

STAND4ALL



Training  
consumers/end-  
users



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## **General introduction**

This general introduction gives information on the background of the STAND4ALL training. Besides this general introduction there is information on all of the training topics. Each consist of:

- a short description of the topic,
- the presentation handouts and,
- extra information, for example, instructions for assignments.

### ***Description of the project***

Standards for All (STAND4ALL) is a project funded by the European Commission with the main goals of ensuring disability awareness by Technical Committee members and promoting the participation of consumers/end-users in the standardization process. These can be achieved within the context of the CEN/CENELEC Guide 6 '*Guidelines for standards developers to address the needs of older persons and persons with disabilities*'. This is the focus of the project and the developed training course. The project started in January 2009 and ended in March 2010. The project consortium is composed of the National Standards Bodies of The Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom, Institute for long-term care 'Vilans' of the Netherlands, User organization BAG Selbsthilfe of Germany, and research institutes from Germany and Belgium.

Participant no. *	Participant organizationname	Short name	Country
1 (Coordinator)	Dutch Standardization Institute	NEN	The Netherlands
2	Spanish Association for Standardization and Certification.	AENOR	Spain
3	British Standards Institution	BSI	United Kingdom
4	VILANS	VILANS	The Netherlands
5	German Working Party for the Assistance of Persons with Disabilities and Chronic Diseases	BAG Selbsthilfe	Germany
6	German Research Institute Technology and Disability	FTB	Germany
7	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Research and Development	K.U.Leuven	Belgium

### ***Need for STAND4ALL***

There are a number of drivers that have led to the need for a greater involvement of older and disabled people in standardization and recognition of the specific requirements of this user group in order to permit that involvement.

The UN Convention on the Human Rights of Disabled People, of which the European Union is a signatory, European and Member State legislation and European Union policy all move towards a non-discriminatory society with respect for the individual and equality of opportunity. The UN Convention in particular, in Article 9, requires the promotion of inclusive design, the development of standards for minimum access and accessibility training.

These legislative and policy drivers reflect developments in demographics and society, whereby people live longer and expect more and better products and services that reflect their potentially changing needs.

The new demographic reality can also provide a business opportunity in terms of inclusive products and services. If *designed for all*, services and products can meet the needs of a broader market.

Standards are a tool of the market that provide for interoperability, safety and market access. If standards can take into account the needs of older and disabled persons then this business opportunity can more easily be realized. However, in order for this to occur, the standardization process itself must reflect those needs. Standardization

is a process whereby all interested parties can come together to set common technical specifications for goods, processes and services.

The European Commission has identified the need for training to better enable the views of older and disabled people to be taken into account in standards development. It was for this reason that the STAND4ALL project came about.

The initial project activities focused on identifying the following barriers to the standardization process:

- Economic barriers (high cost of implementation in product, service or process)
- Different requirements in different countries/regions
- Legal requirements in different countries/regions
- Unfeasibility due to lack of technical development
- No need due to existence of assistive products for persons with disability in the market
- Lack of experts on accessibility matters participating in the TC/SC

To follow the policy of inclusion of the European Commission and the demand of the European Disability Forum from the European Year of the Disabled “Nothing about us without us” it was the time to take on board the philosophy of including consumers/end-users in all relevant technical committees and working groups in the standardization process.

### ***Development of training courses & material***

There are two training courses developed for the following two purposes:

- To train consumers/end-users on how to take an active role in standardization and to use CEN Guide 6
- To raise awareness amongst a group of committee members in standardization already involved in standardization processes but who have no or little contact to the group of consumers/end-users.

Because there are two target groups with related, but different goals, two training courses are developed. It is important to note the interaction between the two target groups and the fact that the training courses have the possibility to overlap. In this way the two groups are brought together to get acquainted with relevant issues facing each group.

Each manual follows the same basic structure, comprising an introduction and the training course manual itself. The manuals differ primarily in the course modules and the level of detail with variations based on the subject matter and audience (Committee members/users/trainers/trainees).

The training course manuals provide information on the different topics of the training, the material that can be used and how to present this material. Each module of the training courses consists of:

- short introduction to the topic
- information on the topic
- presentation of the topic
- possible extra material

### ***Trainees' manual for end-user/consumer***

This manual is the trainees' manual for end-users/consumer. The manual is set-up for trainees with basic knowledge of accessibility and inclusion but with little knowledge on standardization. The training course manual is arranged into the following sections:

1. Programme for the course
2. Training course modules:
  - i. Welcome and introduction
  - ii. Motivation and background
  - iii. Information on Standardization
  - iv. User Aspects
  - v. User Participation
  - vi. Exercises
  - vii. Interactive session: 'Role Play' or 'Simulation of a TC Meeting'
  - viii. Further Implementation
3. Evaluation
4. Annexes



## ***Objectives consumers/end-users***

Objectives of training for consumers/end-users:

- Understanding why standards are important and why consumers/end-users should be involved and what the preconditions are under which this could be done (USEM principles)
- Understanding Guide 6 and how this guide can be used in standards development
- Users have knowledge on how to ensure consumer issues are considered in the standardization process and what skills are necessary in doing so

## ***Training***

Are you active in looking after the interests of older people or people with disabilities?

Standardization is a means to make sure the demands of these groups are taken into account.

With this training you will learn on the background of rules and regulations in Europe and what the place of standardization is in this.

The process of standardization is explained and ways of how a consumer/end-user representative can influence standardization processes. This is also done by practical exercises to simulate standardization activities. The CEN/CENELEC Guide 6 will be discussed and used to find out how it is set-up and how this Guide can be used by you.

This two day training shows the importance of participating in standardization and how to do this using Guide 6 as important document in the hand.

In the training the participants will be divided in two groups as mentioned above. Parts of the training will be conducted in separate sessions for each group, whilst there will also be opportunities to interact during role play exercises. This interaction is an important feature of the training.

## ***Outcome***

A successful result of the STAND4ALL trainings will be a group of trained consumers/end-users who are able to take an active part in the work of technical committees in the standardization process.

Additionally, the trained committee members can make use of their knowledge and promote the inclusion of the group of consumers/end-users in their standardization work.

## **STAND4ALL Training Course [place], [date] for consumers/end-users in standardization**

**[day], [date]**

08:30 - 09:00 h	Registration
09:00 - 09:45 h	Welcome and introduction of trainers and participants
09:45 - 10:45 h	Topic 1: Background and motivation
10:45 - 11:15 h	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:15 - 12:15 h	Topic 2: Information on Standardization
12:15 - 12:45 h	Topic 3: User Aspects in Standardization (part one)
12:45 - 14:00 h	<b>Lunch break</b>
14:00 - 14:30 h	Topic 3: User Aspects in Standardization (part two)
14:30 - 15:30 h	Topic 4: User participation in standardization; How to use Guide 6? (part one)
15:30 - 16:00 h	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:00 - 17:00 h	Topic 4: User participation in standardization; How to use Guide 6? (part two)
	Dinner

**[day], [date]**

<b>08:30 - 09:00 h</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
09:00 - 09:30 h	Summary of day 1
09:30 - 10:45 h	Exercises (exemplary skills)
<b>10:45 - 11:00 h</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:00 - 11:30 h	Exercises to be continued

**After this morning session the consumers/end-user and committee members in standardization group will join together**

11:30 - 12:00 h	Preparation of role play
12:00 - 12:45 h	Interactive role play
<b>12:45 14:00 h</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:00 - 14:30 h	Discussion of interactive role play
14:30 - 15:30 h	Further implementation
15:30 - 16:00 h	Closure

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Topic

'Welcome and  
Introduction'



## Introduction to 'Welcome and introduction'

The goal of this topic is to provide background information regarding the STAND4ALL training, its initiation, set up, and the expected results from trainees.

It is very important to have a positive learning environment in which a trainee feels inspired and comfortable to learn in. Besides background information on STAND4ALL, the trainer will also pay attention to the trainees (their background, aims etc). Also, routine business will be explained (where to find toilets etc).

On top of that, the trainer will introduce the host, who is available for all kind of questions during the day.

The training day begins with half an hour registration and informal session with coffee and tea. This informal session smoothly changes into this first session 'Welcome and Introduction'.

As the aim of the topic "Welcome and Introduction" is further to provide understanding of the concept of 'Accessibility in Standardization', it is important that trainees understand the need for the STAND4ALL training.

Within this topic we will discuss the following issues:

- What are the background and objectives of the STAND4ALL training?
- Introduction of both trainers and trainees
- The set-up of the training

The Welcome and Introduction session should ensure:

- Understanding of the aim of the training; namely that the standardization experts need to learn about accessibility and that accessibility experts (thus: users) need to know about standardization.
- Understanding of the goals of the training
- Understanding of expectations/aims of trainees in frame of STAND4ALL

Annexes:

- STAND4ALL document 'Welcome and introduction'
- Presentation

For further reading and more information the following website can be used:

- [www.STAND4ALL.eu](http://www.STAND4ALL.eu)



## Information on Welcome and Introduction

Preliminary note: This topic should be treated as an interactive discussion, so please ask the trainer questions throughout.

As trainers and other key persons (contact persons for the venue etc) need to be aware of the requirements of disabled people in the audience throughout the course, please make sure they are aware of any disability /requirement you might have.

The trainer will carefully check the list of trainees, including their organizations and country beforehand, but it is extremely important that you speak up about your specific needs as early as possible (preferably in this first presentation of the training).

The trainer will start the session by introducing him/herself. By doing so, he/she will inform the trainees with his/hers name, company, country and perhaps some personal details.

The trainer will ask you to introduce yourself as well and also what your link is with the training. Also include some information about your experience with disability and standardization, your aims of today and that why you are attending the training.

The trainer will ask you:

Who are you and What do you expect today?
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It is wise to think about these questions beforehand, so that you know what to respond. The trainer might want to use a Flip Chart so that he/she can write down some of the statements made by you and other trainees. The visible statements can function as a reminder for both yourself and other trainees as for the trainer, during the course.

After the personal introductions, the trainer will start to introduce the concept of the STAND4ALL training. The trainer will provide general information on the background of the STAND4ALL project and the STAND4ALL trainings. More details will be given on today's' session.

### Background STAND4ALL

The STAND4ALL consortium was established in October 2008, after a formal request for a task by the European Commission. The European Commission launched this request as a "Call for Tender on 'Training of stakeholders on consultation on standardization'".

Seven organizations from six different countries in Europe decided to collaborate in order to reply successfully to the European Commission.

After the award of the contract, the actual work began 1st of January 2009. The STAND4ALL consortium was developed to include inputs from key stakeholder groups such as national standards bodies, research institutes and user organizations.

As the STAND4ALL acronym implies, the consortium has included the idea of STANDARDIZATION and STANDARDS considering ALL needs, which also includes the universal principle of Design for All. STAND4ALL is about including people with disabilities, not only in the content of the standards, but also in the standardization process.

The consortium has worked hard (period January 2009 - April 2010) to establish an enlarged European network of accessibility specialists in the field of standardization. STAND4ALL aimed to ensure that it was recognised that the essential requirements from

older people and people with disabilities need to be taken into account in the field of standardization. CEN/CENELEC Guide 6'-experts was used to achieve this.

STAND4ALL confirmed that consumers are not well represented in European standardization. This applies to consumers in general, but even more so to consumers with disabilities. In CEN/CENELEC/ETSI/TCs representatives are not well informed about the needs of older people and those with disabilities and that qualified users (who represent user organizations) with disabilities rarely participate in the standardization process.

It is therefore needed both to inform representatives in European standardization about the needs of people with disabilities and to encourage them to take these needs into consideration while developing a standard. It is also needed to involve users with disabilities in the field of standardization.

#### Training set-up

There are two trainings; one for (representatives of) users and one for committee members. Although these training courses have a slightly different focus, the end goal for both will be a good use of Guide 6 in standardization and knowledge from both groups on each other's world.

The STAND4ALL training will:

- Facilitate participation of user organizations in the standardization process and also qualify more users (which represent user organizations) with disabilities to participate in European standardization
- Learn committee members in standardization how the needs of consumers/end-users can be integrated into standardization processes.

In short set-up of the STAND4ALL training:

- 2 days for users
- 1 day for committee members in standardization
- Different topics, several exercises, short intermezzos and time to get to know your European colleagues/ other trainees
- Combined session of the two groups



# Welcome and Introduction



## Content presentation

- ❖ Background and objectives STAND4ALL Training
- ❖ Introducing ourselves
- ❖ The training

## Background STAND4ALL



In theory, European standardization institutions:  
all stakeholders involved in the process

In Practice, European standardization institutions:  
NOT all stakeholders involved in the process

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## Objectives STAND4ALL



- ❖ An EU-funded project, in which both
  - consumers (or end users) and
  - committee members in standardization
- ❖ are trained to take into account the needs of older people and people with disabilities in standardization.

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## STAND4ALL project



- ❖ European project training professional users
- ❖ Training committee members in standardization

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## STAND4ALL trainees



- ❖ Users: people with knowledge on accessibility issues, but no – or little - knowledge on standardization.
- ❖ Committee members in standardization: people involved in standardization (at both national or European level) with no – or little- knowledge on accessibility issues.

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## STAND4ALL partners



Several partners involved:

introduction of the consortium partners

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## STAND4ALL



Introduction of trainees:

Who are you and  
what do you expect today?

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## Content of training



- ❖ 2 days for users
- ❖ 1 day for committee members in standardization
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- ❖ Combined session of the two groups

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## Programme day 1



- ❖ Welcome and Introduction
- ❖ Background and Motivation
- ❖ Information on standardization
- ❖ User Aspects in standardization
- ❖ User participation in standardization; how to use Guide 6?

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## Programme day 2



- ❖ Summary of day 1
- ❖ Exercises (exemplary skills)
- ❖ Preparation of interactive session
- ❖ Discussion interactive session
- ❖ Further Implementation
- ❖ Closure

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Have a good day!



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Topic

'Background and  
motivation'



## Background and Motivation

Why do we want to promote the user perspective in standardization? Is it to be a good guy? Maybe it is a legal obligation or very interesting for marketing purposes?

There are several developments at national level, European level and on global level which give a push to consumer/end-user participation. The developments, regulations, etcetera that are important will be mentioned in this topic. Of course the link with standardization is being made. What is the value of standardization? And what can your role be in the standardization process?

