

Decisions from 102nd CEN/BT & 178th CLC/BT

Since the last issue of the BT Newsletter in June 2024, CEN and CENELEC BTs have held back-to-back meetings from 15 to 17 October 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 30 October 2024**). For sectoral/Technical Committee specific matters please contact your sectoral Project Manager.

Best regards

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Technical governance review

In the frame of the technical governance review the BTs have performed an in-depth analysis of their ecosystem through a dedicated Task Group (TG), with a view to enhance their role as strategic governing bodies for technical matters.

The TG's work led, among others, to a new classification of groups reporting to BTs -Technical Governance Group, Coordination Group, and Strategic Advisory Group- with a well-defined definition of their roles as well as coherent terms of reference.

All existing groups reporting to the BTs were asked to analyse their work and provide feedback to the TG in light of the new categorization.

Based on a further assessment of the responses by the TG, the BTs have taken the following decisions:

- The following horizontal groups will be operational from 2025-01-01, for a defined duration (after which the need to keep those groups will be re-evaluated):
 - **CEN/COG 'Gas Utilization'**
(secretariat: AFNOR – duration: 24 months)
The COG coordinates standardization activities among technical bodies of CEN dealing with gas utilizations and related topics, taking into account stakeholders' expectations.
The COG ensures consistency among involved technical bodies to prevent conflicts and overlaps, especially on horizontal topics. The COG advises and makes recommendations to CEN/BT if there is a need for intervention.
 - **CEN/COG 'Pressure Equipment'**
(secretariat: AFNOR – duration: 24 months)
The COG coordinates standardization activities among technical bodies of CEN dealing with Pressure Equipment, taking into account stakeholders' expectations.
The COG ensures consistency among involved technical bodies to prevent conflicts and overlaps, especially on horizontal topics. The COG advises and makes recommendations to CEN/BT if there is a need for intervention.
 - **CLC/COG 'Low Voltage Directive'**
(secretariat to be allocated – duration: 36 months)
The COG coordinates standardization activities among technical bodies of CENELEC dealing and other COGs related to legislation with matters concerning the Low Voltage Directive, taking into account stakeholders' expectations.
The COG ensures consistency among involved technical bodies to avoid conflicts and overlaps, especially on horizontal topics. The COG advises and makes recommendations to CLC/BT if there is a need for intervention.

