



TRAINING CEN & CENELEC NEWLY APPOINTED TECHNICAL BODY OFFICERS

Contributing to the drafting of the Standardization Request (SReq)



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Acronyms

AUWP = Annual Union Work Programme for European Standardization

BT = Technical Board

CoS = Committee on Standards (EC)

EC = European Commission

ESOs = European Standardization Organisations

hEN = Harmonized standard

SRAHG = Standardization Request Ad-hoc Group

SReq = Standardization Request

What is a SReq?

Regulation (EU) 1025/2012

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14.11.2012

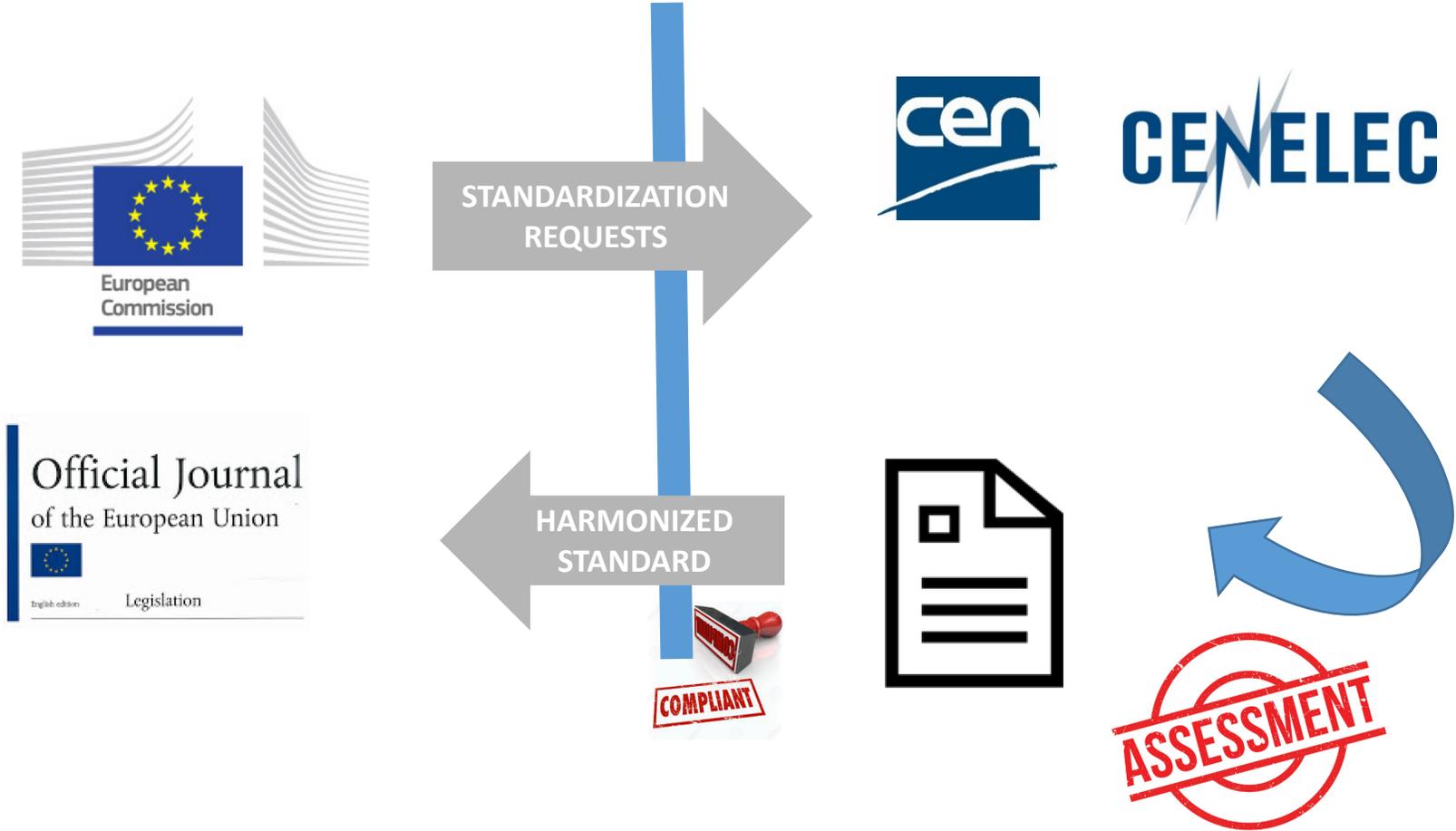
**REGULATION (EU) No 1025/2012 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 25 October 2012**

