



The European Committee for Standardization

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CEN was founded in 1961. Its thirty national members work together to develop voluntary European Standards (ENs) in various sectors to build a European internal market for goods and services and to position Europe in the global economy. More than 60.000 technical experts as well as business federations, consumer and other societal interest organizations are involved in the CEN network that reaches over 460 million people. CEN is the officially recognized standardization.

The standardization bodies of the national members represent the Twenty-nine member states of the European Union, three countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and countries who are likely to join the EU or EFTA in the future.

CEN is contributing to the objectives of the European Union and European Economic Area with voluntary technical standards (EN standards) which promote free trade, the safety of workers and consumers, interoperability of networks, environmental protection, exploitation of research and development programmers, and public procurement.

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