



CCMC International Cooperation activities and cooperation with the Gulf region

Best practices in the field of preparation and development of standards and technical regulations

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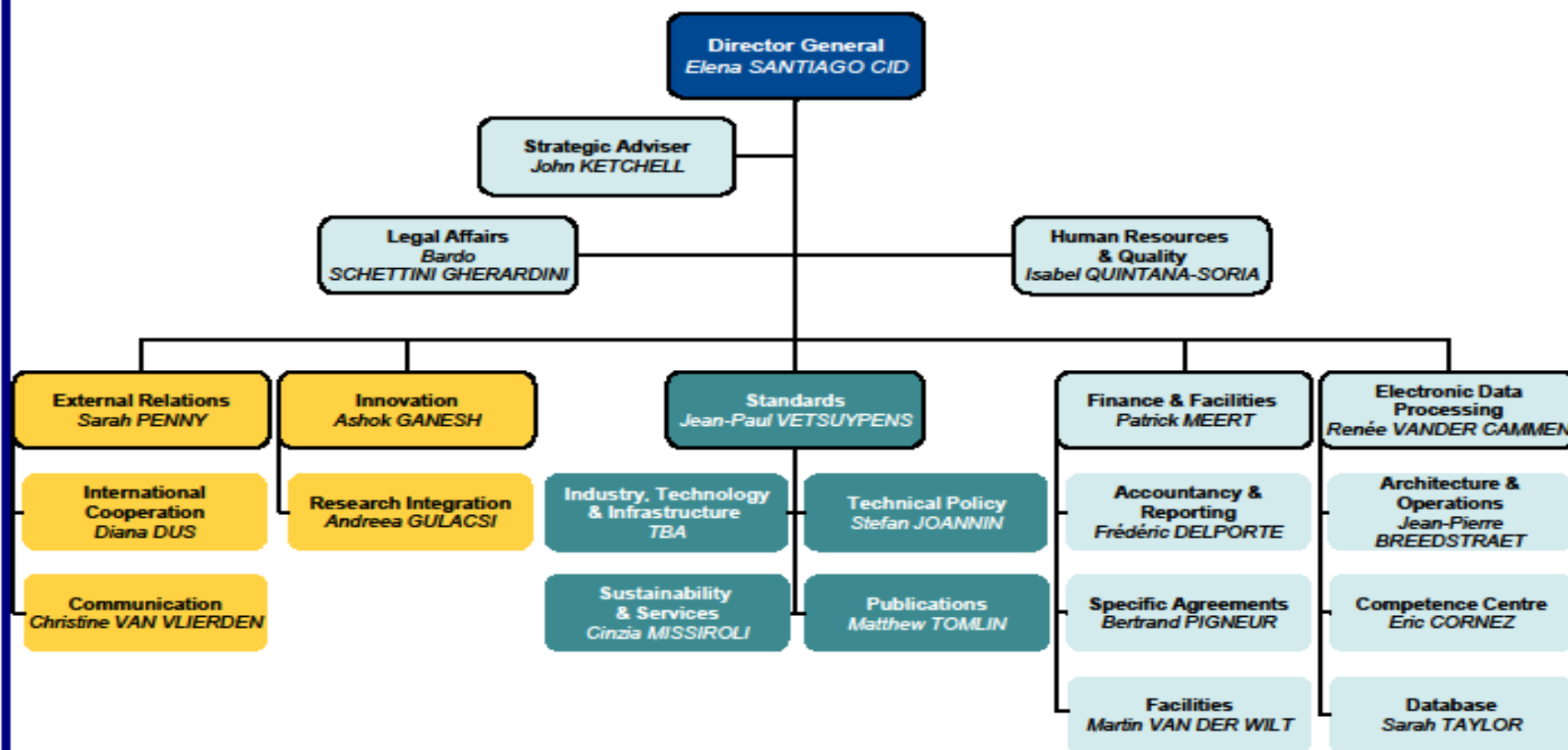
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International Cooperation



International Cooperation in CEN-CENELEC Management Centre



- Promotion of the use of International Standards and cooperation with ISO and IEC
- Develop standardization cooperation (technical and strategic level)
- Foster adoption of common standards for full market harmonisation
- Support regulatory initiatives (FTAs, etc)
- Promote the uniqueness of the European Standardization Model to external stakeholders
- Gather market intelligence

External Relations Activities



Promotion of the use of International Standards

HOW?