The topic will consist of the following parts:

1. non-discrimination, equal rights (Developments in the US, UN convention). It is our duty to make sure all people have the same rights and possibilities
2. because of growth of the elderly population more people need help and a larger economic impact can be observed -> more political interest
3. solutions; movements in general/groups that make a voice

Goal: Understanding the need for consumers/end-users' input in different international and national developments and how to organise to make consequent changes.

Annex:

- STAND4ALL Information background and motivation
- presentation

Examples where to find information related to this topic:

- website UN ([www.un.org/disabilities](http://www.un.org/disabilities))
- Wikipedia for info on the social model ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social\\_model\\_of\\_disability](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_model_of_disability))
- Website on design for all ([www.designforalleurope.org](http://www.designforalleurope.org))



## Information on topic 'Background and Motivation'

In this topic you will learn more about the legislative and demographic forces that are behind the concept of accessibility in standardization. You will also learn more about concrete European initiatives and current work in standardization related to the subject of accessibility.

As the background and motivation behind the concept of accessibility in standardization are complex, this session is built up of 5 sub-topics.

### **Sub-topic 1: policy and legislation**

Sub-topic 1 is about relevant policy and legislation within European and International contexts and how these cover 'equality' and 'accessibility for people with disabilities'.

The EU promotes the active inclusion and full participation of disabled people in society, in line with the EU human rights approach to disability issues. Disability is a rights issue and not a matter of discretion. This approach is also at the core of the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, to which the European Community is a signatory.

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities serves as an instrument for policy-making and as a basis for technical and economic cooperation. It promotes, protects and ensures the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity.

In 2006 the international community accepted a new human rights agreement. This agreement has judicial consequences.  
(<http://www.un.org/disabilities>)

Also the European Community and its Member States have confirmed their view that disability is a broad Human Rights issue. That is why they set up the EU Disability Strategy that is built upon three pillars:

- EU anti-discrimination legislation and measures, which provide access to individual rights
- Eliminating barriers in the environment that prevent people with disabilities from exercising their abilities
- Mainstreaming disability issues

This STAND4ALL training is part of this framework.

### **Sub-topic 2: demographic changes**

Sub-topic 2 is on demographic issues and changes in society which underline the need for a consumer focus, especially for consumers with more needs than others.

#### People getting older

As people are living longer, there is an increasing number of older people which has an impact on the number of disabled people due to age related impairments. The United Nations estimates that by 2050 one out of every five people will be over 60 years, and by 2150, one third of the world's population is expected to be 60 years of age or older. In Europe we see the same trend. In 1995 there were 101 (15%) million of 65+, in 2050 Europe will have 173 (20%) million of 65+.

By 2020, 25% of the EU's population will be over 65. To respond to this growing demographic challenge, the Council of Ministers approved a Commission's plan to make Europe a hub for developing digital technologies designed to help older people to continue living independently at home.

(<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/08/994&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN>).

Besides people getting older there are less young people. People do not get that many children as 50 years ago. This means that there will be put tremendous pressure on society in terms of supporting the elderly population, and any means to assist them to continue contributing to and participating in society, and to "age in place", needs to be adopted.

#### People living independent for longer period of time

Another trend is that elderly people are living at home more and more instead of living in nursing homes. This trend means that there are more houses needed to be used by elderly, which mostly have some kind of a disability. And to live as independent as possible, products and services should be useable by this target groups as well.

#### More opportunities

Disabled people have more opportunities; they are able to improve their life chances through education, employment and social participation so they demand access to services. This is partly because of changed regulations; anti-discrimination rules that this is possible.

#### **Sub-topic 3: models of disability and inclusion**

Sub-topic 3 is about two models which are focused on people with disabilities and how the society, including products and buildings, can be designed to include people with disabilities.

#### The Social Model of Disability

According to the **individual model of disability**, the "problem" of disability is located within the individual, and the problems that people with disabilities experience are direct consequences of their impairment. Consequently, the main task of professionals is to help the individual adjust to his or her disabling condition.

Further, illness and disability are not the same thing, even though some illnesses may have disabling consequences and disabled people may have illnesses at various points in their lives. Because of the medicalisation of the individual model of disability it is known to many as the **medical model of disability**.

The **social model of disability** locates the problem of disability within society. In other words, the cause of the problems is not individual limitations but the failure of society and of the social environment as they don't provide appropriate services and goods to ensure the needs of disabled people are fully taken into account.

Inclusive standards all play a role within the social model of disability and can enable persons with disabilities to participate in society.

#### Design for All/Inclusive Design

Design for All is design for human diversity, social inclusion and equality. This holistic approach constitutes a creative and ethical challenge for all planners, designers, entrepreneurs, administrators and political leaders.

Design for All/Inclusive Design aims to enable all people to have equal opportunities to participate in every aspect of society. To achieve this, the built environment, everyday objects, services, culture and information - in short, everything that is designed and made by people to be used by people - must be accessible, convenient for everyone in society to use and responsive to evolving human diversity.

#### **Sub-topic 4: EU initiatives and organizations**

What does the European Commission offer to member states (e.g. National Standards Bodies) on Universal Design?

The Commission promotes and supports the process of technical standardization in various sectors through mandates to the European Committees for Standardization (CEN, CENELEC and ETSI).

Some examples (can also be found via <http://stand4all/links.html> and [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/european-standards/standardization-policy/policy-activities/services/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/european-standards/standardization-policy/policy-activities/services/index_en.html)) :

- M/376: Standardization Mandate to CEN, CENELEC and ETSI in support of European Accessibility Requirements for Public Procurement of Products and Services in the ICT Domain (PDF) (7 December 2005)
  - The CEN documents for phase 1 of this mandate are available on the website of CEN BT WG 185 pt.
  - The ETSI documents for phase 1 of this mandate are available on the website of Specialist Task Force 333 (accessible version) or Specialist Task Force 333 (ETSI version).
- M/420: Standardization Mandate to CEN, CENELEC and ETSI in support of European Accessibility Requirements for Public Procurement in the Built Environment (PDF) (21 December 2007).

There are several organizations focusing on the elderly and disability focus in Europe, to make sure that life will be possible for this growing group of people. For example, by Design for All. For a good idea on what is going on in Europe, it is important to know which organizations are active and in what way. For this training it is also interesting because it gives opportunities for cooperation and liaison.

#### EDF

One of these organizations is EDF. The European Disability Forum (EDF) is an independent European non-governmental organization (NGO) that represents the interests of 65 million disabled people in the European Union and stands for their rights.

EDF's mission is to promote equal opportunities for disabled people and to protect their Human Rights, making sure that no decisions concerning disabled people are taken without disabled people.

[http://www.edf-feph.org/page\\_generale.asp?docid=14010](http://www.edf-feph.org/page_generale.asp?docid=14010)

#### European blind union

EBU aims to protect and promote the interests of all blind and partially-sighted people in Europe. Its objects and powers are set out in Article II of its Constitution. EBU currently has 45 member countries, each represented by a national delegation. Its work is directed by an Executive Board of 13 elected members who are accountable to a General Assembly held every four years.

#### European deaf union

The European Union of the Deaf (EUD) is a European non-profit making organization whose membership comprises National Associations of Deaf people in Europe.

Established in 1985, EUD is the only organization representing the interests of Deaf Europeans at European Union level.

EUD aims to establish and maintain EU level dialogues, making sure deaf issues are raised. We do this in consultation with National Deaf Associations' members.

#### Age Europe

AGE, the European Older People's Platform, aims to voice and promote the interests of older people in the European Union and to raise awareness of the issues that concern them most. Everyone in the European Union is increasingly affected by decisions taken by its institutions : the Council of Ministers, the Commission, the European Parliament and the Court of Justice. Decisions affect the daily lives of all its inhabitants - including older people.

#### ANEC

Another organization focused on users, so not only people with disabilities, but active in the field of standardization is ANEC.

ANEC, the European consumer voice in standardization, defends consumer interests in the process of standardization and certification.

This means representing the European consumer interest in the creation of technical standards developed to support the implementation of European laws and public policies.

#### DATSCG

In standardization there are several special interest groups, one of them is the Design for All and Assistive Technologies Standardization Co-ordination Group (DATSCG). This group addresses the area of eAccessibility. This WG aims to be a single standardization entry point for people with disabilities and the organizations that represent them. DATSCG is part of ICTSB (information and communications technologies standards board). So this means its focus is on ICT in standardization and not on every standard that is produced.

#### Position CEN

CEN is conscious about the special interest Group of consumers: people with disabilities. During the European Year of people with disabilities in 2003 for example the three European standards organizations fully supported this campaign and organized a large conference with the theme 'Accessibility for All', which covered accessibility in the public domain, in the home and on the move, as well as comparing the situation in Europe to that in other regions of the world.

(From the CEN-website <<http://www.cen.eu/cenorm/news/success+stories/index.asp>>)



For CEN, the high profile events of 2003 were the culmination of many years of hard work by dedicated experts. As a result, the CEN portfolio of published standards now includes many documents, which take into account the needs of people with disabilities. These documents (standards) are an important step towards improving life for many people, providing them with access to products and services that were previously unavailable to them. This is not only important for people personally affected by disability but also for the European market, which, thanks to these standards, has a wider client base and greater potential.

### **Sub-topic 5: Developments in standardization**

Sub-topic 5 is about solutions/opportunities within standardization. It focuses on initiatives that already exist and give power to consumers/end-users.

#### CEN/CENELEC Guide 2: Consumer interests and the preparation of standards

CEN/CENELEC developed a guide to cover consumer interests in standardization.

‘Member bodies of CEN and CENELEC recognize and support the objectives of the EEC preliminary for a consumer protection and information policy, in particular that there should be ‘consultation with and representation of consumers in the framing of decisions affecting their interests’.

It is a principle of standards activity that all interests affected by the work are taken into account.

#### CEN/CENELEC Guide 6: Guidelines for standards developers to address the needs of older persons and persons with disabilities

CEN/CENELEC developed also a guide especially developed for including user requirements of people with disabilities -> Guide 6. This Guide is used in the STAND4ALL training sessions.

The guide is a document for participants in standardization activities at CEN and CENELEC that contains guidance for the creation and the revision of standards to ensure greater accessibility of products and services. The document is a "Guide", in other words, not a European Standard (EN). The guide is identical to ISO/IEC Guide 71 was adopted by both the CEN Technical Board and the CENELEC Technical Board, and published in January 2002. The adoption of CEN/CENELEC Guide 6 resulted from a European mandate to the European standardization organizations. (wikipedia)

The guide is supposed to be used in standardization process. This is the focus of this training; how to make sure Guide 6 is implemented.

#### Mandate 376

Design for All and Assistive Technologies Standardization Co-ordination Group (DATSCG) addresses the area of eAccessibility as we discussed earlier.

#### **EUROPEAN ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC PROCUREMENT OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IN THE ICT DOMAIN - M/376**

The aim of the mandate M/376 is to enable the use of public procurement and practice for ICT's to remove barriers to participation in the Information Society by disabled and older people. The mandate was given by the European Commission to the European Standards Organizations (ESOs) to come up with a solution for common requirements and conformance assessment.





# Motivation and background



## Goal of this topic

- ❖ To understand what the drivers are for involving disabled and older people in standards development
- ❖ To inform you about some relevant EU wide initiatives

## The drivers for involvement



- ❖ Policy and legislative drivers
- ❖ Demographic changes and changes in society
- ❖ The business case
- ❖ The political and moral case

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## Policy and legislative drivers



- The UN Convention on the Human Rights of Disabled People
- EU and Member State legislation on non-discrimination and rights of disabled people

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# UN Convention



- ❖ Purpose of the convention:  
To promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity

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# UN Convention: Guiding Principles (1)



- ❖ Respect for inherent dignity, individual autonomy including the freedom to make one's own choices, and independence of persons
- ❖ Non-discrimination
- ❖ Full and effective participation and inclusion in society
- ❖ Respect for difference and acceptance of persons with disabilities as part of human diversity and humanity

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## UN Convention: Guiding Principles (2)



- ❖ Equality of opportunity
- ❖ Accessibility
- ❖ Equality between men and women
- ❖ Respect for the evolving capacities of children with disabilities and respect for the right of children with disabilities to preserve their identities

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## EU and Member State legislation



- EU Employment Equality Directive – will affect any service or product used in an employment context
- Member State legislation e.g. in the UK the Disability Discrimination Act which includes rights of access to employment, services, education, housing and transport

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## Demographic issues and changes in society



- ❖ People are living much longer than they used to
- ❖ Many more older people live independently at home
- ❖ Older people's aspirations for inclusion are growing – 'grey power'

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## Demographic issues and changes in society



- ❖ More disabled babies are being born and surviving into adulthood
- ❖ Many more disabled people living independently not institutions
- ❖ More disabled people are able to improve their life chances through education, employment and social participation so they demand access to services

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## The Business Case



- ❖ More older and disabled people expecting access to employment and services – they will purchase products that meet their requirements
- ❖ Making products and services inclusive can save money - no retrofitting

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## The Business Case



- ❖ More disabled people are setting up their own businesses to provide products – competition will only increase
- ❖ Take the lead of Mac where access software is part of the operating system...smart companies know the way forward

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## The Political/Moral Case



- ❖ Political awareness of disabled people about their position in society – recognising and understanding the causes of exclusion and oppression and how to tackle them
- ❖ The Social Model of Disability

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## Social Model of Disability



- ❖ Instead of locating the problem within the individual (**individual model of disability**), The **social model of disability** locates the problem of disability within society. The cause of the problems is society's failure to provide appropriate services and adequately ensure the needs of disabled people are fully taken into account in its social organisation

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## Design for All



- ❖ Design for All (DfA)/Inclusive design:
- ❖ Design for All is design for human diversity, social inclusion and equality
- ❖ To achieve this, the built environment, everyday objects, services, culture and information must be accessible, convenient for everyone in society to use and responsive to evolving human diversity.

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## Some relevant EU wide initiatives



### EU Policy (1)

- ❖ CoE Resolution ResAp (2001)1 "on the introduction of the principles of universal design into the **curricula** of all occupations working on the **built environment**" ("Tomar Resolution")
- ❖ => "Universal design"
- ❖ ResAP(2007)3 "Achieving full participation through Universal Design"

## EU Policy (2)



- ❖ Recommendation Rec(2006)5 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the Council of Europe Action Plan to promote the rights and full participation of people with disabilities in society: improving the quality of life of people with disabilities in Europe 2006-2015
- ❖ EU Disability Action Plan (DAP) 2008-2009

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## Relevant Organisations

## European Disability Forum (EDF)



- ❖ Mission:  
to promote equal opportunities for disabled people and to protect their Human Rights, making sure that no decisions concerning disabled people are taken without disabled people.

