

The European Standardisation An important pillar for the quality infrastructure

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European Standards Organizations (ESO)

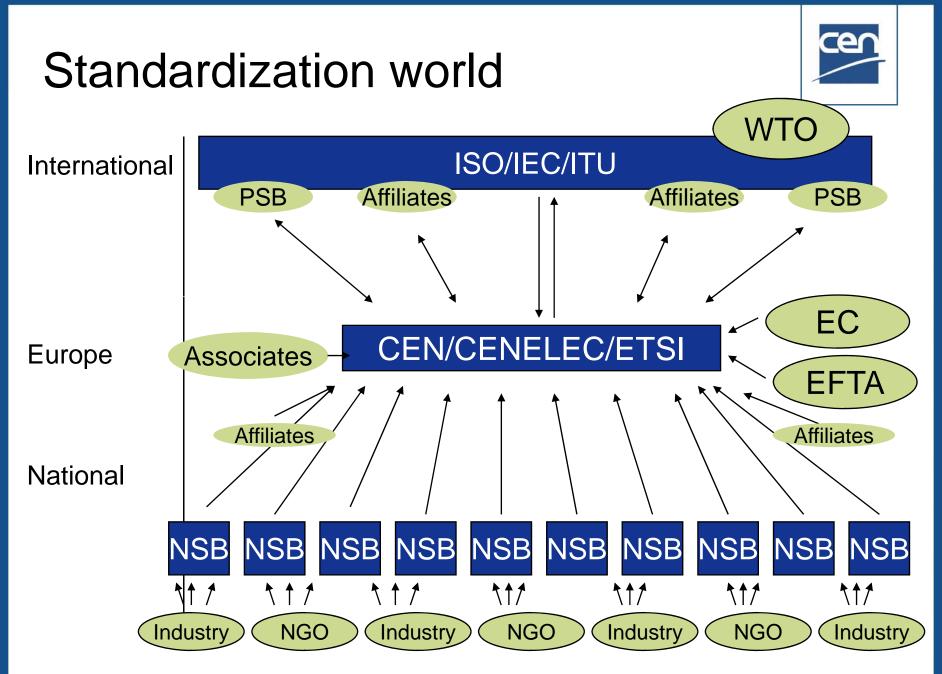


- CEN.....

 (Comité Européen de Normalisation/

 European Committee for standardization)
- (European Telecommunications
 Standards Institute)





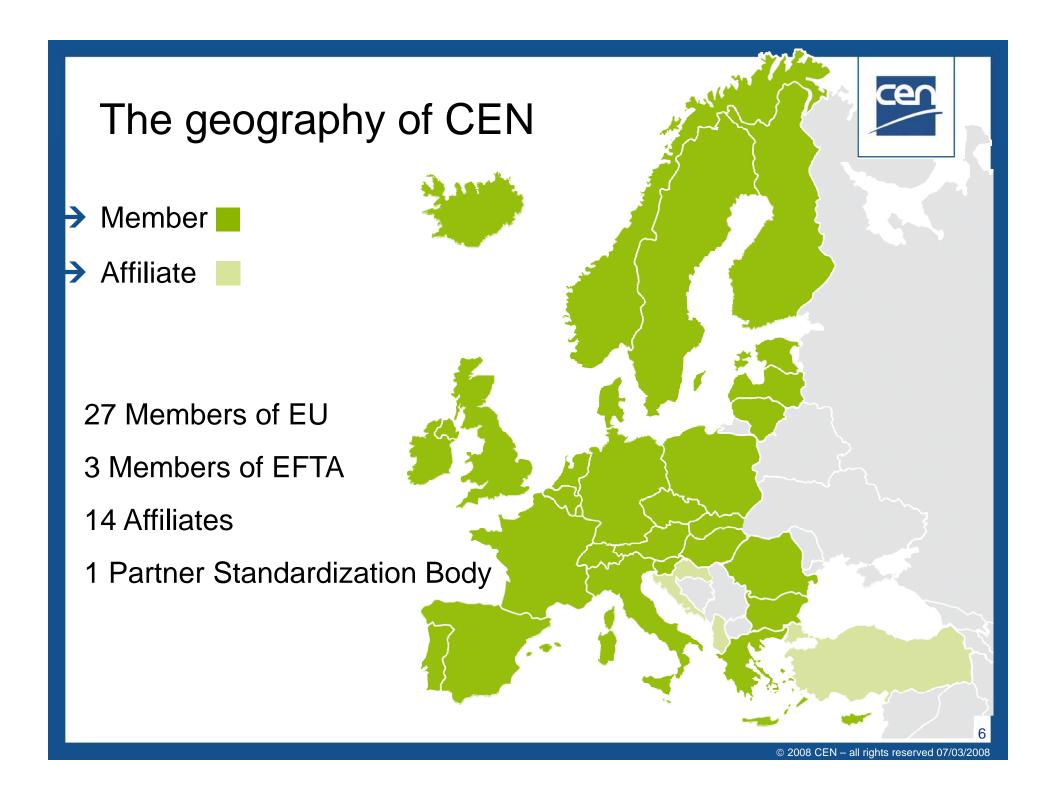




What is CEN?