- Agreements (Affiliates, MoUs, etc.)
 - Projects (Visibility and Technical Assistance)
- } **LINKED**

Opening Up The European System



CEN and CENELEC have harmonized their formal relations with third countries

- **Affiliate** status for the Standardization Organizations of countries listed in the European Neighbourhood Policy
- **Partner Standardization Bodies** for all other Standardization Organizations
- **Memoranda of Understanding** for regional level
- **Specific agreements** with third countries

Moreover, CEN, CENELEC and ETSI are increasingly joining forces for international visibility actions



Affiliation with CEN and CENELEC



CEN-CENELEC Guide 12

- ENP countries, one NSB / country
- Access to catalogue of standards + sales
- Obligation to notify adoptions of ENs
- Observership to TCs + obligation to adopt the standards from TCs in which it participates and to withdraw national conflicting standards
- Participation in AG (no voting right)
- Currently 13 Affiliates in CENELEC / 17 in CEN



Partner standardization body (PSB)



- A national standards body, member of ISO or IEC, representing or having the ambition to represent all parties concerned in an evolving market economy of a country which cannot obtain the status of CEN or CENELEC Member nor the status of CEN or CENELEC Affiliate may become a Partner Standardization Body (See CEN/CENELEC Guide 13)

www.cencenelec.eu/standards/Guides/Pages/default.aspx

- CEN and CENELEC = two different legal entities
➔ two applications for PSB Status



Main rights and obligations



- Access to catalogue of standards **upon request** + sales
- Obligation to notify adoptions of ENs and withdraw conflicting standards
- Observership to TCs + **endeavour** to adopt the standards from TC in which it participates and to withdraw national conflicting standards
- Participation in General Assembly (no voting right)
- Receive and sell corporate publications (guides, press releases, internal regulations,...)
- Follow the rules of Guide 10 for the sale and distribution of standards



Agreements - Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs)



Pan American Standards Commission



EuroAsian Interstate Council
for Standardization, Metrology and Certification



Arab States of the Gulf (GSO)



AFRICAN

ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION



**ASOCIACIÓN
MERCOSUR DE
NORMALIZACIÓN**



SADCSTAN

- Exchange of information and work programmes
- Participation in meetings
- Provision of ENs (in some cases)



Licence Agreements



- Distribution and sales of European standards
- Rules under Guide 10
- Obligation to notify their use
- Copyright declaration for the use of standards
- Royalties in case of modifications or sales outside territory

Cooperation with the Gulf region

National level



- Licence agreements, allowing the provision of ENs, are already being implemented with :
 - » ESMA (only CEN)
 - » SASO (with CEN and CENELEC)
- SASO borrowed 240 standards
- ESMA borrowed 18 standards



Notification of adoptions !!!



Other examples of agreements with strategic third countries



国家标准化管理委员会

SAC - Standardization Administration of China (common CEN-CENELEC-ETSI)



Both CENELEC and CEN have signed an Agreement with JISC



Projects - Visibility



- **SESEC** (Seconded European Standardization Expert in China):
face of the ESOs in China
 - increase visibility of European Standardization with Chinese authorities, European Industry in China and Chinese industry
 - improving contacts with key ministries and agencies
 - provide information to European industries on Chinese standardization issues
 - www.eustandards.cn
- **CESIP** (EU/EFTA–China Standardization Information Platform)
 - environmental protection, machinery, electrical household appliances, medical devices
 - <http://eu-china-standards.eu>
- **SESEI** (Seconded European Standardization Expert in India)

Projects – Technical Assistance



- Programme Management
- EC-EFTA Funding (so far, but open to other donors)
- Regional Programmes (with exceptions in strategic countries – e.g. BRICS)
- Agreement from CEN and CENELEC Members
- Priority regions in line with EU trade and development policy

Why Technical Assistance in CEN and CENELEC



- CEN/CLC are truly **EUROPEAN** organizations
- CEN/CLC can rely on a huge **NETWORK OF EXPERTS** (over 60.000)
- **NOT ONLY** standardization but other fields of Quality : Conformity Assessment, Metrology, Technical regulations, Market Surveillance, Accreditation)
- CEN/CLC have a **LONG EXPERIENCE** in managing TA programmes – the first, targeted to Poland and Hungary, was in 1991!