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## Organisations for specific groups of disabled people



- ❖ Other international disability-specific interest organizations:
  - European Blind Union (EBU)
  - European Union of the Deaf (EUD)
  - AGE European Older People's Platform
  - Mental Health Europe

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## ANEC



- ❖ “European consumer voice in standardization”
- ❖ Defends consumer interests in the process of standardization and certification.

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## DATSCG



- ❖ Design for All and Assistive Technologies Standardization Coordination Group (DATSCG)
- ❖ Working group of the Information and Communications Technologies Standards Board (ICTSB)

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## CEN/CENELEC/ETSI



- ❖ More awareness on consumer end disability issues
- ❖ Supported the 'European Year of People with Disabilities'

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Developing Solutions  
within standardization



## European Mandates (1)



- ❖ Mandate 283 - Mandate to the European Standards Bodies for a guidance document in the field of **safety and usability** of products by people with special needs (e.g. elderly and disabled).
- ❖ Mandate 273 - Mandate to the European Standards Bodies for standardization in the field of **information and communications technologies** (ICT) for disabled and elderly people.

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## European Mandates (2)



- ❖ Mandate 292 - Mandate to the European Standards Bodies for a guidance document in the field of **safety** of consumers and children - **Product information**.
- ❖ Mandate 293 - Mandate to the European Standards Bodies for a guidance document in the field of **safety** of consumers and children - **Child safety**.

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## European Mandates (3)



- ❖ Mandate 376 - standardization mandate to CEN, CENELEC and ETSI in support of European accessibility requirements for **public procurement** of products and services in the **ICT** domain.

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## CEN/CENELEC Guide 2



- ❖ Member bodies of CEN and CENELEC recognize and support the objectives of the EEC preliminary for a consumer protection and information policy, in particular that there should be '**consultation with and representation of consumers** in the framing of decisions affecting their interests'.

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## CEN/CENELEC Guide 6



- ❖ A guide specially developed for standards developers to help them include the requirements of all disabled and older people in standards
- ❖ Uses tables which prompt you to think of relevant issues and provides detailed information to help you

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## Redefining Experts



- ❖ By working together disabled people and committee members can understand complex issues and work together to deal with them
- ❖ It's exciting – many issues and solutions will never have been thought about before!

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STAND4ALL



Topic

'Information on  
Standardization'



## Information on standardization

Put at its simplest, a standard is an agreed, repeatable way of doing something. It is a published document that contains a technical specification or other precise criteria designed to be used consistently as a rule, guideline, or definition. Standards help to make life simpler and to increase the reliability and the effectiveness of many goods and services we use. Standards are created by bringing together the experience and expertise of all interested parties such as the producers, sellers, buyers, users and regulators of a particular material, product, process or service.

Within this topic we will discuss the following issues:

- What is a standard? A look at the different types of standards and the benefits they bring to society
- What is standardization? How are standards developed? European and International implications
- Why is consumer involvement important in standardization?

Goal: To understand what standards are, how they are developed, and why consumers should be involved.

Annex:

- STAND4ALL information on standardization
- Presentation
- Overview of NSB's and ESO's

The documents and websites mentioned below are suggestions for further reading.

- Handson Standardization (A starters guide to standardization for experts in CEN technical bodies) (CEN)
- Involving people with disabilities in the Standardization Process (John Gill)
- Website CEN ([www.cen.eu](http://www.cen.eu))
- Website etsi ([www.etsi.org](http://www.etsi.org))



## Information on standardization - background material

### General

The goal of this topic is: To understand what standards are, how they are developed, and why consumers should be involved.

The focus here is *European* standardization and thus the European Standardizations Organisations (ESOs) are key. These are: CEN, CENELEC and ETSI.

For further reading about the subject 'standardization', the following documents and websites can be used:

- CEN Compass: The world of European Standards, via <http://www.cen.eu/cen/AboutUs/Pages/default.aspx>
- CEN - A success story, via <http://www.cen.eu/cen/AboutUs/Pages/default.aspx>
- Website CEN ([www.cen.eu](http://www.cen.eu))
- Website CENELEC ([www.cenelec.eu](http://www.cenelec.eu))
- Website etsi ([www.etsi.org](http://www.etsi.org))
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### Standardization: an introduction

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In this presentation you will learn out more about the standards in Europe, e.g. standards from the European Standards Organisations: CEN, CENELEC and ETSI.

Thus, you will learn more about development processes and procedures in to be followed by CEN, CENELEC and ETSI committees for the development and drafting (and subsequent maintenance) of European Standards and other CEN/CENELEC and ETSI deliverables.

You will also learn more about the CEN, CENELEC and ETSI technical committees. Information about the structure, scope of work, participation

of each committee will be discussed in general, while detailed information per technical committee can be found via the websites of CEN, CENELEC and ETSI.

## What is a standard?

There are many definitions of a 'standard'. Very generally, a standard might simply be defined as '*a set of rules for ensuring quality*'

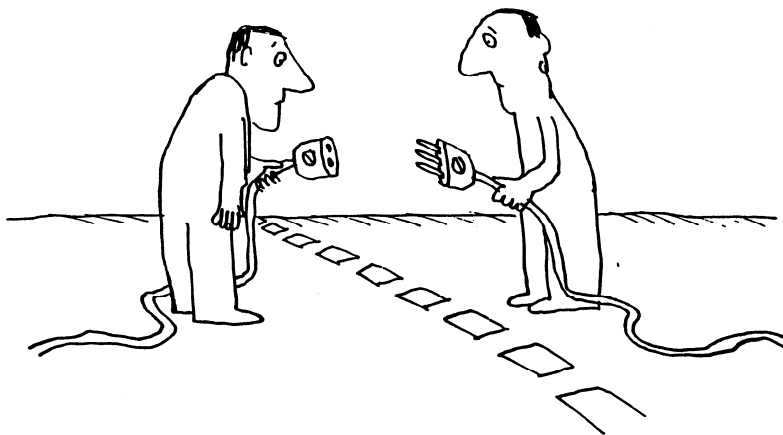
*Some thoughts..*

Although standards (and standardization) don't cross our minds throughout our daily lives - yet we daily benefit from the "invisible" support of standards. Standards make aspects of life safer, healthier and more convenient, as well as ensuring quality and bringing us economic benefits.

The world would be a lot more inconvenient without standards. Example make this clear: "you are unable to withdraw money from an automated telling machine if your bank card is too small or too thick to fit in the slot; you are unable to use the copy machine at your office if you use a different size of paper (instead of A4 format); you are unable to use your USB stick on someone else's computer if the stick is too small for the portal".

In short, products and services might not work as expected. They may be incompatible with other equipment. Besides the fact that they may not even connect with them, the quality of products and services is not guaranteed. Or in worst case scenario's the non-standardized products and services may even be dangerous.

## What is a standard? An agreement!





Cartoon in the PPT presentation: two people are seen standing on each side of borderline. One is holding a three pin plug and the other a two pin socket. Apparently, the plug does not fit in the socket. It is clear that there is NO European standard here for the plugs and socket. As soon as you cross the border, your products are not compatible anymore.

A standard is a document established by consensus that provides rules, guidelines or characteristics for products, services and systems. Thanks to standards, simple things like the size of a credit card - and all the products and services related to it- can be the same everywhere. If there's no standard for the services or product, there can be differences in these products and services. These differences vary in terms of safety, security, compatibility etc.

## Types of standard

There are different kinds of standards; namely Specification ("shall"), Guidance ("should"), a Process (e.g. manufacturing or provision of services) or Test method (e.g. laboratories)

Specification - historically, the most common type of standard is a specification. This could be a set of requirements for any of the following: an object, a type of material, a component, a system, or even a service. The language used (in English) is 'shall' do something

Specification standards are commonly quoted in contracts in the exchange of goods and services, so if the goods or service do not meet the requirements of the standard - it could be considered as a breach of contract.

Sometimes standards only provide guidance on best practice, using the words 'should'; in this case the requirements can be seen as a recommendation (contents of the notes are not in any way be construed as being requirements).

The differences between 'shall' and 'should' are explained as follows by the ESOs:

A standard is structured in a manner where the specific requirements pertaining to each individual clause are defined and stated in a frame-box. Informative guidance has been provided as an aid in interpreting the requirements where considered appropriate. This guidance is in the form of notes in association with the pertaining requirements clause and uses the terms "should" (recommendation), "may" (allowance) and "can" (possibility). Organizations wishing to implement the standard would be expected to consider all recommendations where the term "should" is used.

Process: a common type of standard used in industries and businesses across the world. A factory may set their own internal standards for a process such as

maintenance of a piece of machinery, or monitoring of temperature in a store room. Alternatively an office based business may have internal standards for signing contracts.

Test method: In engineering, science, manufacturing, and business, it is vital for all interested people to understand and agree upon methods of obtaining data and making measurements. Using a standard test method, published by a respected standards organization, is a good place to start. For example, it is common for a physical property to be strongly affected by the precise method of testing or measuring that property. It is vital to fully document experiments and measurements and to provide needed definition to specifications and contracts. Sometimes it is more useful to modify one or to develop a new one.

## Levels of standard

In addition to the *types* of standard - we should also think about the *levels* of standards.

There are numerous levels of standards and the slide in the PPT shows a summary:

- International Standards (agreed world wide, internationally)
- European Standards (agreed in Europe)
- National Standards (agreed at national level, in a country)
  
- Trade Standards (agreed by an association)
- Internal Standards and Procedures (for example within an organisation)

An explanation from bottom to top:

- The lowest level of standard to consider is an **internal standard** (company standard)- this is any standard or procedure developed by an organisation in their general operation. These are commonly referred to as Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). For example, to operate a Nuclear power plant, there may be hundreds of SOPs.
- A **trade standard** could be a standard agreed by a specific sector, usually by a trade association. An example of this could be a code of good practice.
- **National standards**, are developed in National Standards Bodies. These standards will have a national interest. These national standards have to be approved by the National Standards Body.

For example, the standards developed by the British National Standards Body, BSI (British Standardization Institution). The British Standards need to be approved by BSI, reference BS means "British Standard".

**European and International** standards are developed in a similar way to those at the national level but the standards bodies are operating at a higher level.

**European** standards are developed via European Standards Bodies (ESOs, e.g. CEN, CENELEC and ETSI), but with input provided through the National Standards Bodies. These standards will have a European interest.

*For example*, European Standards (EN) need to be approved by CEN. An EN must be implemented by all CEN National Standardization Bodies, who must also withdraw any conflicting national standards.

CEN members are bound to comply with the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations which stipulate the conditions for giving a European Standard the status of a national standard without any alteration. A European Standard exists in three official versions (English, French, & German). A version in any other language made by translation under the responsibility of a CEN member into its own language and notified to the CEN Management Centre has the same status as the official versions.

CEN members are the national standards bodies of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom.  
The reference EN means "European Standard".

**International** standards are developed in the International Organization of Standardization (ISO), or the International Electrotechnical Committee (IEC) via the National Standards Bodies. These standards will have an international interest. The reference ISO indicates an "International Standard".

In the context of this STAND4ALL course we will be talking mainly about formal standards developed within national or European standards bodies.

Standards that are developed in the European and/or National Standardization Bodies (NSBs) are developed through consensus. This means consensus by balanced committees of stakeholders in the specific field. Standards are thus developed according to the following principles:

- **Consensus**  
The views of all interests are taken into account: manufacturers, vendors and users, consumer groups, testing laboratories, governments, engineering professions and research organizations.
- **Industry wide**  
European solutions to satisfy industries and customers worldwide

- Voluntary

International standardization is market driven and therefore based on voluntary involvement of all interests in the market-place.

CEN, CENELEC and ETSI are the only recognized European organizations drafting and adopting of European Standards.

CEN is a major provider of European Standards in all areas of economic activity

CENELEC is a major provider of European standards in the area of electro technology.

ETSI is a major provider of European standards in the area of telecommunication

### **Needs and benefits of standards**

At the highest level, standards support regulation. European Directives, such as the Low voltage Directive, Machinery directive or General Product Safety Directive and the new Services directive, set broad principles which are underpinned by more detailed standards.

Standards are developed by consensus with all the stakeholders around the table including the people who use standards in their work; manufacturers, procurers, regulators and the end users, consumers. They are thus a more participative and flexible way of agreeing details.

Standards also allows cost effective compliance, reduces liability, allows risk management and the governance of operations.

Other benefits include,

- **Cost optimization** by reducing transaction costs, economic procurement, ensure uniformity or compatibility, flexibility in the supply chain and allow best practice
- **Product safety** Minimize hazards and specify safety warnings
- **Consumer and customer confidence** Quality management, define product and service information/ instructions and provide framework for contractual obligations and complaints management

In short, standards facilitate good trade and ensure consumers in a country are also protected.

### **More specific benefits: benefits for consumers**

- Enables useful comparison between products and services
- Can improve sustainability of products (economic, environmental, social)
- Ensures required safety (and quality) levels are met

## Standardization in Europe

- Managed by CEN/CENELEC
- CEN has 30 National Members, includes BSI in UK, AENOR in Spain, NEN in Netherlands
- CENELEC also has 30 National Members
- Standards are key to the European single market

## European standards development; how do standards get started?

Work on standards can be stimulated and/or initiated by a number of different means:

- New legislation e.g. European Directives or national laws
- High profile issues e.g. environmental concerns
- Consumer or business concerns

**New legislation** In the EU, all member state countries must have a national standards body as a member of CEN - the European Standards organisation. For some EU laws (under the New Approach), standards are required for their implementation. In this case CEN OR CENELEC is 'mandated' to develop the standards, which in turn must be adopted by the national members.

**High profile issues** standards can be initiated by high profile issues, such as sustainability - BSI have recently developed a standard for measuring CO2 and AENOR has created a WG to develop standards on sustainability on Civil engineering works.

Also, **Consumer concerns/pressure** can lead to standards work - another British example is the standard on adventurous activities abroad - where for example school parties go off to another country to ski, sail or climb mountains. Another Spanish example is the standards on accessibility in beaches, health spas or natural protected areas. This is now likely to become an international standard.

