Participation is free of charge, but registration is mandatory. Book your online seat [here](#).

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## New Bodies

### CEN-CLC/FG on 'Data, Dataspaces, Cloud and Edge'

The Focus Group on 'Data, Dataspaces, Cloud and Edge' (secretariat: UNI) has been set up to advise the BTs on the standardization needs in relation to data economy. To this end, the FG will develop a standardization landscape and gap analysis report for Europe's data economy, with specific focus on 'data, dataspaces, cloud and edge', taking into account existing technical bodies, existing and proposed regulations and the EU Rolling Plan for ICT Standardization.

**Decision ref:** *CEN/BT 2023/C171 & CLC/BT D176/C051, applicable from 2023-11-01 (creation)*

*CEN/BT 2023/C203 & CLC/BT D176/C089, applicable from 2023-12-20 (allocation of secretariat)*

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### CEN/TC 475 'Finance'

CEN/TC 475 (secretariat: DIN) has been tasked to develop standards in the field of finance, covering various aspects, such as basic financial analysis for private customers, sustainable finance standardization in a European context, query methods, processes, evaluation of investor sustainability preferences, product declaration and labelling concerning sustainability topics, and standardized financial and risk analysis for investors.

**Decision ref:** *CEN/BT 2023/C138, applicable from 2023-11-29*

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### CEN/TC 476 'Administration, Finance and Strategic Planning within Organizations'

CEN/TC 476 (secretariat: UNI) will produce standards in the field of Administration, Finance and Strategic Planning within organizations, with specific focus on the qualification of professions and the definition of service requirements. The TC plans to develop standards on various topics, notably on finance-related professional profiles and services (credit manager/management, treasury manager/management, CFO/financial management).

**Decision ref:** *CEN/BT 2023/C174, applicable from 2024-01-24*

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## Next CEN and CENELEC BT meetings

2024-05-29 – Common session of the BTs

2024-05-30 – 101<sup>st</sup> CEN/BT and 177<sup>th</sup> CLC/BT

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