Standardisation, Innovation, EU Neighbourhood Policies and beyond

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Technical regulation of the Internet.
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What is a standard?

- → It is a document:
- voluntary in application
- established by all interested parties
- reflects consensus
- approved by a recognized body
- meant for common and repeated use





Added Value of European Standards

- Cooperation with international level
- 1 standard = access to 29 European countries + worldwide
- Keymark certification (CEN & CENELEC only)
- Conformity Assessment



The European Standardization Organizations

- CEN
 (European Committee for Standardization)
- CENELEC
 (European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization)
- ETSI

(European Telecommunications Standards Institute)



Strengths of the European system



Principles of ESO's

- Consensus
- Openness and transparency
- National commitment
- Technical coherence at the national and European level
- Correct integration with other international work
- Market relevance
- WTO code





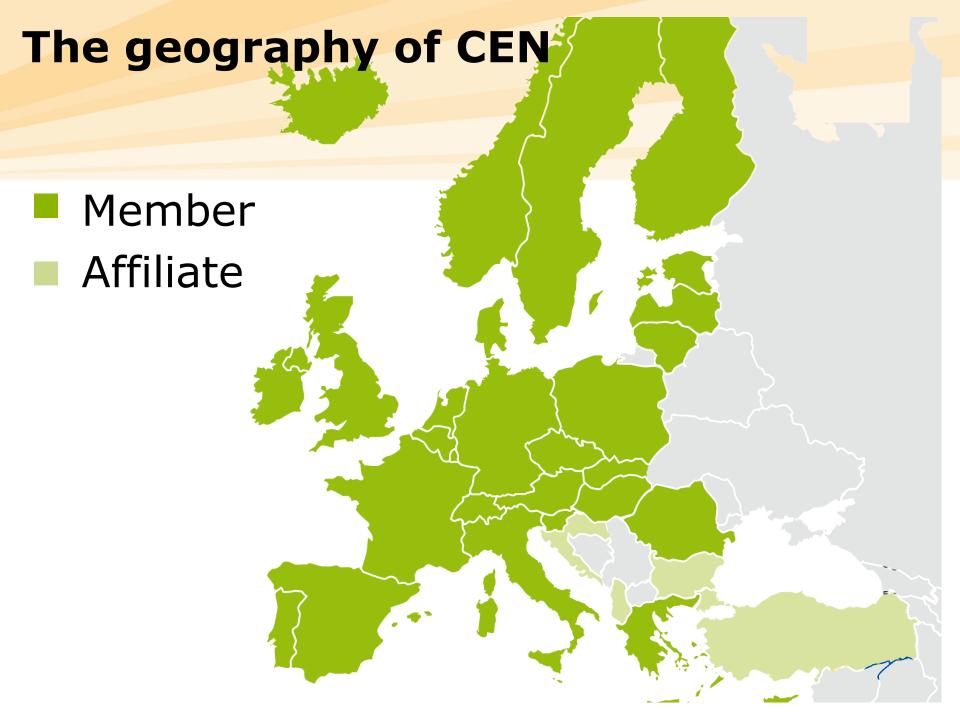
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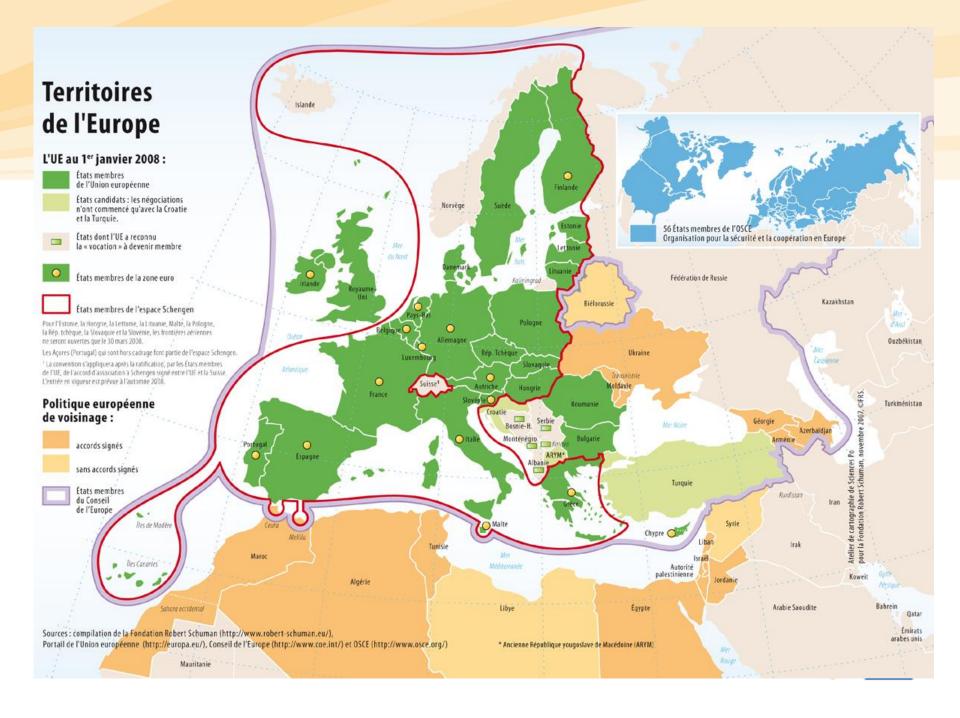
Costs:

- CEN standardization system costs appr. 800 million Euro per year
- 80% of the costs are carried by industry
- Revenues
 - 1% of the GNP is generated by standardization (DIN study)









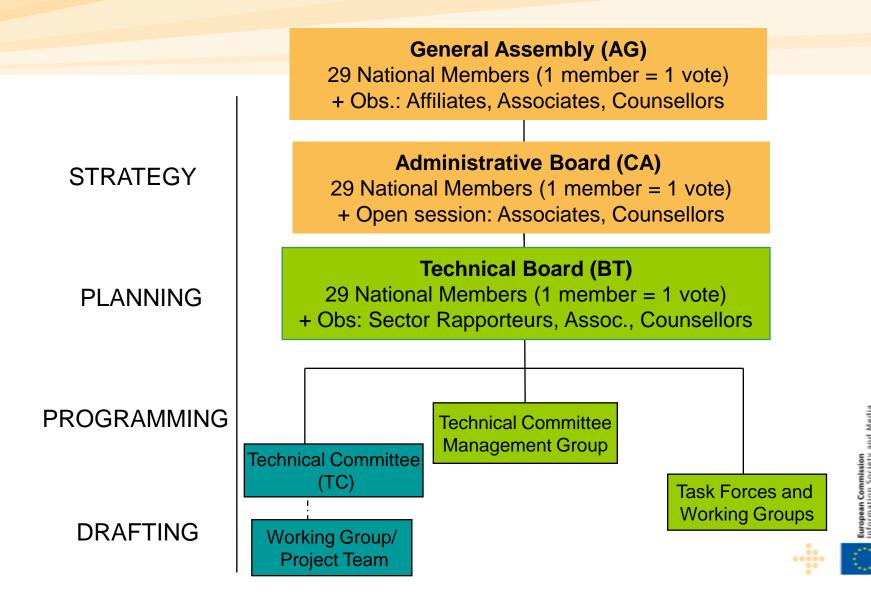
Sectors in CEN

- Aerospace
- Chemicals
- Construction
- Consumer Products
- Environment
- Food
- General Standards
- Health and Safety
- Healthcare

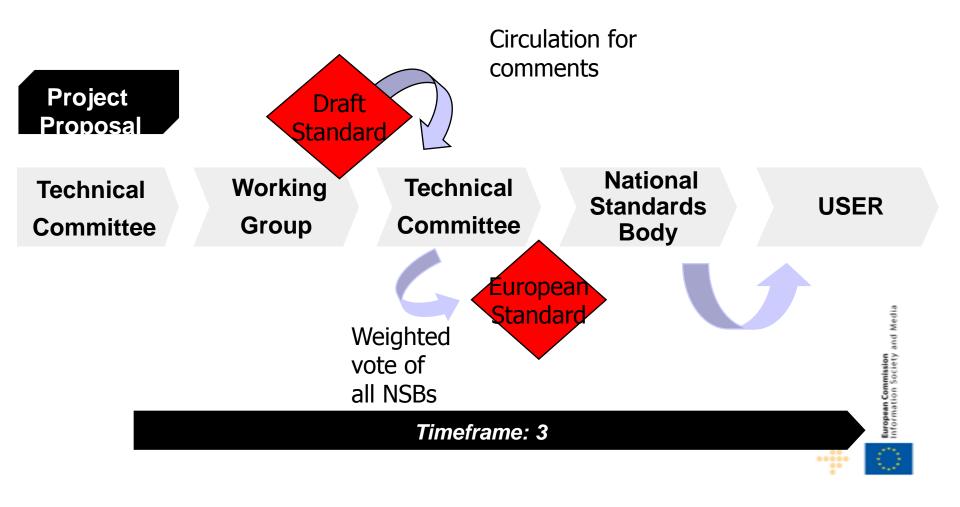
- HVAC (gas appliances)
- ISSS (ICT)
- Materials
- Mechanical Engineering
- Security and defence
- Services
- Transport and Packaging
- Utilities and Energy
- Others



CEN System



Drafting European Standards



Drafting CEN Workshop Agreements

Business Plan	Kick-off Meeting	Adoption of CWA	CWA
TIMEFRAME: 6 – 12 MONTHS			
Describing - Scope - Objectives - Financing - Schedule	Confirming - Business Plan - Rules of the Workshop - Chairmanship - Secretariat	 Consensus of Participants Working preferably via Internet 	Published by CEN National Members