on European standardisation, amending Council Directives 89/686/EEC and 93/15/EEC and Directives 94/9/EC, 94/25/EC, 95/16/EC, 97/23/EC, 98/34/EC, 2004/22/EC, 2007/23/EC, 2009/23/EC and 2009/105/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Decision 87/95/EEC and Decision No 1673/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

(Text with EEA relevance)

Defines the relationship between the EC and the three ESOs

What is a SReq?



What is a SReq?

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.

What is a SReq?



Before Reg 1025/2012 (1 January 2013) → **Mandate**

After Reg 1025/2012 (1 January 2013) → **Standardization Request**
= a Commission implementing Decision

STANDARDISATION - Mandates

[Hyperlink to EC Database for all Mandates & SReqs](#)

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1.)	573	M/573 COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION C(2021)14 of 12.1.2021 on a standardisation request to the European standardisation organisations in support of Regulation (EU) 2019/424 as regards ecodesign requirements for servers and	To draft and revise harmonised standards in support of Regulation (EU) 2019/424 laying down ecodesign requirements for servers and data storage products.	standardisation 

What is a SReq?

List of standards



ANNEX I

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

Table 1. List of existing standards to be revised and deadline for their availability

Reference information		Date of availability by CEN and Cenelec
1.	EN 140:1998 Respiratory protective devices — Half masks and quarter masks — Requirements, testing, marking	30.4.2024
2.	EN 405:2009 Respiratory protective devices — Valved filtering half masks to protect against gases or gases and particles — Requirements, testing, marking	30.4.2024
3.	EN 1827:2009 Respiratory protective devices — Half masks without inhalation valves and with separable filters to protect against gases or gases and particles or particles only — Requirements, testing, marking"	30.4.2024

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 Regulation (EU) 2016/425 for personal protective equipment by the deadlines set in that Annex.

► Annex 1 of the SReq contains the **exhaustive list** of the requested standards to be provided by the ESOs

→ CEN/CENELEC cannot offer other standards for citation than those listed in Annex 1

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

Example from PPE

What is a SReq?

Add standards to the list after SReq adoption



- ▶ ESOs may request the EC to **add standards** (e.g. through the Annual Report)
- ▶ Normally, an amendment of the SReq is needed for this purpose

! TC secretaries to be proactive

- (19) In order to enable **proactive** ed standardisation work, CEN and Cenelec should provide the Commission with access to an overall project plan containing detailed information on the execution of the standardization request. CEN and Cenelec should promptly inform the Commission if they consider that additional standards would need to be developed or if they consider that more time is necessary for the execution of this request.

What is a SReq?

Adjust scope and deadlines



- ▶ ESOs may request to **adjust the scope and extend deadlines**
- ▶ Normally, an amendment of the SReq is needed for this purpose

! TC secretaries to be proactive pace Heating Appliances

(28) Experience shows that during execution of the standardisation request, it may be necessary to adjust the scope of the request or the deadlines set therein. CEN should therefore promptly report to the Commission if they consider that more time is required to draft the standards than initially foreseen or that it is appropriate to adapt the scope of the request, in order to allow the Commission to take appropriate action.

What is a SReq?

Expiry date

- ▶ The EC sets an **expiry date** for the SReq
- ▶ Defines period during which there is a **legal framework** for the EC to accept standards from the ESOs
- ▶ Once the SReq expires → imperative that ESOs offer standards

! TC secretaries to be proactive

Example from PPE

Article 5

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, the request may not constitute a basis for the standardisation activities referred to in that Article.

This Decision shall expire on 30 April 2024.

How to amend an existing SReq?