- **CLC/COG 'EMC Directive'**
(secretariat to be allocated – duration: 36 months)
The COG coordinates standardization activities among technical bodies of CENELEC dealing and other COGs related to legislation with matters concerning the EMC Directive, taking into account stakeholders' expectations.
The COG ensures consistency between involved technical bodies to avoid conflicts and overlaps, especially on horizontal topics. The COG advises and makes recommendations to CLC/BT if there is a need for intervention.
- **CEN-CLC/COG 'Radio Equipment Directive and Cybersecurity impact on standardization'**
(secretariat to be allocated – duration: 36 months)
The COG coordinates standardization activities among technical bodies of CEN and CENELEC dealing with the RED and the CRA, taking into account stakeholders' expectations.
The COG ensures consistency among involved technical bodies to avoid conflicts and overlaps, especially on horizontal topics. The COG advises and makes recommendations to the BTs if there is a need for intervention.
- **CEN-CLC/COG 'Machinery'**
(secretariat: AFNOR – duration: 36 months)
The COG coordinates standardization activities among technical bodies of CEN and CENELEC dealing with machinery, with a special focus on safety of machinery but not excluding other aspects (e.g. hygiene, maintenance, etc.), taking into account stakeholders' expectations.
The COG ensures consistency among involved technical bodies to prevent conflicts and overlaps, especially on horizontal topics. The COG advises and makes recommendations to the BTs if there is a need for intervention.
- **CEN-CLC/COG 'Circular plastics'**
(secretariat: AFNOR – duration: 18 months)
The COG coordinates standardization activities among technical bodies of CEN and CENELEC dealing with standardization on circular plastics, taking into account stakeholders' expectations. Until the delivery of Standardization Request M/584 (August 2025), the COG will focus on its execution, but the scope shall not be limited to it.
The COG ensures consistency among involved technical bodies to prevent conflicts and overlaps, especially on horizontal topics. The COG advises and makes recommendations to the BTs if there is a need for intervention.
- **CEN-CLC/COG 'Ecodesign'**
(secretariat: AFNOR-CEF – duration: 24 months)
The COG coordinates standardization activities among technical bodies of CEN and CENELEC dealing with standardization issues relating to the Ecodesign standardization requests, issued under the Ecodesign Directive (2009/125/EC) and under Energy Labelling Regulation (2017/1369) of energy-related products and their future versions.
The COG also coordinate standardization activities among technical bodies of CEN and CENELEC dealing with future standardization issues related to standardization requests issued under the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR) and cover all products in the scope of ESPR, taking into account stakeholders' expectations.
The COG ensures consistency among involved technical bodies to prevent conflicts and overlaps, especially on horizontal topics. The COG advises and makes recommendations to the BTs if there is a need for intervention.
- **CEN-CLC/COG 'eMobility'**
(secretariat: AFNOR – duration: 24 months)
The COG coordinates standardization activities among the relevant technical bodies of CEN and CENELEC dealing with eMobility, vehicles and charging technologies, taking into account stakeholders' expectations.
The COG ensures consistency among involved technical bodies to prevent conflicts, overlaps and gaps especially on horizontal topics. It coordinates the delivery of standards under the relevant standardization requests.
The COG focuses on the execution of standardization requests; it does not act on the response to standardization requests unless explicitly requested by the BTs.
- **CEN-CLC/COG 'Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change'**
(secretariat: DIN – duration: 36 months)
The COG coordinates standardization activities among technical bodies of CEN and CENELEC dealing with adaptation to climate change and mitigation aspects not covered by other COGs or SAGs, taking into account stakeholders' expectations.
The COG ensures consistency among involved technical bodies to prevent conflicts and overlaps, especially on horizontal topics. The COG advises and makes recommendations to the BTs if there is a need for intervention.
- **CEN-CLC/COG 'Personal Protective Equipment'**
(secretariat: DIN – duration: 36 months)
The COG coordinates standardization activities among technical bodies of CEN and CENELEC dealing with Personal Protective Equipment, taking into account stakeholders' expectations.
The COG ensures consistency among involved technical bodies to prevent conflicts and overlaps, especially on horizontal topics. The COG advises and makes recommendations to the BTs if there is a need for intervention.
- **CEN-CLC/COG 'Environment'**
(secretariat: DIN – duration: 36 months)
The COG coordinates standardization activities among technical bodies of CEN and CENELEC dealing with environmental aspects not covered by other COGs or SAGs, taking into account stakeholders' expectations.
The COG ensures consistency among involved technical bodies to prevent conflicts and overlaps, especially on horizontal topics. The COG advises and makes recommendations to the BTs if there is a need for intervention.