There are six phases in the European standards development process:

1. "New Work item" initiated
2. Development of technical content
3. Public comment
4. Consideration of comments
5. Approval Publication
6. National implementation

In more detail, this means:

1. The need for a standard is expressed by any kind of sector (see the three points above) sector. The specific sector communicates this need to a National Standards Body, so that formally a New Work Item can be proposed to the members of the particular ESO (CEN, CENELEC or ETSI). A proposal for new work can be put forward only to one of the ESO's; this depends on the nature<sup>1</sup> of the work.
2. Once the need for an European Standard in the particular field has been recognized (by approval of the New Work Item Proposal by the members of the ESO), this phase involves definition of the technical scope of the future standard. This phase is carried out in working groups which technical experts from countries interested in the subject matter. These technical experts can be people from industry, test houses, consumer organizations etcetera. Once the experts agree on the basis of the standard (e.g. technical aspects to be covered in the standard), the next phase starts in which countries negotiate the detailed specifications within the standard.
3. After reaching a level of agreement within the group, the document becomes available for public enquiry whereby any interested party can make comments on the content of the document.
4. After completing the public enquiry phase, the document gets back to the technical committee to take these comments on board. This is a consensus-building phase and of high importance as countries can be poles apart in their approach to a specific issue. This results in a draft European standard. Afterwards, the document is offered for formal voting by (for example CEN) National members.
5. The final phase comprises the formal approval of the draft European Standard. Once approved, it goes for final editing and publication.
6. After that, the agreed text is published as an EN European Standard. It is important to note the concept of national transposition whereby once the standard is published, all CEN members will have to transpose the European standard and withdraw any conflicting national standard.

The published European Standards need to be continually reviewed in order to remain relevant in the face of changing circumstances.

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<sup>1</sup> CENELEC is responsible for European Standardization in the area of electrical engineering, ETSI is for telecommunication while CEN cover all other technical areas.

## Drafting European Standards

Standards are thus driven by business, but drafted by experts in the particular field. These experts are both members of their National Standards Body and member of the Technical Committee (TC) wherein the standard is developed. This TC may have some Working Groups (WG) carrying out parts of the work).

Basically the process is initiated by a New Work Item NWI proposal from the Technical Committee or any other interested stakeholder.

The aim of standards is to facilitate trade and communication, without barriers. To achieve this objective, the experts need to take the following into account:

- be as complete as necessary within the limits specified by its scope,
- be consistent, clear and accurate,
- take full account of the state of the art,
- provide a framework for future technological development,
- be comprehensible to qualified persons who have not participated in its preparation

Also, the experts need to take into account the principles for the drafting of documents (e.g. European standards). These include 'homogeneity' and 'consistency of documents'.

### *Homogeneity*

Uniformity of structure, of style and of terminology needs to be maintained both within each document, as within a series of associated documents (different parts of a standard).

### Consistency of documents

The text of every standard needs to be in accordance with existing standards published by the ESO and includes standardized terminology, principles and methods of terminology and technical drawings.

### Representation on Technical Committees

Standards are drafted in a Technical Committee by experts in specific field. But then, WHO in this specific fields?

A Technical Committee consist of representatives from a specific field (see also initiators of new work). These are representatives from trade associations, consumer bodies\*, standards users, professional institutions, research organisations, trade unions, education bodies, enforcement bodies, government departments and certification bodies. Representatives (experts) provide input to and concretely work on a standard and they represent a body and its view, not a personal view.

In all formal technical committees, there is also a secretary and a chairman. The role of the Chairman is to guide discussion, ensure all views are heard, & manage the meeting

The role of the secretary (usually NSB staff) is to ensure standards policy and procedures are followed, organise the meeting, take minutes

In the PPT, there's an image of a TC Meeting. That image is an ideal situation. In an ideal situation, all stakeholders are (equally) represented, while in practice it is not. In practice, consumers in general are not well-represented. This counts even more for elderly and disabled consumers.

*\* Why have consumer involvement?*

- Consumers are affected by standards and are the 'end users' of many.
- Increased public credibility for standards
- Consumers trust NSB standards because they address the needs of all stakeholders.
- Faster, cheaper and better standards
- Consumers bring a common sense and "plain English" approach.
- Involving consumers (the end user) from the start can speed up the process and avoid costly mistakes.

### **Benefits of user involvement**

Is the users' input better than the professionals'? The answer is that at least the input is different. Users' input is found to have a higher perceived user-value and so they are considered the "experts" as regards suggesting services that are useful for them.

- Promote understanding so views of all stakeholders are considered
- Specific knowledge and skills
- Understand user's different situations and (im)possibilities
- Increase satisfaction for all users

So that standards are a suitable tool to make products and services accessible for as many consumers as possible, irrespective of their age and abilities





# Information on standardization



## Agenda

- ❖ Introductions
- ❖ Session objectives
- ❖ What is a standard?
- ❖ How are standards developed?
- ❖ Who is involved?
- ❖ What is the process?

## Session objectives



- ❖ To present an overview of the importance and benefits of standardization
- ❖ To provide an understanding of the key stakeholders involved in standardization

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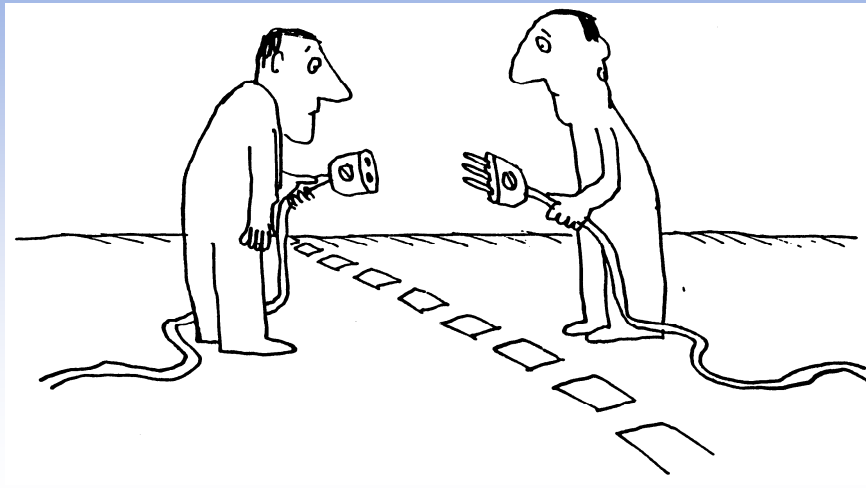
## What is a standard?



- ❖ Any ideas?

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## An agreement!



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## Types of standard



- ❖ Specification: 'shall', e.g. material
- ❖ Guidance: 'should'
- ❖ Process, e.g. manufacturing or *provision of services*
- ❖ Test method, e.g. laboratories

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## Levels of standards



- ❖ International Standards
- ❖ European Standards
- ❖ National Standards
  
- ❖ Trade Standards (agreed by an association)
- ❖ Internal Standards and Procedures

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## The need for standards



- ❖ Questions
- ❖ Who uses standards?
- ❖ Why do we need them?
- ❖ What are the benefits?

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## Benefits of standards



- ❖ Support legislation
- ❖ Assist innovation
- ❖ Cost optimisation
- ❖ Product safety
- ❖ Environmental impact
- ❖ Energy efficiency
- ❖ Access to markets across borders
- ❖ Consumer & customer confidence

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## Benefits for consumers



- ❖ Enables useful comparison between products and services
- ❖ Can improve sustainability of products (economic, environmental, social)
- ❖ Ensures minimum safety (and quality) levels

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# How are standards developed?



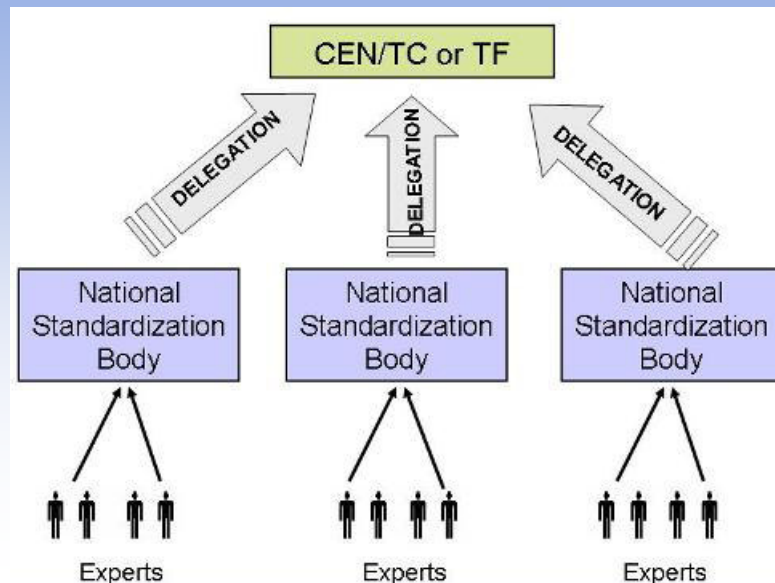
standardization is the process of developing standards

## Questions

- ❖ How do standards get started?
- ❖ Who is involved?
- ❖ Where does it take place?

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# Standards development



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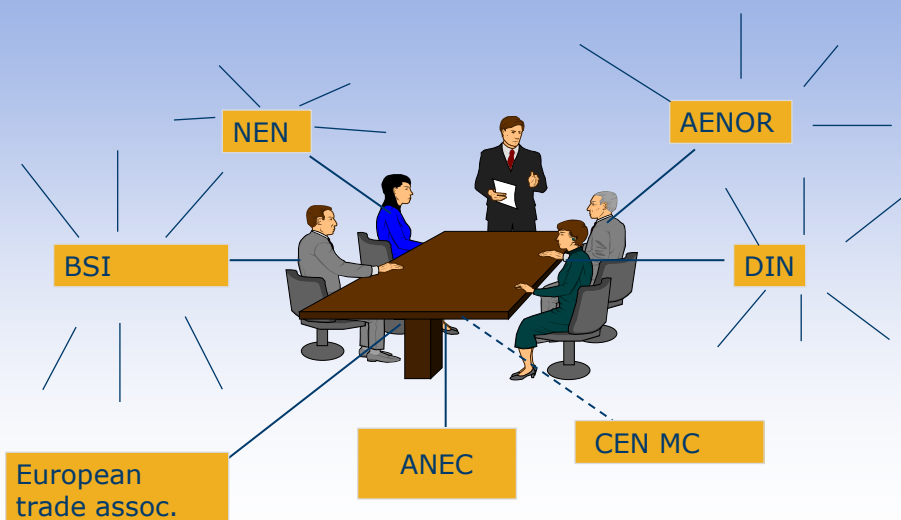
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## European Technical Committee



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## Meeting purpose

- ❖ When necessary to:
- ❖ make decisions on work programme
- ❖ prepare drafts e.g. through working groups
- ❖ consider national comments on drafts
- ❖ May be achieved by other means (e.g. e-committees, email)

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## Representation on Technical Committees



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## Why have consumer involvement?



- ❖ Consumers are stakeholders: end users
- ❖ Increased public credibility for standards
- ❖ Faster, cheaper and better standards

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## Benefits of user involvement



- ❖ Promote understanding, so views of all stakeholders are considered
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## So that...



...standards are a suitable tool

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## Summary



- ❖ What is a standard?
- ❖ Who develops standards?
- ❖ Why do we need standards?
- ❖ What is the process?
- ❖ Why is it important to have user involvement?

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## European Standardization Organisations

ESO	Address	Contact
<b>CEN-CENELEC Management Centre</b>	Avenue Marnix 17 B-1000 Brussels	Tel: + 32 2 550 08 11 Fax: + 32 2 550 08 19 <a href="http://www.cen.eu">www.cen.eu</a>
ETSI Secretariat	650, Route des Lucioles 06921 Sophia-Antipolis Cedex FRANCE	Tel.: +33 (0)4 92 94 42 00 Fax: +33 (0)4 93 65 47 16 <a href="http://www.etsi.org">www.etsi.org</a>

## National Standards Bodies

Country	NSB	Address	Contact
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Topic

'User Aspects  
in Standardization'





## Short introduction to 'User Aspects / Priorities in Standardization'

The views and experiences of consumers and end-users are an important contribution to the process of standardization. But how can consumers / end-users contribute to the process of standardization? What are the practical issues which need to be resolved? Which skills do they have and which additional training is required? What are barriers to participation and how can they be resolved?

The topic will consist of the following parts:

- Standards, are you aware of any standards which are relevant for you?
- What are your skills, what expertise would you need and what else is required to participate in the process of standards development?
- What could be barriers for end user co-operation in standardization?
- How can barriers be overcome? Who needs to do what?
- The USEM concept - an ideal model of end-user participation in standardization.

Goal:

To understand the needs and benefits for consumer/end-user participation and the conditions and struggles to do so.

Annexes:

- STAND4ALL document 'User Aspects / Priorities in Standardization'
- Presentation "User Aspects / Priorities in Standardization"
- Presentation "The USEM Concept"

Example where to find information related to this topic:

- Website USEM ([www.usem-net.eu](http://www.usem-net.eu))



## Information on topic 'User Aspects'

The topic 'User Aspects' consists of 2 sub-topics dealt both with the current situation of user involvement in standardization activities and also with the barriers to user involvement.

Barriers and difficulties to the involvement of consumers/end-users will be identified. As this is an active session, it will be asked to you as a trainee to develop solutions to resolve the issues identified. This will be done with the help of the trainer.

### **Sub-topic 1: importance of participation in standardization and barriers to achieve that**

In this sub-topic the trainer will ask you, the trainee, what you think of standardization and how you think you can interact and get involved in it.

#### *Background information on the current participation of consumers/end-users*

At the start of the STAND4ALL project (first half of 2009) surveys among consumer/end-user and standardization organizations were undertaken. Over two thirds of the National Standardization Bodies (71.4%) stated that the interests of people with disabilities and of old age are represented in their organization.

In contrast only 5% of those technical committees which responded to the questionnaire replied that somebody represents the interests of people with disabilities or of old age. 90% declared that there is no such representation. In conclusion the situation regarding national standardization bodies appears to be good but with room for improvement. The situation among the European Standardization Organizations urgently requires attention hence the need for initiatives such as STAND4ALL.