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

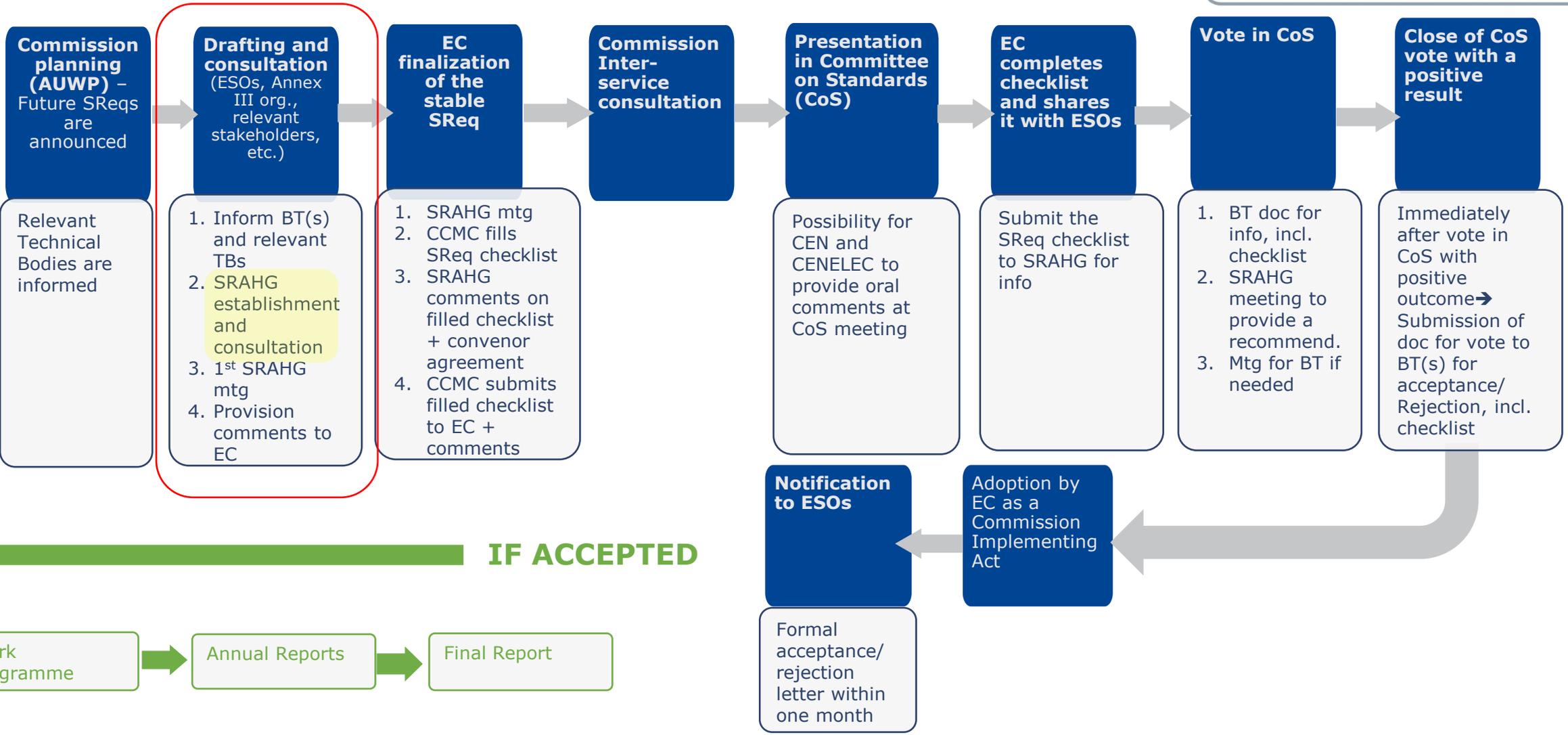
→ CCMC has to contact the relevant EC desk officer

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

Why:

Since the SReq has the legal status of a Commission Implementing Decision, the EC will launch the full process for the approval of a new Commission Implementing Decision, i.e. among others, the EC inter-service consultation and the approval by the Member States in the CoS.

SReq development process



What is a SRAHG?

SRAHG establishment

CCMC prepares a BT doc for information:

- ▶ Summary the draft SReq and points for attention
- ▶ **Call for SRAHG members** + Method of appointment
- ▶ Date and time of the **first SRAHG meeting**
- ▶ Deadline and procedure for the **submission of comments** on the draft SReq
- ▶ Link to the related SD Documents folder where to find all the relevant documents and grant national representatives access

[ToR “Standardization Requests – Ad-hoc Groups \(SRAHG\), 'Their role, composition & way of working”](#)

What is a SRAHG?

