

## Harmonized standards supporting Construction Products Regulation (CPR) - from present to future

(Joint Initiative on Standardization – Action 5)

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### What is JIS Action 5?

The Joint Initiative on Standardisation consists of a shared vision that supports the 10 Juncker Commission priorities<sup>1</sup>, as well as specific actions to be delivered by 2019 to improve the functioning of standardisation when related to European Union policy.

The initiative includes specific actions, Action 5 goal is to aid the implementation of the CPR through standards.

### Background

JIS Action 5 provided a fitting forum for constructive discussion of standardisation in support of the CPR ([Regulation EU 305/2011](#)). The action was aimed at mapping specific issues and challenges linked to the development and citation of harmonised standards (hENs) under the CPR.

This initiative brought together a wide range of actors, including standardisers, the European Commission, member states and EU organisations. The outcome of this action was to share a common understanding of the CPR amongst these actors and address common roadblocks, such as processes for standardisation request, TC answers to the mandate, request for classes and thresholds, special clauses in standards, such as release of dangerous substances and Assessment and Verification of Constancy of Performance (AVCP), as well as other aspects aimed at improving citation in general.

The platform allowed stakeholders to discuss expectations and solutions to problems and improve the citation of hENs in the OJEU.

JIS Action 5 was initiated to find solutions to keep legal certainty and at the same time facilitate the development of standards to be in line with regulations.

This action was requested by CEN and the industry to develop specific actions and documents related to the CPR, the action leader was CEN but the program managers were supported by Construction Products Europe.

### Guidance documents developed under JIS Action 5

The following deliverables have been produced under JIS Action 5:

1. [Guidance document – How to draft clauses on AVCP](#)
2. [Guidance document – How to draft fire clauses](#)
3. [Guidance and template for TC answer to mandate template](#)
4. [Template for introduction of new classes and thresholds](#)
5. [EC Guidelines for hENs under the CPR](#)
6. [Dangerous substances assessment and declaration in hENs](#)
7. [Delegated acts procedure](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Jobs, growth and investment; Digital single market; Energy union and climate; Internal market; A deeper and fairer internal market; A balanced and progressive trade policy to harness globalisation; Justice and fundamental rights; Migration; A stronger global actor; Democratic change.

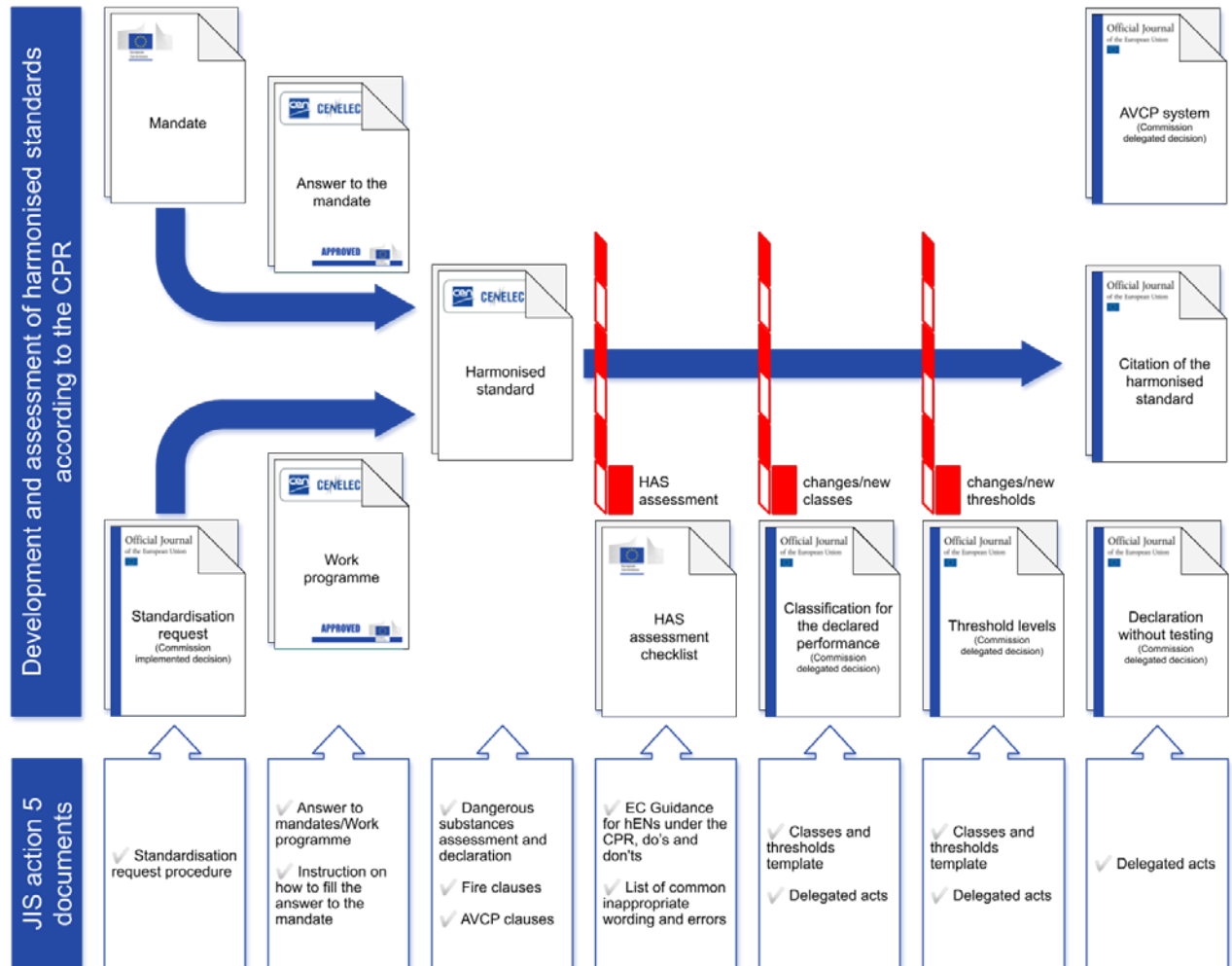
8. [Standardization request procedure](#)
9. [List of common inappropriate wording](#)

Further information about JIS Action 5 can be found [here](#).

## How can you use the guidance documents?

The following diagram reflects the process to develop harmonised standards, the requirements to be fulfilled and the supporting documents developed by JIS action 5 to guide and support the work.

Some documents include explanations and instruction while others are templates to be followed or text proposals to be adapted by each CEN Technical Committee:



## **Food for thought for discussions at the conference?**

1. What is the role of harmonised standards in support of the CPR?
2. What is the basis for my Harmonized Standard (hEN)? The mandate, the answer to the mandate or a Standardization request?
3. What Technical Committees need to do to have standards cited in the OJEU?
4. How to approach standards 'blocked' after publication?
5. What is the recommended structure for the hEN?
6. What should be included in hENs? Can non-mandated characteristics be included in hENs? Should non-mandated characteristics be included in a different standard?
7. How to introduce classes and thresholds in harmonized standards under the CPR? What is the planning for existing requests for classes and thresholds?
8. How to deal with fire performance aspects in harmonised standards?
9. What is the procedure for Standardization request?
10. What happens to Standardization requests in the pipeline while the CPR is being reviewed?
11. How to implement BRW 3 and BRW7 in standardization request and harmonised standards?
12. How to build up on work done in JIS Action 5?
13. What is the way forward for hENs under the CPR?