- **CEN-CLC/COG 'Construction and the built environment'**
(secretariat: BSI – duration: 24 months)
The COG coordinates standardization activities among technical bodies of CEN and CENELEC dealing with construction and the built environment, taking into account stakeholders' expectations.
The COG ensures consistency among involved technical bodies to prevent conflicts and overlaps, especially on horizontal topics. The COG advises and makes recommendations to the CEN and CENELEC BTs if there is a need for intervention.
- **CEN-CLC-ETSI/COG 'Railways'**
(secretariat: DIN – duration: 24 months)
The COG coordinates standardization activities among technical bodies of CEN, CENELEC and ETSI dealing with railways, taking into account stakeholders' expectations.
The COG ensures consistency among involved technical bodies to avoid conflicts and overlaps, especially on horizontal topics. The COG advises and makes recommendations to the CEN and CENELEC BTs and the ETSI Board if there is a need for intervention.
- **CEN-CLC-ETSI/COG 'Smart Grids'**
(secretariat: NEC – duration: 6 months)
The COG coordinates standardization activities among technical bodies of CEN, CENELEC and ETSI dealing with smart grids, including smart metering, taking into account stakeholders' expectations.
The COG ensures consistency among involved technical bodies to avoid conflicts and overlaps, especially on horizontal topics. The COG advises and makes recommendations to the CEN and CENELEC BTs and the ETSI Board if there is a need for intervention.
NOTE: CEN-CLC-ETSI/COG 'Smart Grids' is created until 2025-06-30, at which time a relevant coordination structure will be adopted, in relation to the decision also to be made for CLC/BTWG 176-3 'All Electric Society' (see BT decision *infra*).
- **CEN-CLC/SAG 'Occupational Health and Safety' (OHS)**
(secretariat: DIN – duration: 24 months)
The SAG supports CEN and CENELEC by developing a coherent and coordinated approach on OHS issues and advises the BTs on how to deal with them in European standardization. It ensures interaction among all relevant stakeholders interested in OHS.
The existence of the SAG does not prevent a CEN and/or CENELEC Member to submit a proposal for a new field of activity on OHS.
- **CEN-CLC/SAG 'ICT Standardization'**
(secretariat to be allocated – duration: 36 months)
The SAG supports CEN and CENELEC in exploring ways to address the needs for European standardization on Information and Communication Technologies at large and advises the BTs on how to tackle this subject. It ensures interaction among all relevant stakeholders interested in standardization on Information and Communication Technologies.
The existence of the SAG does not prevent a CEN and/or CENELEC Member to submit a proposal for a new field of activity on Information and Communication Technologies.
- **CEN-CLC/SAG 'Healthcare Standards'**
(secretariat: BSI – duration: 24 months)
The SAG supports CEN and CENELEC in exploring the needs for European standardization on Healthcare Standards and advises the BTs on how to tackle this subject. It ensures interaction among all relevant stakeholders interested in potential standardization on Healthcare Standards.
The existence of the SAG does not prevent a CEN and/or CENELEC Member to submit a proposal for a new field of activity on Healthcare Standards.
- **CEN-CLC/TGG 1 'Operational Excellence'**
(secretariat: CCMC – duration: 24 months)
The TGG advises the BTs on all matters concerning standardization activities including those related to work stemming from standardization requests, focusing on rules, processes and associated tools to ensure the effective and efficient work of BTs and Technical Bodies.
The TGG does not develop standardization deliverables, except Guides.
- **CLC/TGG 2 'BT efficiency'**
(secretariat: CCMC – duration: 24 months)
The TGG advises the CENELEC BT on the maintenance and interpretation of the rules and processes and the implementation of strategies for CENELEC and associated tools to ensure the effective and efficient work of the CENELEC BT and Technical Bodies.
The TGG does not develop standardization deliverables.

- Thanking them for their work and contribution to the standardization activities, the BTs have disbanded the following groups as of 2024-12-31, asking to submit a final report to BTs by the same date:
 - CEN/BTWG 213 'Strategic Advisory Group on Accessibility (SAGA)'
 - CEN-CLC/BTWG 3 'Standardization, Innovation and Research (STAIR)'
 - CEN/SF 'Gas Infrastructure'
 - CEN-CLC/SF 'Energy Management and Transition (SFEM)'
 - CEN-CLC/SF 'Security'
 - CEN-CLC/FG 'Organ on Chip'
 - CEN-CLC/FG 'Blockchain & Distributed Ledger Technologies'
 - CEN-CLC/FG 'Data, dataspaces, cloud and edge'
 - CEN-ETSI/CG 'Intelligent Transport Systems'
 - CEN-CLC-ETSI/CG 'Smart Manufacturing'
 - CEN-CLC-ETSI/CG 'Smart & Sustainable Cities and Communities'

Decision ref: CEN/BT 025/2024 to 055/2024 - CLC/BT D178/021 to D178/030

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- The following groups have been asked to re-assess their scope and structure and to come with a proposal to the BTs by 2025-06-30, with a view to better address standardization activities in their field. In the meantime, they are exceptionally allowed to continue their work in the current structure, pending a final decision by the BTs:
 - CEN-CLC-ETSI/CG 'Green Data Centers'
Decision ref: CEN/BT 050/2024 & CLC/BT D178/026, applicable from 2024-10-25
 - CLC/BTWG 176-3 'All Electric Society', whose activities shall be closely coordinated with CEN-CLC-ETSI/COG 'Smart Grids'.
Decision ref: CLC/BT D178/015, applicable from 2024-10-25

It is worth noting that, for those groups where ETSI is involved, coordination among the ESOs secretariats has taken place since the start of the review process. The ETSI Board will be invited to note/concur with the related BT decisions.