SRAHG composition

- ▶ Interested CEN/BT Members and CENELEC Permanent Delegates (or their alternates)
- ▶ **National experts** nominated by CEN/BT Members and CENELEC Permanent Delegates;
- ▶ **Representatives of the concerned Technical Body(ies)** (if applicable);
- ▶ Partner Organizations represented in the Technical Body(ies) including Annex III Organizations (if applicable);
- ▶ One representative of the relevant Sector Forum and/or Coordination Group (if applicable);
- ▶ ISO/IEC representative(s)
- ▶ EC representative(s) – when considered necessary to clarify the content/scope of the draft Standardization Request;
- ▶ Convenor usually TC Chair
- ▶ **CCMC** (secretariat)

At any time during the life cycle of the SRAHG, CEN/BT Members and CENELEC Permanent Delegates can join the group and/or nominate experts.

What is a SRAHG?

SRAHG objectives



- ▶ **Steer the preparatory work** associated to the SReq, in particular gives input on:
 - ▶ Complete list of hENs to be developed/revised and full titles
 - ▶ Deadlines
 - ▶ Responsible Technical Bodies
 - ▶ Need for financial support
- ▶ **Flag any possible issue** in the draft Sreq that might jeopardise the acceptance/development of the Sreq
- ▶ **Agree on the recommendation for acceptance or rejection** of Standardization Requests to the Technical Boards (once vote at CoS has started)

What is a SRAHG? Meetings



- ▶ SRAHG inputs collected through the commenting template and discussed them a "comments resolution meeting"

Template for comments and secretariat observations					Date:	Document:	Project:
MB/ NC ¹	Line number (e.g. 17)	Clause/ Subclause (e.g. 3.1)	Paragraph/ Figure/ Table/ (e.g. Table 1)	Type of comment ²	Comments	Proposed change	Observations of the secretariat

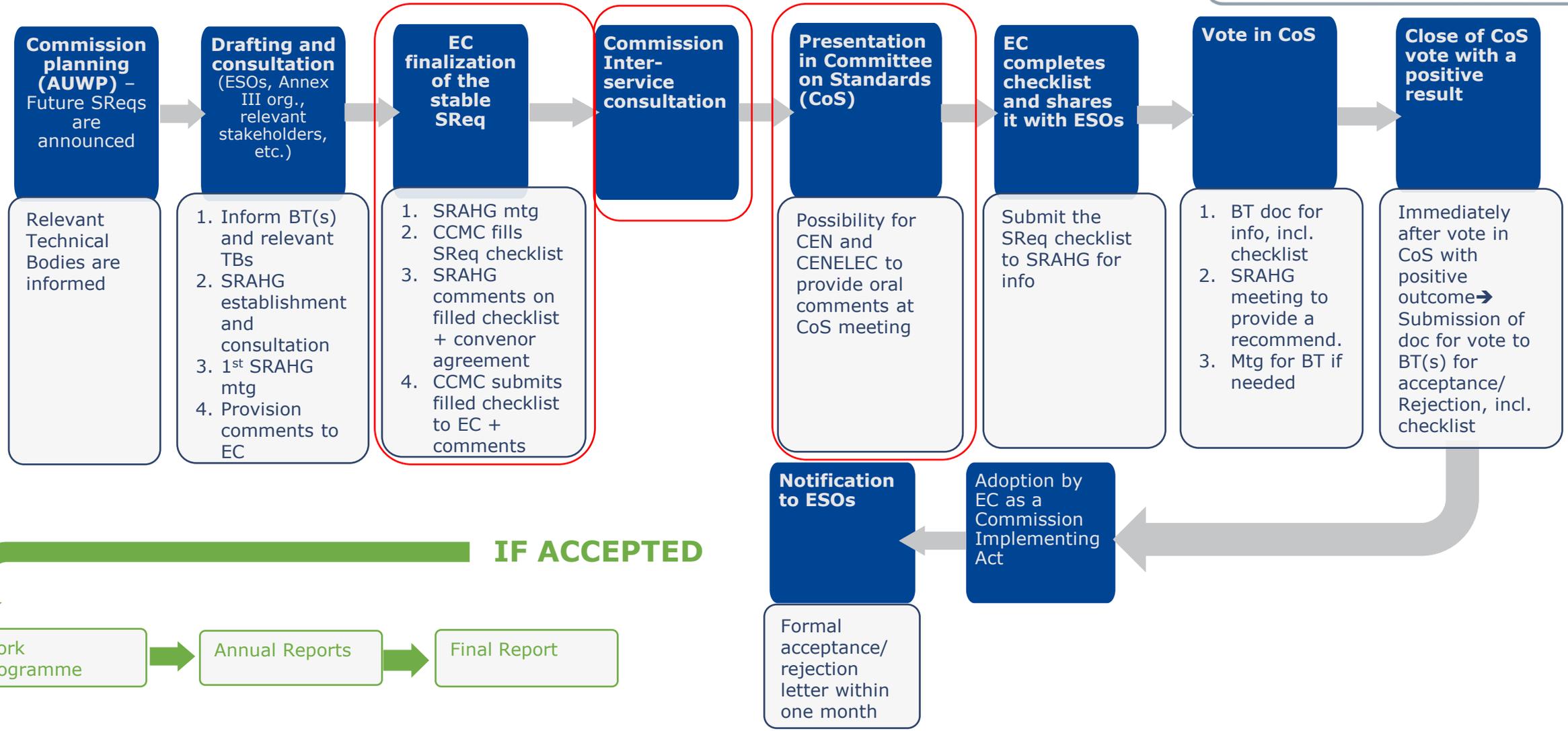
- ▶ Consolidated comments are circulated by CCMC to the EC (and to the SRAHG though the SD Documents)
- ▶ SRAHGs operate by consensus and do not vote
- ▶ No national delegation principle