ICT Standards Overview

- Success cases in Europe
- Benefits of participation in standardisation for FP6-FP7 projects
- But... new some challenges
- Meeting the challenges
- How the standardisation policy can help



Standardisation as a key instrument

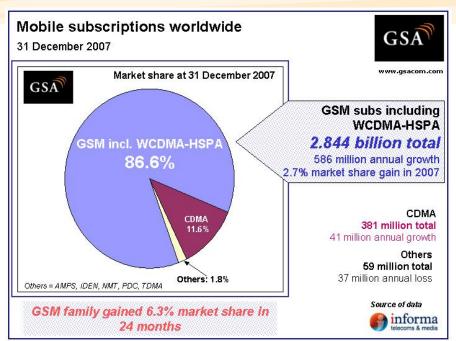
Dynamic standardisation is an important enabler of innovation:

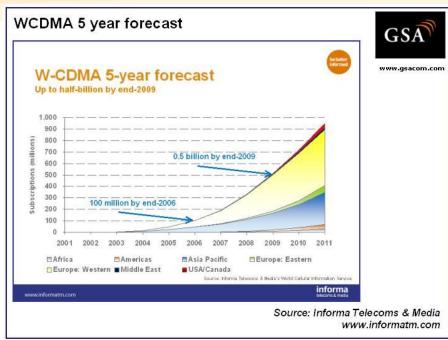
- Providing a level playing field
- Providing interoperability, while leaving ample room for competitive and innovative solutions
- Improving fair trade and create trust in the market.
- Bringing safety in the investments and quality
- Simplify regulation





GSM WCDMA Europe





1.43 billion handsets to be sold in 2011, 1.14 billion sold in 2007 and 987 million sold in 2006



R&D Exploitation through Standards, a natural feature of the ICT programme

UWB: PULSERS, > 1Gb/s, key contributor to standardisation and spectrum regulation in Europe (ETSI+CEPT)

4G: WINNER, 4G EU technological basis established, ready to start standardisation race. Main EU contributor to ITU WRC 07

SVC: DANAE, established part of the technological basis for the MPEG 21 standard

DRM: ENTHRONE, MEDIANET: MPEG 21 reference DRM framework (ICPC)

PLC: OPERA, initiated the ETSI PLC standard initiative.

SDR: E2R, founding project of the ETSI SDR Committee

DVB-H: INSTINCT, advancement of interoperability framework between OMA BCAST and DVB CBMS

DVB-SH: MAESTRO (MODIS...), at the origin of the **DVB-SH** standard.

DVB-RCS: IBIS/SATLIFE, techno flying on the Amheris/Amazonas satellite

CEN: MYCAREVENT, Work item on mobile collaborative ways to support repair and maintenance of vehicles (through DIN)

OMG: SODIUM, Generic Service Model and the Visual Service Composition Language (VSCL) driving standard

...and many more

Benefits of participation in standardisation

- Dissemination of results (higher international recognition)
- Widen the potential exploitation of the projects outputs
- Benefit from the collective expertise of specialist, increasing the quality of the proposals and reducing time
- Build a competitive advantage
- Possibility of testing according internationally agreed principles
- Participation in standards gives new opportunities for launching projects





Challenges and Gaps between EU Projects and the Standardisation process

- Timing and speed gap
- Different focus gap
- Less recognition in standard participation than writing a scientific paper
- One stop shopping with the standards bodies
- Efficiency (cost and effort) gap
- Lack of standardisation of the standard procedures in the standardisation bodies
- Project's effort needed to go from theory to practice (lack of demonstrators)





Meeting the Challenges...

- Standards as an evaluation criteria for funding of research projects
- EU legislator as an "adopter" (referencing standards in laws and regulations), as "promoter" (standards in public procurement) and as "consumer" (using standards-based products)
- Using the potential of the internal market, critical mass to capitalize on investments in research and innovation.
- Promoting cooperation between stakeholders (FP and the different funding schemes, European Institute of Technology, Joint Technology Initiatives,...





Standardisation policy

- Standardisation would remain, a voluntary activity industry led and market driven
- Role of standardisation policy?
 - Ensure balance between industry expectations and public interests
 - Create the appropriate conditions for "technical consensus building process" and a strategic dialogue between stakeholders

Conclusion

- Co-existence and Cooperation of formal and informal standardisation bodies.
- Effort welcome from Standards Organisations for a more accessible approach (widespread published standards, clarify and optimise standards procedures, "help desks", work-shops,...)
- Standards as an evaluation criteria for funding of research projects
- Access to standardisation for all stakeholders, specially, SMEs



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More Information

- FP7 web site with ICT WP 2007/2008 for download http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict
- The ICT Challenge 1 web site http://cordis.europa.eu/ict/ch1/
- ICT Standardisation

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/ict/policy/standards/ict index en.htm