### **Sub-topic 2: USEM concept**

Sub-topic 2 is about the USEM concept: this is a model of ideal end-user involvement in the development of standards.

The USEM project is one of the initiatives that aim to increase the participation of end-users in standardization. The USEM project formulated six principles that should govern the involvement of end-users in standardization activities. Even though representation of older persons and persons with disabilities in standardization work is still too low, it is possible to demonstrate that the USEM principles map to principles used by standardization organizations.

The six principles of the USEM concept are:

- Partnership as a basis.
- Users are members and/or representatives of user organizations.
- Financing contribution should not be a barrier for participation.
- Accessibility of all relevant materials and premises is guaranteed.
- Every partner guarantees confidentiality, respect and expertise.
- Detailed plan for the process and user involvement.

The different principles will be explained in more detail.

If you want to find more information on the USEM concept, have a look at [www.usem-net.eu](http://www.usem-net.eu).

### 1. Partnership as a basis

The co-operation will be based upon the spirit of partnership and will have a positive approach. Partnership means the state of being of a person or organization that shares or takes part with others in a project or business with shared risks and profits.

#### **Different roles**

- Partnership supposes different roles.
- Each project has its own specifications.
- The partners are acting based on own expertise, experiences and background.
- The contributions are different.

Therefore it is important to achieve consensus about roles and contributions before and starting reflecting a form of co-operation. It is very useful to reflect on the co-operation during a project.

#### **Communication**

- A good communication between partners is a necessary pre-condition for having a successful partnership.
- Communication is always interaction between persons with different experiences, skills and background. Each partner has his/her own terminology, concepts and his/her own ways of interaction.
- Communication in a project challenges partners to build up a common level of knowledge and understanding.

#### **Attitude**

- Partnership is asking for a co-operative attitude

- Partners have to be constructive in their approach and loyal towards their common affairs they are working for. It is always helpful to be self-critical to the own contribution and action.
- A motto for successful partnership: Looking for solutions, not for problems.

## 2. Users are members and/or representatives of user organizations.

This principle addresses two issues:

- People must not stick to their individual case, which is the very personal experience, but reflect on the experiences of a group, which means other people.
- In order to do this they shall have the support of a user organization. The user group can be an organization around an impairment group; it can be an umbrella organization.

The corresponding principle in standardization states that like any other participant in standardization, user participants are also expected to defend the positions of the constituency on whose behalf they participate.

## 3. Financing contribution should not be a barrier for participation.

All partners in the project receive appropriate payments for their contribution. The contribution of users is not handled as a volunteering activity, but as a fully valuable contribution to the project. In standardization, participants pay for participation. For consumers/end-users this is difficult to arrange. This must be taken into account.

## 4. Accessibility of all relevant materials and premises is guaranteed.

All project materials, communications and premises are made accessible to the users; Alternative formats for print material, appropriate communication media, accessible meeting sites, rooms and hotel accommodation, personal assistance.

## 5. Every partner guarantees confidentiality, respect and expertise.

Every partner has to provide qualified staff members to the project. Staff members provide the right attitude, respect, expertise and skills for the project. They accept project rules and constraints like timing, budgets, confidentiality, etc.

## 6. Detailed plan for the process and user involvement process.

The plan contains details regarding the availability of drafts, meetings and opportunities for commenting / influencing the standardization work and expectation of user participation. It contains also appropriate work

packages and tasks of user participation. User participation is planned and described with the same detail as all other items of the project plan, including responsibilities, methods, timing, and budgets.



# User Aspects / Priorities in standardization

Standards, Skills, Barriers  
and Requirements



## Goal of this topic

- ❖ To understand the needs and benefits for consumer/end-user participation and the conditions and struggles to do so.

## Standards?



- ❖ Are you aware of any standards?
- ❖ Where is it relevant for you?

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## How to interact?



- ❖ How can you as users interact with technical experts in the process of standards developing?
  - Which expertise do you have/ need?
  - Any skills you need?
  - What else is required for successful interaction?

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## Barriers



- ❖ What could be barriers for consumers/ end-users to co-operate in standardization?
  - Organisation?
  - Situation?
  - Attitude?
  - Others?

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## Make it happen



- ❖ What do you need to overcome the mentioned barriers?
  - Who needs to do what?

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# The USEM Concept

## Six USEM Principles



## The USEM Concept

- ❖ Ideal model of consumer/ end user participation in standardization activities.
- ❖ The USEM concept is based on the FORTUNE concept and the existing practice in standardization.
- ❖ Six Principles of standardization

# Six USEM Principles



- ❖ Partnership as a basis.
- ❖ Users are members and/ or representatives of user organisations.
- ❖ Financing participation should not be a barrier for participation.
- ❖ Accessibility of all relevant materials and premises is guaranteed.
- ❖ Every partner guarantees confidentially, respect and expertise.
- ❖ Detailed plan for the process and user involvement.

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## 1. Partnership



- ❖ Co-operation is based on the idea of partnership.

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## 1. Partnership



- ❖ Partnership on equal level,
- ❖ with mutual respect,
- ❖ co-operative attitude,
- ❖ sharing a common affair,
- ❖ responsibility and influence,
- ❖ risk and benefit.

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## 2. User-Organisation Based



- ❖ Users are members or representatives of an organisation of consumers or end-users.

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## 2. User-Organisation Based



- ❖ Representing more than the individual (own) case.
- ❖ Having the support of the organisation for practical matters and for getting feedback from the other members.

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## 3. Financing



- ❖ Financing participation should not be a barrier for participation.

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### 3. Financing



- ❖ The contribution of users is not handled as a volunteering activity, but as a fully valuable contribution to the process.
- ❖ Representatives of user organisations should be offered participation at no cost.
- ❖ Schemes for financing their travel and subsistence should be established.

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### 4. Accessibility



- ❖ All process materials, communication and premises are made accessible to the users.

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## 4. Accessibility



- ❖ Accessibility of
  - premises,
  - documents,
  - and information.
- ❖ Checklists
- ❖ Guides
- ❖ Consumers / end-users are involved in the assessment of accessibility.

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## 5. Qualified Staff



- ❖ Every partner has to provide qualified representatives to the process.

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## 5. Qualified Staff



- ❖ Representatives provide the right attitude and skills for standardization process from their perspective.
- ❖ They accept process rules and constraints like timing, IPR, budgets, confidentiality, etc.
- ❖ People involved have different roles in the process.

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## 6. Sound Plan



- ❖ The planning of the standardization process contains appropriate planning of user participation.

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## 6. Sound Plan



- ❖ User participation is planned and described with appropriate level of detail, including
  - roles and responsibilities,
  - methods,
  - timing,
  - and applicable budgets.



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Topic

'User participation in  
standardization'



# User Participation in Standardization; How to use Guide 6 in the Standardization Process?

Several issues stand in the way of standards that address the needs of older persons and persons with disabilities. These issues are a lack of awareness of the principles of CEN/CENELEC Guide 6, and a lack of knowledge about how Guide 6 can be used in standardization. This topic addresses these issues and makes trainees more familiar with the use of the Guide.

The topic will consist of the following parts:

1. the barriers to end-user representation in standardization, and how the USEM principles and standardization principles deal with these barriers;
2. factors to consider in the design of accessible products and services;
3. how to use the tables in clause 7 of Guide 6;
4. a group assignment on the use of the tables in clause 7 of Guide 6;
5. a process for using Guide 6.

The goals of this topic:

- Trainees have basic knowledge of the principles of Guide 6 and how it is set up.
- Trainees know how to use Guide 6 in standardization (CEN, CENELEC, ETSI).

Annexes:

- Presentation handouts
- Prose document: “Topic 4: User Participation in Standardization”. This document contains a lot of information on this crucial topic of the course.
- Description of group assignment

Some examples where to find information related to this topic:

- Website USEM project for the USEM principles ([www.usem-net.eu](http://www.usem-net.eu))
- Website CEN for information on principles in standardization (<http://www.cen.eu/cenorm/workarea/handson/handsonguidejan091.pdf>)
- CEN for Guide 6





# Implementing Guide 6 in the standardization Process



## Objectives

- ❖ You know the barriers to user participation & how they can be addressed.
- ❖ You know how to use CEN/CENELEC Guide 6 in standardization.



# USEM Principles and standardization

(**U**Ser **E**Mpowerment in standardization)



## USEM Principles

- ❖ **USEM** is a European Commission funded project that aims to promote the empowerment of end users with disabilities and of old age in standardization activities.



## USEM Principles



- ❖ The USEM concept is part of the core curriculum for the training of end users. It is based on six principles which govern the involvement of end users in standardization activities

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## USEM Principles



Ideal model of user participation

- ❖ Partnership
- ❖ User based organisation
- ❖ Financing
- ❖ Accessibility
- ❖ Qualified Staff
- ❖ Sound Plan

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## Principle 1-Partnership



- ❖ USEM: Partnership as a basis
- ❖ ESO: standardization is open for all stakeholders in a transparent process.

❖ **Attitude**, not just “procedures”!

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## Principle 1-Partnership



- ❖ Guide 2: beyond “openness”:
  - “At national level there should be provision for consumer participation in the initiation and planning...”
  - “At national level consumer interests should be invited to participate...”
- ❖ => Refer to Guide 2 to put planning for user participation in context. ( Consumer Interests and the preparation of European standards)

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## Principle 2- User Based Organisation



- ❖ USEM: Users are members and/or representatives of user organizations.
- ❖ ESO: Like any other participant in standardization, user participants are expected to defend the positions of the constituency on whose behalf they participate.
- ❖ Users can fall back on their organisation (e.g. working group)

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## Principle 3-Financing



- ❖ USEM: Financing contribution should not be a barrier for participation.
- ❖ ESO: Participation is not reimbursed.
- ❖ Guide 2: "Where the representation of consumers is hampered through the lack of finance, Member bodies should use their best efforts in finding solutions to overcome these difficulties."

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## Principle 4- Accessibility



- ❖ USEM: Accessibility of all relevant materials and premises is guaranteed.
- ❖ ESO: All participants have access to the relevant information.

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## Principle 5- Qualified Staff



- ❖ USEM: Every partner guarantees respect and expertise.
- ❖ ESO: Participants have a specific field of knowledge and have the intention of creating consensus.
- ❖ Reaching consensus often requires creativity on all sides.

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## Principle 6- Sound Plan



- ❖ USEM: Detailed plan for the project (including timing of drafts, meetings and opportunities for commenting/influencing the standards work and expectation of user participation).
- ❖ ESO: Any standard development process follows a timetable with possibilities to influence, which is known when the project starts.

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## CEN/CENELEC Guide 6



- ❖ Describes a **Process** by which the needs of older persons and persons with disabilities may be considered during the development of standards
- ❖ Provides **Tables** to enable standards developers to relate the relevant clauses of a standard to the factors which should be considered to ensure all abilities are addressed

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## CEN Guide 6



- ❖ Offers descriptions of body functions or human abilities and the practical implications of impairment
- ❖ Offers a List of sources that Standards Developers can use

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## Structure of Guide 6



(...)

Clause 5. Using Guide 6

Clause 6. Developing standards – Issues to consider during the standards development process

Clause 7. Tables of factors to consider ...

Clause 8. Factors to consider

Clause 9. Describes human abilities and the consequences of impairment

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## Clause 6

Developing Standards – Issues to consider during the standards development

- ❖ Define standards project
- ❖ Ensure committee is well equipped
- ❖ Develop content of the Standard (CEN Guide 6)
- ❖ Review Process
- ❖ Publish Standard

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## Clause 7

Tables of factors to consider during the standards development process

- ❖ Each **Table** identifies **typical clauses** or **sections** of a **Standard**
- ❖ Within each Table, the **first column identifies**, through **key words**, the **factors** which should be considered
- ❖ The **key words** are number as they are **described** in **Clause 8** of the Guide

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## Clause 7 and 8



Table 1-Clauses on Information

Table 2-Clauses on packaging

Table 3-Clauses on materials

Table 4-Clauses on installation

Table 5-Clauses on the user interface

Table 6-Clauses on maintenance, storage  
and disposal

Table 7-Clauses relating to the built  
environment

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## Clause 8



Factors to consider, e.g.

- Alternative format
- Location and layout of information and controls and positioning of handles
- Lighting levels and glare
- Colour and contrast
- Size and style of font and symbols in information
- Clear language in written or spoken information
- Graphical symbols and illustrations
- Loudness and pitch of non-spoken communication
- Slow pace of information presentation
- Distinctive form of product, control or packaging

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## Clause 8



### Factors to consider cont'd

- Ease of handling
- Expiration date marking
- Contents labelling and warning of allergens
- Surface temperature
- Accessible routes
- Logical process
- Surface finish
- Non allergenic/toxic materials
- Acoustics fail safe
- Ventilation
- Fire safety materials

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## Alternative Formats



### ❖ Two approaches:

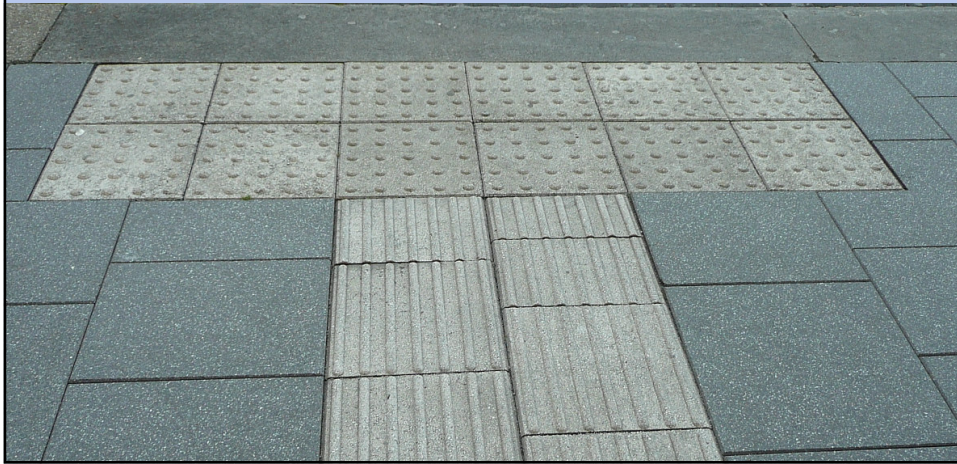
- Presenting information via different senses
- Presenting information via different aspect of the same sense