What is a 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!
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

SReq development process



Draft SReq Checklist

- ▶ Developed by the ESOs-EC Task force "Timely European Standards for a Green and Digital, Single and Global Market"
- ▶ Approved by BTs in May 2023 with immediate application
- ▶ Objective: raise awareness to the Commission officers on critical elements that may prevent the SR feasibility by the relevant ESO(s)

Draft SReq Checklist

CHECKLIST FOR STANDARDISATION REQUEST (SR)

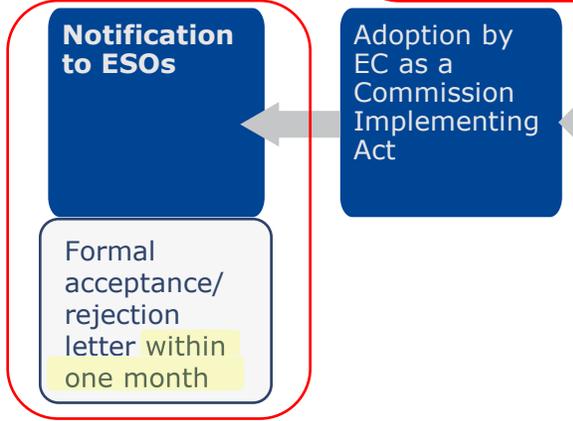
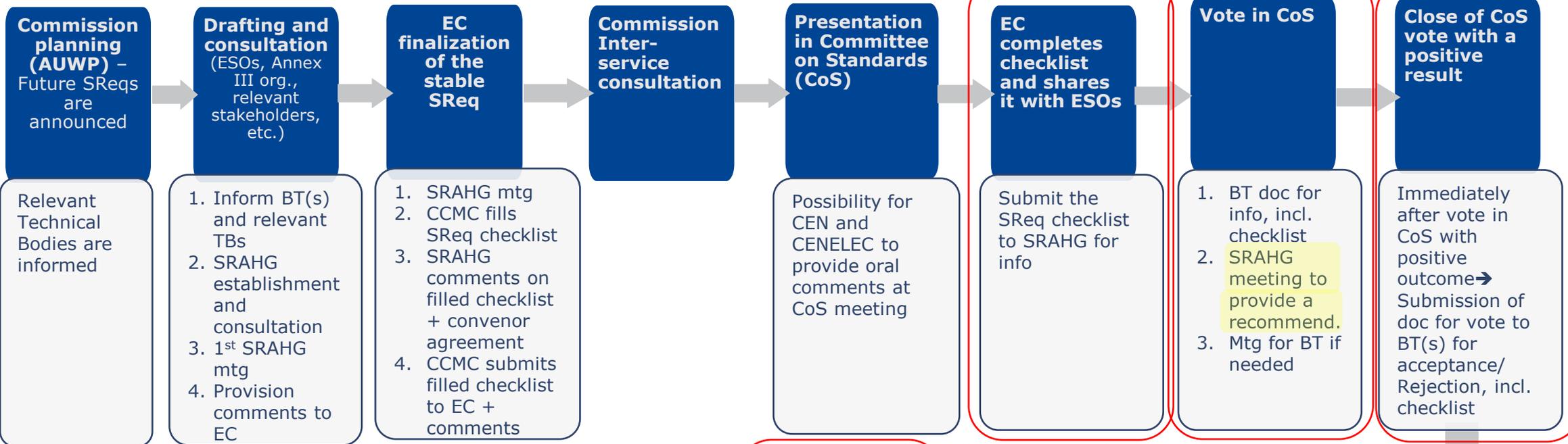
This checklist is to be filled out by the relevant ESO(s) on the basis of the final draft of the SR, made available by the Commission before the submission to the Inter-service consultation. The field 'EC comments' is reserved to the Commission services for any reply to the possible concerns/critical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