Furthermore, in the context of the governance simplification, the **CEN/BT Technical Coordination Management Group** (TCMG), set up in 1999 to facilitate the overall management of the work programme, meeting regularly to deal with operational and technical matters on behalf of CEN/BT, has been disbanded. It has been found more efficient indeed, with the evolution of the technological means, to hold ad-hoc BT virtual meetings to cover urgent topics that require immediate discussion and decision rather than waiting for the next TCMG physical meeting.

Ms Anja Berndt was warmly thanked for the excellent work done during her mandate as BT/TCMG Chair.

Decision ref: CEN/BT 065/2024, applicable from 2024-10-17

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Processes and operational matters

Development processes within CEN-CENELEC Joint Technical Committees

A Task Group 'JTCs simplification', under the umbrella of CEN-CLC/BTWG 14 'Rules and Processes', has been assigned to develop a proposal to BTs towards a clarification of all aspects relating to deliverables development within JTCs.

Based on a first proposal from the TG, the BTs took the following decisions to enhance simplification and delegation:

- The BTs agreed with the general principle that the approval of a New Work Item (NWI) within a JTC is triggered by the Secretariat lead.
- The BTs delegated the approval of NWIs to CEN-CLC/JTCs, considering the above principle, and specifically on the following provisions:
 - the decision for NWI approval is taken through an 8-week consultation period (weighted vote for ENs and TSs - simple majority for TRs) via:
 - the CEN CIB for CEN-CLC/JTCs with a CEN Member secretariat
 - the CENELEC NWI eVoting tool for CEN-CLC/JTCs with a CENELEC Member secretariat

- by default, the next approval stages take place using the tools of the organization having the Secretariat lead; however, the JTC may decide that a specific WI is voted upon via the channels & tools of the other organization
- the WI lead may be changed only once, at any time before submission to CCMC for Enquiry for ENs and before submission to CCMC for Vote on TSs and TRs, through a JTC decision (simple majority), or when the ballot for the NWI approval is launched, at the JTC's discretion
- notifications to voters, Members, Secretaries and PDs will be sent at the launch of the ballot for NWI approval; equally, PDs will be notified for each WI lead change at the launch of the vote

Decision ref: CEN/BT 059/2024 & CLC/BT D178/033, applicable to all NWIs submitted for approval (launch of ballot) as of 2025-02-01 (provided that IT tools are available)

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- Relating to the approval of NWIs within CEN-CLC/JTCs:
 - 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 amongst those that voted positively. If after those 4 weeks, there are still less than 5 countries committed, the JTC can ask CEN and CENELEC BTs for a derogation.

Decision ref: CEN/BT 060/2024 & CLC/BT D178/034

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Harmonized ENs identical to ISO Standards – Normative references in Annex ZA

The dating of normative references in a Standard remains mandatory for all candidate harmonized Standards. While the preferred solution is the dating of all normative references in Clause 2, an alternative has been devised for those ENs developed in parallel with ISO, in the frame of the Vienna Agreement, i.e. the use of a Table ZA.2 that presents the normative references under Clause 2 of the ISO standard and gives their equivalents in CEN.

- Considering the ambiguity that the title of Table ZA.2 can generate, CEN/BT has decided to change it to read 'Normative references from clause 2 of this document and their corresponding European publications', for implementation from 2024-12-01.

The new template will be made available asap on the CEN BOSS.

- Furthermore, CEN/BT strongly recommends Technical Bodies to update outdated or withdrawn standards listed under normative references in ISO deliverables through Table ZA.2.
- Last but not least, the Technical Bodies are invited to carefully check and assess any impact of the modification of normative references in EN ISO deliverables on the clauses supporting the presumption of conformity.

A dedicated webinar will be scheduled in the coming weeks, at the attention of the Technical Body Officers.