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# Via Different Senses



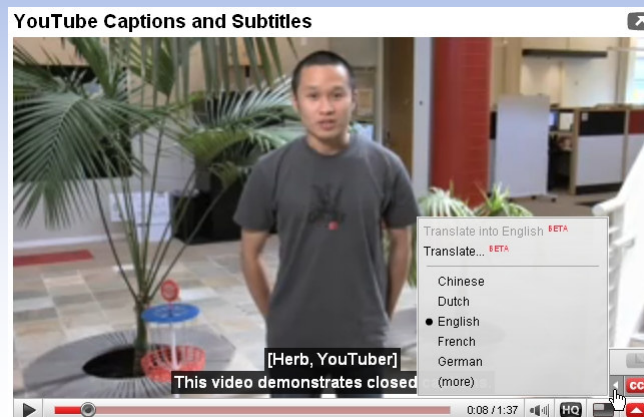
## Tactile paving



# Via Different Senses



## Closed or open captions



## Via Different Senses



Braille



## Via Different Senses

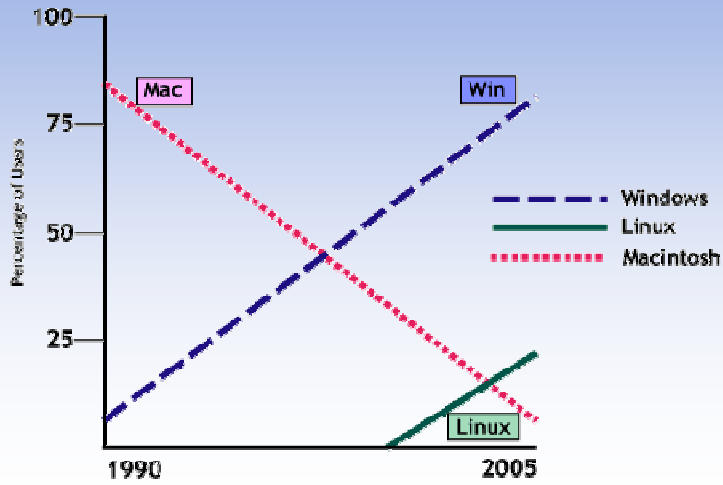


Headphone jack in ATM



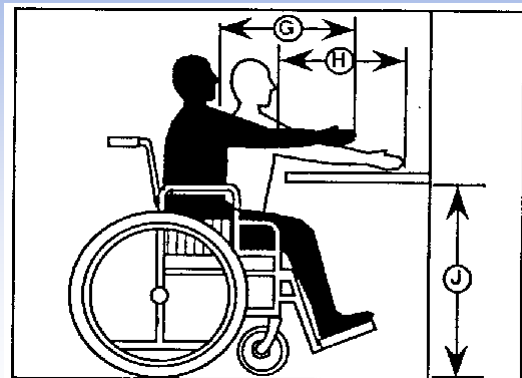
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# Via Different Aspect



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# Location and Layout



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## Lighting Levels and Glare



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## Colour and Contrast



The green apple has been poisoned!



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# Colour and Contrast



## Personal

Fields that are in red are required.

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Maiden:  (if applies)

Street:

City:  State:  Zip:

Country:  (if not U.S.)

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# Colour and Contrast



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#000096	#FA3200 #000096	87 !	450 ?	3.83:1 ?
#0000af	#FA3200 #0000af	84.15 !	475 ?	3.41:1 ?
#0000c8	#FA3200 #0000c8	81.3 !	500 ✓	3.01:1 ?
#00194b	#FA3200 #00194b	80.875 !	350 !	4.45:1 ?
#001964	#FA3200 #001964	78.025 !	375 !	4.17:1 ?
#00197d	#FA3200 #00197d	75.175 !	400 ?	3.85:1 ?
#001996	#FA3200 #001996	72.325 !	425 ?	3.5:1 ?
#0019af	#FA3200 #0019af	69.475 !	450 ?	3.14:1 ?
#003200	#FA3200 #003200	74.75 !	250 !	3.79:1 ?
#003219	#FA3200 #003219	71.9 !	275 !	3.76:1 ?

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# Style & size of fonts & symbols



Fonts for screen or print

Arial	Verdana	Trebuchet MS	Tahoma	Times New Roman
Il1i!j  00Q aeso S568	Il1i!i  00Q aeso S568	Il1i!j  00Q aeso S568	Il1i!i  00Q aeso S568	Il1i!j  00Q aeso S568
Il1i!j  00Q aeso S568	Il1i!i  00Q aeso S568	Il1i!j  00Q aeso S568	Il1i!i  00Q aeso S568	Il1i!j  00Q aeso S568

# Graphical Symbols and Illustrations



E.g. ISO 7001



# Graphical Symbols and Illustrations



Some symbols are not so obvious...



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# Ease of Handling



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## Clause 9



Detail about human abilities and the consequences of impairment

- Sensory abilities
- Physical abilities
- Cognitive abilities
- Allergies

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## Using the Tables in Guide 6



# Clause 7: Tables



1. Select the tables that are relevant to the product or service to be standardised
2. Identify the human abilities that are relevant to the product or service
3. Within each relevant table: identify factors that need to be considered (rows)
4. Translate the relevant factors into recommendations/requirements
5. Compare the recommendations/requirements with the clauses in the standard or draft

# Clause 7: Additional Detail



Subclauses in Clause 8      Subclauses in Clause 9

Factors to consider in standards clauses on information (labelling, instructions and warnings)	9.2 Sensory					
	Seeing 9.2.1	Hearing 9.2.2	Touch 9.2.3	Taste/ smell 9.2.4	Balance 9.2.5	Dexterity 9.3.1
8.2 Alternative format						
8.3 Location/layout						
8.4 Lighting/glare						
8.5 Colour/contrast						
8.6 Size/style of font						
8.7 Clear language						
8.8 Symbols/drawings						



## Group Assignment: Using Guide 6 to identify Accessibility Requirements



### Group Assignment (1a)

- ❖ Groups of 3 or 4
- ❖ Topic: Photocopier

## Group Assignment (1a)



Keys steps of installing and using a photocopier

- ❖ Unpack
- ❖ Instructions (Customer Services)
- ❖ Install (physical location)
- ❖ Install (electrical )
- ❖ Install (software)
- ❖ Insert Toner/Paper
- ❖ Operation
- ❖ Maintenance
- ❖ Disposal

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## Group Assignment (1a)



- ❖ Use Guide 6 to specify accessibility requirements:
  - Define Scope of the Standard
  - For the purpose of this exercise the scope is the “Operation of the Photocopier”
  - Exclude everything else
  - Select relevant tables in Clause 7 based on the Scope of the Standard

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## Group Assignment (1a)



- ❖ Use Guide 6 to specify accessibility requirements:
  - Select relevant tables in Clause 7 based on the Scope of the Standard
  - Tables 1,2,3,4,5

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## Group Assignment (1b)



- ❖ Stay in the same groups
- ❖ Use Table 5 – User Interface
- ❖ Task: Photocopy 10 sheets of paper
  - What are the key steps in carrying out this task
- ❖ Review Table 5 and identify the key factors that impact on usability of this task

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## Group Assignment (1b)



Input: Review Table 5 and identify the **keys factors** that impact on usability of this task (8.2 – 8.21)

Output: Group Assignment Summary

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## Additional Information and Guidance



## Related Standards / Guides



- ❖ ISO/TR 22411:2008
  - “Ergonomics data and guidelines for the application of ISO/IEC Guide 71 ...”
- ❖ Sector guides:
  - CWA 14661: “Guidelines to Standardisers of ICT products and services in the CEN ICT domain”
  - CWA 15778:2008: “Document Processing for Accessibility”

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## Related Standards / Guides



- ❖ Sector guides:
  - CWA 45546-1: “Guidelines to standardisers of Collective Transport Systems - Needs of older people and persons with disabilities - Part 1: Basic Guidelines”
  - The Build-for-All Reference Manual (2006)

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## Photo & Image Credits



- ❖ YouTube Captions demo: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=QRS8MkLhQmM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QRS8MkLhQmM)
- ❖ Chateau Neuf du Pape 2007 à la Braille: [www.flickr.com/photos/adactio/89778576/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/adactio/89778576/)
- ❖ Chart Mac – Win – Linux: [webstandards.psu.edu/book/export/html/23](http://webstandards.psu.edu/book/export/html/23)
- ❖ “The green apple has been poisoned”: [www.naturewallpapers4u.com/2008/11/apple-desktop-wallpaper-wide-screen.html](http://www.naturewallpapers4u.com/2008/11/apple-desktop-wallpaper-wide-screen.html) adapted with Vischeck.

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## Photo & Image Credits



- ❖ Wheelchair: <http://msucares.com/pubs/publications/p1825.htm>
- ❖ Avoiding screen glare: <http://forum.santabanta.com/showthread.htm?t=132048>
- ❖ ISO 7001: Public Information Symbols: see [www.tiresias.org/research/guidelines/pictograms.htm](http://www.tiresias.org/research/guidelines/pictograms.htm)
- ❖ Symbols: preferred contrast (Fennell 2006): [www.tiresias.org/research/reports/colour\\_contrast\\_preference.html](http://www.tiresias.org/research/reports/colour_contrast_preference.html)
- ❖ “Don’t slip on giant keys”: [www.flickr.com/photos/my\\_spot/3901834337/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/my_spot/3901834337/)
- ❖ “Gruesome” by Drew McLellan (Creative Commons): [www.flickr.com/photos/drewm/280526485/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/drewm/280526485/)
- ❖ Ease of handling: <http://www.esn-network.com/281.html>

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## Group Assignment

### Implementing Guide 6 in the Standardization Process

Divide yourselves into groups of 3 or 4. If possible, make sure that more than one disability is represented in each group. Your task consists in using Guide 6 to specify accessibility requirements for photo copiers.

1.a. Start by selecting the tables in **clause 7** that are relevant to a photo copier.

The next questions are focussed on table 5 of Guide 6: ‘factors to consider in clauses on the user interface’.

1.b. Shortly discuss the **impairments and allergies** that are relevant to photo copiers. (You may do this by putting each impairment or allergy into one of three categories: “relevant”, “maybe relevant” and “not relevant”.)

Then, study table 5 and check what **factors** you will need to consider in the standard. (Refer to the lists of end-users and relevant factors.)

If you need additional information on the factors to consider, go to the relevant sections in **clause 8**. Determine whether each of these factors can be addressed by providing an alternative, by a different design, by means of assistive technology or something else. While doing this, take note of anything that might be missing in Guide 6.

At the end of the exercise, one person will **report** to the complete group about the following aspects:

1. The list of relevant impairments and allergies.
2. The factors that you selected.

And maybe additionally:

3. Requirements based on the relevant impairments and factors. Make sure that - at a minimum - both sensory and physical impairments are considered.
4. Any aspects that CEN/CENELEC Guide 6 does not cover.



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Topic Summary day  
1 and Exercises  
(exemplary skills)



## Summary and exercises

This session is meant to link between the information given on the first day to using that information in practice. How can this information be used? How can you be part of standardization and make sure that consumer interests are being included? The activities to do this and the skills you need will be discussed.

The information on how consumer/end-user can participate in standardization and the information on guide 6 will be put together.

- How to participate in standardization? What role should you be taking?
- How to bring arguments forward in standardization?
- How to bring forward consumer issues in general?
- How to participate effectively in discussions?

This topic will consist of the following parts:

- Summary of the first day will be given and discussed shortly.
- A short presentation on skills needed in standardization is given
- We will do some exercises together with which we will exercise the skills needed

Goal: Getting acquainted with the practical work to be done in standardization. Knowing what skills you need and the activities you can perform to participate Exercising activities and skills used in standardization.

Annexes:

- Presentation
- Exercises
- Experience of a user





## Résumé day 1



## Objectives STAND4ALL

- ❖ An EU funded project, wherein both consumers (or end users) and representatives in standardization are trained to take into account the needs of older people and people with disabilities in standardization.

## Background STAND4ALL



In theory, European standardization institutions: all stakeholders involved in the process

In Practice, European standardization institutions: NOT all stakeholders involved in the process

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## Program day 1



- ❖ Welcome and Introduction
- ❖ Background and Motivation
- ❖ Information on standardization
- ❖ User Aspects in standardization
- ❖ User participation in standardization

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# Background and Motivation

## Topic 1

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## Goal of this topic

- ❖ To understand what the drivers are for involving disabled and older people in standards development and how this is reflected in solutions

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## Summary



- ❖ Social & political driven
- ❖ UN declaration
- ❖ EU implementation => Public procurement emphasis => mandate 376
- ❖ Implementing Guide 6

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## QUESTION



- ❖ Did you get the extra drive for being involved??

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# Information on standardization

## Topic 2



## Session objectives

- ❖ To present an overview of the importance and benefits of standardization
- ❖ To provide an understanding of the key stakeholders involved in standardization

# Summary



## ❖ What is...

- Type of Standards
- Level of Standards
- Need and benefits of Standards
- How are Standards developed
- Bodies/institutions/committees and working groups

## ❖ Why End-user involvement

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# QUESTION



- ❖ Do you find it complex, do you have better idea's for achieving results (standards)?

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# User Aspects / Priorities in standardization

## Topic 3



## Goal of this topic

- ❖ To understand the needs and benefits for consumer/end-user participation and the conditions and struggles to do so.

## Summary



- ❖ Awareness of standards: what they do
- ❖ How end-users interact with stakeholders
- ❖ Barriers  
What needed to overcome:
- ❖ USEM - principles

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## QUESTION



- ❖ Do you understand now what the precise difference is in having end-users enrolled in standards work in stead of just a not handicapped representative??

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# Implementing Guide 6 in the standardization Process

## Topic 4



## Objectives

- ❖ You know the barriers to user participation & how they can be addressed.
- ❖ You know how to use CEN/CENELEC Guide 6 in standardization.

## Summary



- ❖ Guide 6
- ❖ Analyzing where problems can arise
- ❖ Finding solutions
- ❖ DfA examples showing the problems and the solutions
- ❖ Technical use of Guide 6

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## QUESTION



- ❖ Do you feel that you can participate (being an end-user) in a TC developing an elevator standard?
  - Yes?
  - Not (yet not?) and why not?

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## Conclusion



- ❖ Day 1 has been more or less the THEORY  
(do you think you passed?)
  