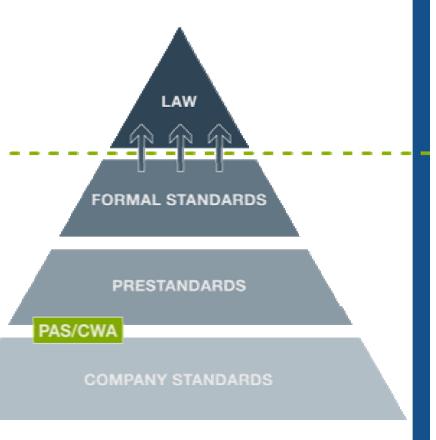
- → A European Standardization Organization, which members are the National Standardization Bodies of the EU and EFTA
- CEN is a private organisation, incorporated under Belgian law
- → 2 Counsellors (EC, EFTA)
- CEN Management Centre (CMC), Brussels
- Over 60.000 experts of all fields are active in CEN work
- Experts of authorities, industry, consumer organisations, etc (i.e. the stakeholders) participate in the standardisation process, which is open and transparent.



What type of documents do we publish?



- Standards
 - European Standard EN
- Pre-Standards
 - Technical Specification TS
- Informative
 - Technical Report TR
- Workshop Agreement
 - CEN Workshop Agreement CWA



All these documents are voluntary in use

What is a standard?

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- 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
- In addition, a European Standard:
 - Is obligatory transposed in a national standard
 - and therefore conflicting national standards are to be withdrawn



Why European Standards?



- Complete the Single Market
 - Larger markets create wealth
- Competitiveness and technical innovation
 - State of the Art
- Regional influence in global economy
 - Export European know-how
- Alternative to formal regulation
 - Self-regulation by the user and best



New Approach Directives basic principles



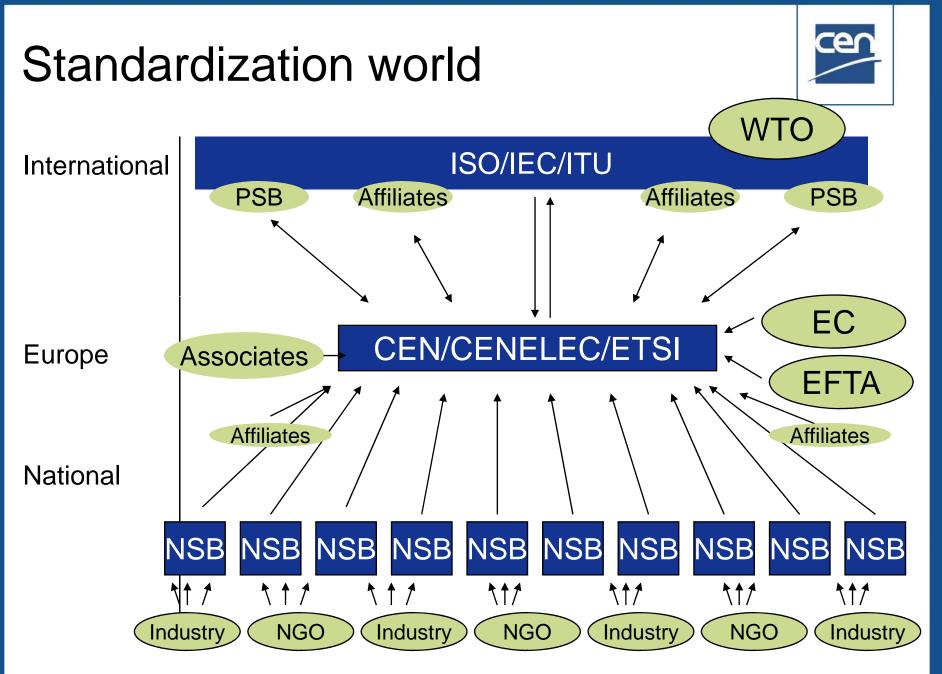


- Only essential requirements in NA Directives
- Reference to standards
 - Standards organizations develop or approve harmonized standards
 - EN's set out technical specifications to meet directives essential requirements
- Conformity assessment policy
 - Standards are voluntary
 - Manufacturers do not have to follow EN
 - IF they follow = presumption of conformity =





International Collaboration



International Cooperation?



Vienna Agreement

•Is an agreement between ISO and CEN, signed > 15 years ago

Dresden Agreement

•Is an agreement between CENELEC and IEC, signed > 15 years ago

Primary aim of both agreements

 To ensure harmonization of international and European standardization, for the benefit of contributors to, and users of standards

Building regional standardization



Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with Regional Standardization Bodies





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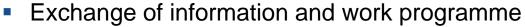
Arab States of the Gulf (GSO)



under preparation



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Participation in meetings



Qué necesita un instituto de Normalización regional para tener éxito?



- Implementación obligatoria de las normas regionales como normas nacionales y retirar normas nacionales que están en conflicto
- Una Secretaría Central operativa, que maneja el sistema regional de Normalización (recursos financieros)
- Expertos, con voluntad de lograr acuerdos, de colaborar.
- Concentrarse sobre la normalización de Productos y Servicios regionales



Preguntas?

Gracias



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