Decision ref: CEN/BT C167/2024, applicable from 2024-12-01

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New Bodies set up by BTs

CEN Strategic Advisory Group 'Resilience of agrifood systems'

CEN/SAG 'Resilience of agrifood systems' (secretariat: DIN) will explore the need for European standardization to increase resilience of agricultural and food systems ('agrifood'), and advise the Technical Board on how to tackle this topic. It will ensure interaction among all relevant stakeholders interested in potential standardization on resilience of agrifood systems.

As such, the SAG will not develop standardization deliverables and its existence does not prevent Members to submit a proposal for a new field of activity on agrifood resilience.

Decision ref: CEN/BT C154/2024, applicable from 2024-09-10

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CEN-CLC/JTC 25 'Data management, Dataspaces, Cloud and Edge'

CEN-CLC/JTC 25 (secretariat: UNI) has been tasked to develop standards in the area of data management, dataspace, cloud and edge, including:

- data governance, data quality and data lifecycle management
- interoperability, portability and switch ability
- organizational frameworks and methodologies, including IT management systems
- processes and products evaluation schemes
- smart technology, objects, distributed computing devices, data services

Besides developing specific standards on the above topics, CEN-CLC/JTC 25 will also focus on European requirements and will identify/complement standards already available or under development in other SDOs and international bodies (e.g. ISO-IEC/JTC 1, IEEE, ITU-T).

Decision ref: CEN/BT C070/2024 & CLC/BT D178/C032, applicable from 2024-07-10
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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 presented for vote 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 Requests have been approved by the BTs (via weighted vote - IR2 clause 6.4.4) and notified by the EC:

- Amendment 2 to SReq on **Medical Devices and In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices**

This Amendment modifies SReq M/575, already accepted by CEN and CENELEC, allowing more flexibility in the development of the requested standards (extending its validity until December 2028 as well as the deadline for the adoption of several deliverables, etc.).

In total, CEN and CENELEC are requested to revise 226 existing standards and to draft 51 new ones in support of the Medical Devices Regulation (MDR), and to revise 45 existing standards and to draft 4 new ones in support of the In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices Regulation (IVDR). Around 20 technical bodies are involved in this massive work.

Final SReq notified by the EC on 2024-05-27

Decision ref: CEN/BT C090/2024 & CLC/BT D178/C024, applicable from 2024-06-19
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- SReq on **Digital Product Passports**

This SReq, M/604, has been issued to support the Union policy on Ecodesign requirements for sustainable products and on batteries and waste batteries. While the development of the requested standards (at least 8) has been allocated to CEN-CLC/JTC 24 'Digital Product Passport – Framework and System', cooperation with ETSI, via its TC EE 'Environment Engineering', is foreseen.

In their acceptance of the SReq, CEN and CENELEC have already highlighted the challenging timeframe for developing the standards (2025-12-31) as well as the remaining uncertainties regarding the simultaneous development of European Commission's tools linked to the DPP system functionality.

Final SReq notified by the EC on 2024-07-31

Decision ref: CEN/BT C073/2024 & CLC/BT D177/C110, applicable from 2024-05-22
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- Amendment 1 to SReq on **Personal Protective Equipment**

This Amendment modifies SReq M/571 and has been issued at the request of CEN and CENELEC. Indeed, it has been found necessary to adapt the scope of the request (adding some deliverables and removing others) to take into account the latest technical and scientific progress, as well as the latest developments of standardisation activities in the field of personal protective equipment at international and European levels. The Amendment also gives more flexibility for developing the requested standards, extending the deadline for delivering several ones. The number of standards to be revised (107) and to be developed (13) remains significant, mobilizing several technical bodies.

Final SReq notified by the EC on 2024-04-29

Decision ref: CEN/BT C078/2024 & CLC/BT D178/C001, applicable from 2024-05-22
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Pencil in the dates!

Webinars for Standard Drafters

Over 2024 a series of webinars on standards drafting are organized. The aim is to achieve a common understanding of the drafting rules and the related procedures.

You can find the topics and dates of the webinars on our website: [Read more](#).

Next CEN and CENELEC BT meetings

2025-03-11 to 2025-03-13 (Stockholm):
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