- ❖ Day 2 will be PRACTISING:
  - Exercises
  - Role plays
  - Further implementation





# Exercises

Practicing and creating  
skills



## Goal of this topic

Getting acquainted with the practical work to be done in standardization committees and how you can use your skills to improve user perspective in standardization.

## Program exercising



09.30	Why exercising and why the four selected
09.45	1 "presenting yourself" 2 "developing a strategy"
10.30	short break
10.45	3 "formulate questions to the 'back-office'." 4 "formulate arguments that are been heard"
11.30	End exercises and Start of the role play

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## Skills



- ❖ Most important is: being motivated to improve user perspective
- ❖ This can be done in several ways

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## Skills - *formulated by users themselves* (1)



- ❖ To be able to articulate the user perspective
- ❖ To be able to speak, read and write English easily
- ❖ To be able to internalise the jargon of the particular industry
- ❖ To be able to negotiate and to mediate

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## Skills - *formulated by users themselves* (2)



- ❖ To be able to maintain in negotiations own viewpoints
- ❖ To be acquainted with the variety of disability requirements concerning the product or service one is active in
- ❖ To respect the common structure of procedures/ resolutions

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## Experiences of Tom Young



- ❖ In 1997 Tom joined the FORTUNE Training -> aim to participate in R&D projects
- ❖ Tom has participated in two NEN 'mirror committees' - > national level
- ❖ It appears that also other participants need some background information

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## Tom's tips (1)



- ❖ You have to understand and speak English
- ❖ You should have experiences with meetings
- ❖ You should have some knowledge of the standardization organizations, the processes and the terms.
- ❖ You should have a professional attitude

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## Tom's tips (2)



- ❖ You should be able to organize communication with you backing user group
- ❖ You should be able to translate the advise of the backing to concrete points relevant for the process.
- ❖ You should prepare yourself very good for meetings

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## Other tips of Tom



- ❖ Don't get insecure when you don't understand everything. It's not always possible as an non-technical participant to understand everything.
- ❖ Trust your experience based knowledge. This knowledge is of great value for the process.
- ❖ The processes are sometimes very long and you are a pioneer. Always try to think on the added value for you and other users at the end! That keeps you enthusiastic

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# Exercises



1. Short presentation
2. Making a strategic plan on how to act in standardization
3. Good formulation of questions to the backing organisations/network
4. How to formulate arguments, how to make sure your motivation is on the table?

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# 1. Short presentation



The first impression people get from you is essential!

- ❖ Present yourself shortly (2 – 3 minutes) in a new working group or technical committee meeting about the electronic travel card (~15 persons around the table).
- ❖ Two volunteers will be asked to present
- ❖ "prep-time" 4 minutes, individual

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## 2. Strategic plan



How are you going to act in a Working group or a TC, what plan do you have to get the most out of your work

- ❖ Discuss/prepare in two groups: case is the elevator control panel. What are the criteria and steps to be taken
- ❖ Present your plans
- ❖ Argue your approach with the other group
  
- ❖ "prep-time" 6 minutes

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## 3. Formulating questions



You have limited knowledge and you need your own Disability Organisation and other Home country organisations to get answers/information!

- ❖ Discuss in couples how to get end-user Elevator facts collected for you
- ❖ Two couples will be asked to present and comment on each others group question.
  
- ❖ "prep-time" 5 minutes

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## 4. Formulate motives/ arguments to be heard



Arguing and being convincing helps a lot in getting your statement to be heard!

- ❖ Create an motivation for having standards of elevator-doors in hotels
- ❖ Two volunteers will be asked to present
  
- ❖ "prep-time" 5 minutes

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## Exercises

### Exercise 1

Goal: Tell in 3-5 minutes why user-perspective is important in standardization

Introduction: You can participate in different ways, and not only the actual participation in standardization is important. It is also important to spread the message that a user centred perspective is needed.

Setting: People will work on their own for 5 minutes, they will prepare their own 2/3 minutes story. After this we will discuss a few presentations. What are the most important topics to tell? White board or flip over available for collecting the most important points in the short presentation.

Case:

- 1) You are Candidate for a job in Standardization work; you are elected as candidate because you work for a consumer organisation and in your curriculum is stated that you have followed courses on standardization. Prepare a short speech explaining how you see your involvement in the project.
- 2) You are for the first time present in a standards working group on a public traffic issue (electronic travel card). You are asked to give a short presentation about yourself and what you expect that your role in this working group will be.

### Exercise 2

Goal: Making a strategic plan on how to act in standardization

Introduction: For good participation it is important to have a plan on how to act in the TC.

Setting: A case will be presented to the whole group. In groups a work-plan will be formulated on how to act in the TC in the case. After a few minutes the plans will be discussed together.

Case: lifts

There will be a revision of the lift-standard. There is a meeting planned for all interested parties to discuss what the issues are

that will need a closer look. Let's say that the first focus will especially be the usage of the lift-panel.

### Exercise 3

Goal: Good formulation of questions to the backing organisations/network

Introduction: If you are active in standardization you need information of all users, you need information from your backing organisations. How is this arranged in your country? What is the best way to ask questions?

Setting: the group will be divided in couples. The couples will prepare questions to ask backing organisations. We have 5 minutes for this. We will discuss the results in the group and decide on most important criteria for questions.

Points of discussion will be:

- Was it easy to formulate a question? How did you come to the question, why did you asked this question?
- Is the question easy to answer?
  
- If you ask for all information on a topic, you have a large chance to get nothing. Make sure the question is precise enough and that the topic is interesting.
  
- Sometimes one can get the impression that standardization is not a point of high interest in the user organisations. Is it possible to create instruments within the user organisation to keep standardization topics in permanent attention, i. e. standardization as a permanent reporting point in Annual general meetings.

### Exercise 4

Goal: How to formulate arguments, how to make sure your arguments are on the table?

Introduction: It is not easy to decide on when you will tell your view on the topic that is being discussed and in what way. Do you say it right ahead, or do you wait for the right strategic moment? Do you make a paper with information backing your argument or do you present it with visual material?

Setting: we will tell a small case and tell the group what argument you want to bring forward. The trainees will get a few minutes to decide on how to bring the argument forward. After that we will ask a few trainees to try their strategy in a 'TC'.

Case: doors of lifts

The discussion is at the moment focussed on the doors of the lift. There has been talked about the safety (fire safety for example), about the weight of the doors that the lift can handle. You want to tell your TC members that the doors should be wide enough for an electric wheelchair to get in and to have the doors open for a longer period of time to make sure that people that have trouble with walking can enter the lift as well.



## Experience of a user

Tom Young is an active member of the Dutch user organization CG-Raad. In 1997 he joined the FORTUNE training, a training to learn how to participate actively in Research and Development Projects. Tom is now also an active member of the Dutch FORTUNE group.

### How did Tom get involved?

NEN started a standardization process and would like to take into account the interest of end-users in the new standard. Therefore NEN contacted CG-raad. CG-raad contacted the FORTUNE group and invited members to apply. Tom decided to apply in this call.

### Tom's preparation

Tom didn't had any standardization knowledge. So he needed some preparation before joining the standardization meetings. First of all he joined the NEN meeting for new participants. In this meeting new members were informed about basic information on standardization. Secondly he discussed the topic developed a strategy together with the other FORTUNE members.

### Tom's work

Tom participated in two different kind of standardization processes of the NEN. One standardization process is lasting for four years now and is still an ongoing process. The participants meet 2 or 3 times a year. His role in the process is to take into account the collective interest of his user group and not his own interest. During the meetings Tom tries to watch over the interests of his user group and tries to convince other participants of the importance of several aspects of user interests.

His contact with other end-users, is therefore very close and in his opinion that was very important. So he decided to make use of a web log on the website of the CG-Raad to communicate with his backing. All relevant topics and discussion point were discussed on this web log. With the results of the discussion he joined the standardization meetings.

### Tom's experiences

In general Tom concludes that all participants are willing to listen to Tom suggestion. They are all positive on his participation. Some difficulties he experiences were. Sometimes a quick decision is needed. In such a short period it is not always possible to collect the opinions of

his backing. Another difficulty is that end-users don't receive a payment. Therefore it's sometimes difficult to give the work in standardization enough attention and priority. Finally Tom experienced some barriers in language. The technical experts use a lot of technical words. Sometimes this is difficult to understand.

### Tom's tips

Based on his experience Tom would like to give new participants some useful tips.

- Skills and knowledge you need or need to develop:
  1. You have to understand and speak English
  2. You should have experiences with meetings
  3. You should have some knowledge of the standardization institutes, the processes and the terms.
  4. You should have a professional attitude
  5. You should be able to organize communication with you backing user group
  6. You should be able to translate the advise of the backing to concrete points relevant for the process.
  7. You should prepare yourself very good for meetings
- Tips:
  8. Don't get insecure when you don't understand everything. It's not always possible as an non-technical participant to understand everything.
  9. Trust your experience based knowledge. This knowledge is of great value for the process.

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Topic Interactive  
session

‘Roleplay’ or  
‘Simulation of a TC  
meeting’



For this topic there are two variants. Both are described here.  
The first is the 'Roleplay' the second is the 'Simulation of a TC Meeting'.

The documents for the **Roleplay** are:

- Short description of a roleplay
- Presentation
- Roleplay description in detail

The documents for the **Simulation of a TC Meeting** are:

- Short description of Simulation of a TC Meeting
- Presentation
- Description of the standardization meeting
- Extract from Directive 2009/48/EC 'Safety of Toys', ANNEX V 'Warnings'
- EN 71.1:2005+A9:2009 Safety of Toys - Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties (Clause 6 & 7)
- FACTSHEET Annex V Warnings



## Roleplay

The goal of this session is: understanding the real situation in a CEN/TC meeting or WG-meeting with user representatives there.

The aim of the role play is to discuss the needs of revision of EN 81-70 “*Accessibility to lifts for persons including disabilities*” after 5 years of publication and point out the positions of the different parties concerned in view of a necessary revision.

Trainees will be asked to “impersonate” the different stakeholders representatives at the final meeting of CEN TC 10 before the launch of the public enquiry about revision.

With the roleplay the trainees will use the information gained during the training in a real-life setting. By playing a role in a standardization committee the interesting parts of participation.

The time for this topic is divided in time for:

- Preparation on the roleplay
- The roleplay itself
- Retrospective view on the roleplay

Goal: understanding the real situation in a CEN/TC meeting and discovering the skills and strategies which are needed; discovering also allies and supporting groups among the participating representatives  
Trainees are asked to make use of their ‘negotiating skills’ and standardization knowledge acquired during the training.

Annexes:

- Presentation with the main key issues
- Role play description in detail





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**Understanding the real situation in a  
CEN/TC meeting and discovering the skills  
and strategies which are needed;  
discovering also aliens and supporting  
groups among the participating  
representatives**

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## **Different approach for consumer participation in ...**

- **New Work Items and standard development**

**or**

- **Revision of published standards**
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## **Practical experiences of consumer participation after publication of EN 81-70**

### **Role play**



**Revision of EN 81-70 ...**  
**Accessibility to lifts for persons**  
**including persons with disability**

***Photos are telling more***  
***than 1000 words!***



## EN 81-70 Accessibility to lifts for persons including persons with disability

Table 1 — Minimum car dimensions for cars with a single entrance or two opposite entrances

Type of lift	Minimum car dimensions <sup>a</sup>	Accessibility level	Remarks
1	450 kg Car width : 1 000 mm Car depth : 1 250 mm	This car accommodates one wheelchair user.	Type 1 ensures accessibility to persons using a manual wheelchair described in EN 12183 or electrically powered wheelchair of class A described in EN 12184.
2	630 kg Car width : 1 100 mm Car depth : 1 400 mm	This car accommodates one wheelchair user and an accompanying person.	Type 2 ensures accessibility to persons using a manual wheelchair described in EN 12183 or an electrically powered wheelchair of class A or B described in EN 12184. Class B wheelchairs are intended for some indoor environments and capable of navigating some outdoor obstacles.
3	1 275 kg Car width : 2 000 mm Car depth : 1 400 mm	This car accommodates one wheelchair user and several other users. It also allows a wheelchair to be rotated in the car.	Type 3 ensures accessibility to persons using a manual wheelchair described in EN 12183 or an electrically powered wheelchair of class A, B or C described in EN 12184. Class C wheelchairs are not necessarily intended for indoor use but are capable of travelling over longer distances and navigating outdoor obstacles. Type 3 provides sufficient turning space for persons using wheelchairs of class A or B and walking aids (walking frames, rollators etc.).

<sup>a</sup> Car width is the horizontal distance between the inner surface of the structural walls, measured parallel to the front entrance.  
Car depth is the horizontal distance between the inner surface of the structural walls, measured perpendicular to the width.

## Role Play



### Revision of EN 81-70 Accessible Lifts

#### Facts:

- lift typ 1 lift (1000 mm x 1250 mm) too small for powered wheel-chairs - contradicts scope and Annex A and many national standards
- small door width: 800 mm instead of 900 mm
- no place for an accompanying person – independent use (with assistance)?
- control devices: 900 mm – 1100/1200 mm; preferred: 850 mm - 1000 mm

## Role Play



### Revision of EN 81-70 Accessible Lifts

#### Legal requirements ... ?

- **NEW:** UN Convention of Human Rights for Persons with Disabilities
- EU Directives: Lift Directive
- ECA – European Concept of Accessibility
- Mandate 283 etc.?
- CEN/CENELEC Guide 6
- Standards: ISO, EN, national standards  
**lift car: min. size 1100 mm x 1400 mm!!!**

## Role Play – in 2 groups



### Participating persons in each group

- ✓ **Convenor of TC 10 Lifts (A)** – Trainer from Standard Bodies  
**Representative from lift manufacturer – global player**
- ✓ **(Secretariat of TC 10) (B)**
- ✓ **(1) R&D Test Institute representative**
- ✓ **(2) Lift manufacturer representative – global player C**
- ✓ **(3) Lift manufacturer representative – global player D**
- ✓ **(4/5) Representative from lift manufacturer – small company E from Italy/company F from Spain**
- ✓ **(6) Lift manufacturers Association representative**
- ✓ **(7) Wheelchair Producer**
- ✓ **(8/9) Consumer representatives**
- ✓ **(10) Elderly consumer representatives**

## **Role-Play Tipps**



- **Project plan and time table – short time and long time strategy**
- **How you start the project?**
- **What information you need before you attend the meeting?**
- **Identify skills and strategies you need – consider ANEC's presentation**
- **At which time you present your subject during the TC meeting?**
- **Attend the TC or WGs meeting? Different approach?**
- **Is lobbying an issue in this case? Who may be interested in the subject?**

## **Role-Play Tipps**



### **How to start? ...**

- **read carefully the general informations about the subject – see handout**
- **study your personal role description**
- **meet with your companion who plays the same role in the other group and discuss your strategy**

## Role-Play Tipps



- are there other persons / representatives who would support your strategies? – contact them
- think about the advantages or common goals for all different representatives concerning your strategy
- **return in 20 minutes for the start of the role play!**



**Good luck for your role play!**  
**Thank you for your attention!**



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## Role play

**Revision of EN 81-70: Safety rules for the construction and installation of lifts - Particular applications for passenger and good passengers lifts - Accessibility to lifts for persons including persons with disability**

*DISCLAIMER: although based on a real situation, the participants and the positions expressed in this case study are purely fictional and do not reflect by any means any official position.*

### Background

prEN 81-70 «

Part 70: Accessibility to lifts for persons including persons ” is already published.