Objectives of Technical Assistance



- Raise (political) awareness to quality infrastructure and to the New Approach concept
- Develop quality infrastructure
- Training of officials and field experts
- Set up a stable environment allowing the companies to develop and put on the market quality products capable of being competitive on the global market
- Promote trade – remove technical barriers to trade
- Prepare countries for EU accession (CEN-CENELEC Affiliates)

Types of activities



- Country reports, studies
- Seminars
- Conferences
- Hands-on Trainings/workshops
- Study visits
- Contractual (technical, financial) reports
- Networking activities (intra-regional proficiency testing, liaison with other projects or regional institutions,...)

Procedure followed for Technical Assistance projects (1)



- Needs expressed by the beneficiary country to EC ;
- EC drafts a project fiche approved internally ;
- EC drafts Terms of Reference approved beneficiaries ;
- In general, open call for tender
 - Advanced notice
 - Call for Expression of Interests (EoI)
 - Call for tender
- But also direct contracts (no call for tender)
- Looking for opportunities

Procedure followed for Technical Assistance projects (2)



- Evaluation of a proposal :
 - Conditions (competitive edge) :
 - Regional project ;
 - Experience in the region;
 - Strategic relevance ;
 - If two conditions are fulfilled, Members to decide (unanimity) → avoid competition
 - CEN & CENELEC free to choose Consortium (actively seeking for partners) ;

Technical Assistance – recently completed projects



<p>APRIS II (<i>ASEAN region</i>)</p> <p>(Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam)</p>	<p>Closed in December 2010</p> <p>ASEAN Programme for Regional Integration Support II: Standards with focus on post market surveillance, agro-food, fisheries, electronics, wood products, cosmetics, Customs and trade facilitation, Investment, Capacity building (e.g. ASEAN Secretariat), support to the ASEAN integration</p>
<p>IPA 2008 (<i>Western Balkans + Turkey</i>)</p> <p>(Albania, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo (UNSCR 1244-99))</p>	<p>Closed in June 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assessment existing structure and needs per country on accreditation, metrology, standardization, testing & certification, market surveillance ➤ Boost regional cooperation via a permanent Cooperation Committee ➤ Improve regional ‘mutual trust’ and network via Proficiency Testing and Joint “hands-on” trainings
<p>TACIS Regional</p> <p>(Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan)</p>	<p>Closed in March 2011</p> <p>Measurable progress in the harmonisation of the NIS electricity sector equipment standards with international standards by creating a regional Technical Group on harmonization of electricity standards and proposals for one or two harmonized standards</p>

Technical Assistance – ongoing projects



IPA 2011 Quality Infrastructure

Western Balkans + Turkey

(Albania, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo (UNSCR 1244-99))

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STIS (China)

China Support to Sustainable Trade and Investment System

- Programme based on mutual exchange between the EU and China on trade, economic development and conformity assessment systems, including standardization.

Memorandum of Understanding between GSO and the ESOs



MoU between GSO and ESOs



- Memorandum of Understanding between CEN and GSO date back to 2006
 - Exchange of information ;
 - Exchange of views ;
 - Transfer of knowledge (This seminar is an example!).
- In 2011, proposal for reshaping, revival of the MoU and integration of CENELEC and ETSI
- Agreement reached on the terms of the MoU and approved by all parties' advisory bodies;
- Priority sector list and open door to exchange of standards.



**signed in February 2012
and Roadmap agreed**



Roadmap 2012-2013



- Annual reporting
- Exchange of information on standardization systems and seminar
- Exchange of work programmes and list of adopted standards
- Share knowledge and exchange best practices
- Exchange strategic information
- Participation in the AGs as observers
- Organization of bilateral meetings
- Investigation on how standards listed in the priority sectors were adopted/used in the past
 - » Opens the door for a Regional Licence Agreement



Status of roadmap implementation



- Good cooperation started between GSO, CEN and CENELEC
- Some activities already implemented
- However, need for increasing cooperation and exchange of information
- Next steps :
 - Annual Reporting (Q1)
 - Provision of work programme from GSO
 - Exchange of information on engagement with small and medium-sizes enterprises (SMEs), engagement with international and regional standardization bodies
 - General Assemblies (CEN and CENELEC in June, Copenhagen)
 - Discussion on Roadmap for 2014





Thank you!

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