PROCESS		To be filled by relevant ESOs on the basis of the stable draft Sreq, before Inter-service consultation			ESOs critical topics identified	ESOs proposed alternatives	EC comments
1	Has the draft SR been agreed with the relevant ESO(s) and is it equivalent to the SR?						reserved to the Commission services for any reply to the possible concerns/critical elements of the ESO(s), before considering this document final
SR SCOPE					ESOs critical topics identified	ESOs proposed alternatives	
2	Is the scope clear?						
3	Are the objectives clear?	(Y/N)	(Y/N)	(Y/N)			
SUPPORTING LEGISLATION/REQUIREMENTS		CEN	CLC	ETSI	ESOs critical topics identified	ESOs proposed alternatives	
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)			

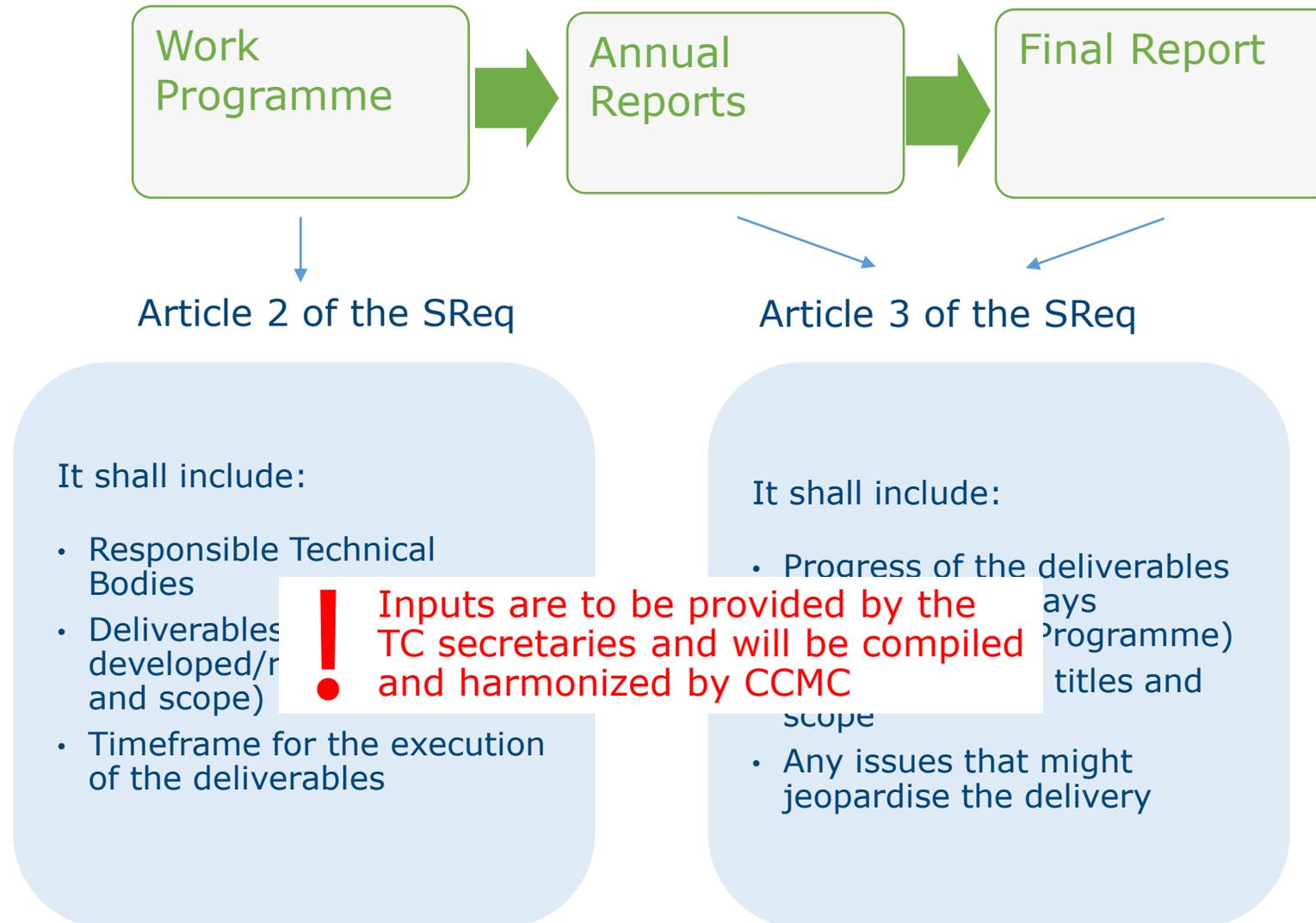
Draft SReq Checklist

- ▶ 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 SReq checklist to the BT documents (for information or decision)

SReq development process



Steps after the acceptance of the SReq

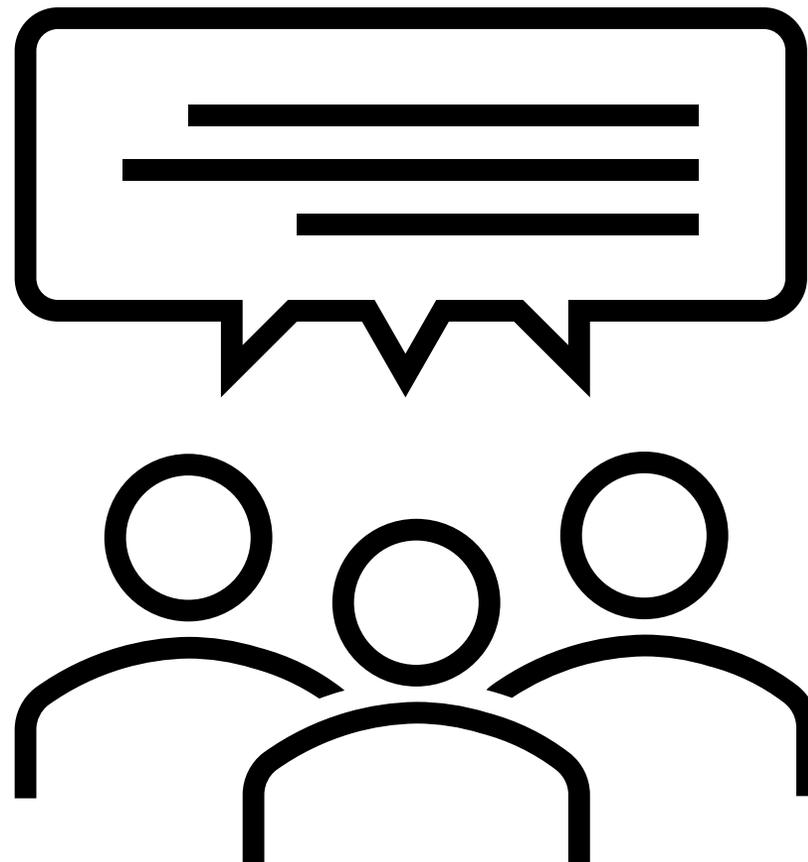


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Sources

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](#)

Question time





INFORMATION FOR TECHNICAL BODY OFFICERS

Thanks!

Questions?

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