- The aim of the role play is to discuss the needs of revision of EN 81-70 after 5 years of publication and point out the positions of the different parties concerned in view of a necessary revision
- Trainees will be asked to “impersonate” the different stakeholders representatives at the final meeting of CEN TC 10 before the launch of the public enquiry about revision
- Trainees are asked to make use of their ‘negotiating skills” and standardisation knowledge acquired during the training

### Political background situation

Member States are bound by national building codes obligations with regards to accessibility of the built environment. The ratified UN Convention of Human Rights for persons with Disabilities becomes more and more important and legally binding also for the Member States in Europe.

However, lifts fall under harmonised legislation. The EU lift directive is relevant for the Member States and the harmonised lift standard EN 81-70 is part of national standardisation.

UK, Germany and France have recently announced plans aimed at combating the current economic and financial crises with massive investment in public works, including public housing and public places such as theatres, offices and railway station.

For accessible buildings no European or International Standard is available. Only in ISO/TR 9527 the main building requirements for accessibility can be found. The European Concept of Accessibility (ECA) has included an ANNEX where the main accessibility requirements of the national standards of the Member States are summarized. Therein the minimum lift car size of an accessible lift is mentioned with 1100 mm x 1400 mm which is in many countries state of the art and also in ISO/TR 9527.

### **Three topics of the agenda during the CEN/TC 10 meeting**

(can also be reduced to 2 topics)

In agenda item 7 the main topics of future revision of EN 81-70 during a fictional standardisation meeting of CEN/TC 10 are summarized with additional explanation. Several comments and proposals have been sent to CEN/TC 10 according this revision enquiry:

#### **7 Proposals to revise EN 81-70**

##### **7.1 Size of different lift cars (see table 1):**

- car type 1: 1000 mm x 1250 mm (too small for electrical wheelchairs and large manual wheelchairs, no accompanying person is possible, too small for persons with walking aids, who cannot turn around); Proposal from ANEC representative to delete car type 1 from the standard or at least to give clear instructions that this lift can not be used by the majority of persons with powered wheelchairs; should only be applied for adaptation of existing buildings with minor importance and less users if no larger lift car is possible.
- car type 2: 1100 mm x 1400 mm (minimum size for person in wheelchair with an assistance - for manual and electrical wheelchairs); this lift car type is supported by all users as the minimum car size.
- car type 3: 1400 mm x 2000 mm (for persons in wheelchairs - manual and electrical - also with an assistance, for persons with walking aids). Proposal from the wheelchair manufacturers who promote this car size due to increasing number of persons with powered wheelchairs and with walking aids of elderly persons. It should be explained very clearly that only this car type 3 is sufficient for **all users** - with powered wheelchairs and with walking aids.

##### **7.2 Height of control devices (see table 2):**

Height of control devices is now 900 mm until 1100 mm. These two measures should be reduced too preferred 850 mm to 1000 mm - especially for persons in powered wheelchairs with reduced arm function. A proposal



has been sent to CEN/TC 10 by consumer representatives and is supported by EDF (European Disability Forum). Global lift companies are not in favour due to higher buildings where more place is needed for more control buttons.

Wheelchair manufacturers strongly support this proposal. Their main user groups with powered wheelchair need the lower range for their reduced hand mobility.

### **7.3 Size and design of control buttons**

In the general part of the standard the size of control buttons is 490 mm<sup>2</sup> (about 25 mm diameter). Only in the informative Annex G “Other Devices” extra large control devices are mentioned for horizontal panels. The wheelchair manufacturer’s organisation and EDF promote to use only horizontal panels for all control buttons in accessible lifts to meet the needs of persons with mobility impairments especially with powered wheelchairs. They have sent a proposal to CEN/TC 10 which has to be discussed in this meeting. This proposal is also supported by EBU (European Blind Union) where they mentioned also the importance of larger control devices projecting from the surrounding panel.

Lift companies (especially the smaller companies) are strongly against this proposal due to the higher costs. The global players of the lift manufacturers are also not in favour but it can be a matter of negotiation when only the horizontal panels will be produced. On the other hand there may be a problem in higher buildings where is too less place for horizontal arrangement of extra large control buttons.

### **Different roles in the role play**

**The interests represented in the case study are (minimum 5 roles /maximum 10 roles)**

- **CEN/TC Convenor A** (Stand4All trainers from national standards bodies)
- **CEN/TC Secretary B** (facultative) - “ -
  - 1. National certification institutes (representing also national legislation and EU Directives) for lifts**
  - 2. Lifts manufactures: global players (company C)**
  - 3. Lift manufactures: global player (company D)**
  - 4. Lifts manufactures: smaller companies (e.g. company E from Italy)**
  - 5. Lifts manufactures: smaller companies (e.g. company F from Spain) (facultative)**

6. Lifts manufactures Association (facultative)
7. Wheelchair manufacturers (facultative)
8. **Consumers representatives: users representing different impairments e.g. representing ANEC or other NGO organisations (1 or 2)**
9. Consumer representatives: users representing ANEC with special focus on persons with impaired vision (facultative)
10. Elderly consumer representatives (facultative)

The meeting is conducted by the **CEN/TC convenor (role A)** and supported by the CEN/TC secretary (role B - facultative). These roles should be played by trainers of STAND4All who are familiar with standardisation meetings and proceedings. If no person as CEN/TC secretary is available the convenor has to check also the target dates and all other details during the revision stage of the standard.

The CEN/TC convenor should always have in mind his/her neutral position. His/her main goal is to find a solution by consensus in all contradicting issues and proposals although he is a representative of a global player of the lift manufactures industry.

The CEN/TC secretary is an officer of a national standards organisation and responsible for the target dates of revisions of the standards and all organisational details.

### **Task 1**

Adopting the role assigned to you, work with your group (either with the same representative of the parallel role-play and/or with other players who may support your proposal - consider descriptions of different Agenda topics) to identify the key issues and arguments for your position in the negotiation exercise.

Work out a strategy for achieving your goal.

### **Task 2**

Conduct the role play exercise, playing your role to try to win your case.

## 1. National Certification Institutes (O)

Member States are bound by national building codes obligations with regards to accessibility of the built environment. However, lifts fall under harmonised legislation, the EU lift directive. National certification institutes represent also their national view within the TC meetings and are prepared to check all relevant testing details within the lift standard in connection with the EU lift directive.

National Certification Institutes will support user's view in deleting lift type 1 which is too small for all users from the table

They understood the problem of persons especially in powered wheelchairs who cannot use lift type 1 which is too small.

Both refurbishing and new constructions are concerned. In developed countries lifts are included in all new residential houses with several floors. It is more or less standard to use lift type 2 due to many national building regulations where this is an obliged requirement since years.

### **Position and main arguments:**

National certification bodies are more or less aware about deleting lift type 1 from the table of EN 81-70 during the revision and they know that this small lift type is not any more state of the art.

CEN/CLC Guide 6 is generally known but not in details.

They understand the needs for bigger space within the lift for persons using a wheelchair or walking aids. Even for persons using walking aids it is recommended already within table 1 that only lift car type 3 meets their requirement to turn around within the lift before exit the car.

Especially in public buildings, railway stations etc. they propose to use only lift type 3 (1400 mm x 2000 mm) to meet all requirements for an inclusive society according the design for all approach.

They promote a clearer explanation within the table about the usage of the different lift types.

They support also in the other points the proposals of the consumer groups, EDF and EBU generally but are looking for consensus with the lift companies.

## 2. / 3. LIFTS MANUFACTURERS - GLOBAL INDUSTRIES (O)

UK, Germany and France have recently announced plans aimed at combating the current economic and financial crises with massive investment in public works, including public housing and public places such as theatres, offices and railway station.

The global players of the lift industry expect that lift type 2 and 3 will be the most wanted car types for this investment strategy. Lift manufactures of global industries see a big chance to improve their business. Especially the new initiative of some Member States is an interesting chance to improve their business.

They want to promote lifts not only in public buildings but also lift type 2 in residential houses to improve life quality during the demographic change. They see a lot of market chances developing now.

### **Position and main arguments:**

**Company 1 and 2:** The global players of the lift industry expect that lift type 2 and 3 will be the most wanted car size for this investment strategy started by UK, Germany and France. They understood the problem of persons especially in powered wheelchairs who cannot use lift type 1 which is too small.

Concerning the height and size of control devices different positions exist:

**Company 1:** they support the present requirement due to many already produced control panels. They not agree to the proposed changes.

**Company 2:** they are not acting and arguing against the proposed changes for control devices. They are producing on demand and therefore have no problems with existing control panels. To produce horizontal panels instead of vertical ones - if less control buttons are needed - is no problem for them.

They are aware about the problems with many control buttons in higher buildings. In this case telephone panels can also be used.

#### 4. / 5. LIFTS MANUFACTURERS - SMALL INDUSTRIES (O / F)

In some countries (Italy and Spain) the most common lift put in place should not be too burdensome and expensive, especially for SMEs. Therefore during the last years the lift car type 1 was widely used.

Lift manufacturers of smaller companies have more interest to keep the situation pretty much as it is because they do not wish to see any change in the rules that will make their business more difficult.

##### **Position and main arguments:**

Especially the smaller lift companies situated in Italy and Spain have proven to be very powerful in their blocking of the standard and will continue to do so. The national legislation in these countries is more focused on the small lift type 1 as the minimum size.

Italian and Spanish lift manufacturers are highly interested in continuing producing and selling the small lift type 1 (1000 mm x 1250 mm) which is their main business field.

They fear if type 1 is not longer part of EN 81-70 they will lose a lot of market chances and business. Due to the economic crises they fear that the market will collapse in Italy and Spain where in the southern parts of their countries the residential houses will not longer promote to build lifts in their premises. Keeping lift type 1 within the standard they see more chances to sell their lift cars also in small residential houses and to improve life quality for an ageing society.

**Small lift company Y from Italy:** very strong and powerful representative arguing against excluding of lift type 1 from this standard. Italian legislation is also in line with this minimum lift requirement and therefore nothing should be changed. They vote strongly against the additional horizontal panel and the larger control buttons due to higher costs.

**Small lift company Z from Spain:** the company representative is also arguing against any change within the standard due to decreasing of business chances but supports the proposal for the larger control buttons for blind users. In Spain there is a big lobby for blind persons very active and influences the public authorities and legislation. The accessibility building standard in Spain has already included lift type 2 as a minimum requirement.

## 6. LIFTS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (F)

The lifts industry association, expressed support towards the recent initiatives of some Member States, aimed at combating the current economic and financial crises with massive investment in public works, including public housing and public places such as theatres and railways stations.

The main interest for the lift industry association is to support their members and to improve their market chances; of course they are financed by all members but have more focus on the global acting companies.

### **Position and main arguments:**

They have a similar position than the representatives of the global acting lift industries. The association has also in mind the big overseas markets as China where the lift business is increasing. They are usually also focused on EN standards.

Support for lift type 2 and 3 but considering also some market chances for lift type 1 in the developing countries due to the lower costs.

The demographic change is also an issue in their strategy to improve life quality for an ageing society.

The description of the different lift cars in table 1 should be improved to make it very clear for which user groups the indicated lift is best suitable. This description is now incomplete (as in lift type 1) and/or misleading.

Architects and planners should have clear guidance in this matter to choose the right lift car size for their projects.

## 7. WHEELCHAIRS MANUFACTURERS (F)

The majority of wheelchairs manufactures are small medium enterprises, who produce assistive aids for a local market.

### **Position and main arguments:**

They generally have a very hard line in favour of increasing accessibility requirements in standards. The wheelchairs manufactures welcomed the revision of EN 81-70 as it could eliminate one of the main obstacles (too small lifts) to secure an important market share for their latest products, the “bulky” electric powered wheelchairs.

They will support to delete lift type 1 from the table and ask for more clear explanation how the different lifts can be used. They promote lift type 3 for their latest products and for walking aids.

Especially for powered wheelchairs larger lift cars with at least 900 mm door width are necessary.

The height of the control devices should be reduced to 850 mm - 1000 mm as proposed by EDF and consumer groups. Wheelchair manufacturers are focused to meet all needs of wheelchair users to the greatest extend possible.

Size and design of control buttons: horizontal control panels are preferred by the wheelchair manufacturers due to the ergonomic needs of persons using powered wheelchairs with reduced hand function.

## **8. / 9. CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES (O / F)**

If only one consumer representative takes part in the role-play he/she should consider all arguments mentioned here and for the elderly consumer representative (see role 10 next page) including all comments concerning all different types of disabilities and special needs of elderly persons.

If two persons are available for the consumer representatives there may be one to play the role of a blind person or with vision impairment and arguing all needs for this user groups. The other one should take the arguments for mobility impaired users on board.

Consumer organisations think that lift type 1 in table 1 of EN 81-70 is not in line with CEN/CLC Guide 6, European concept of accessibility (see Annex) and with most of the national standards of the member states for an accessible built environment where the minimum size for a lift car is 1100 mm x 1400 mm.

### **Position and main arguments:**

Raise awareness for binding UN Convention and different EU Directives and legislation where the design for all approach is included.

### **Agenda Item 7.1 Car size:**

The small lift type 1 with the car size 1000 mm x 1250 mm can not be used from all persons in a powered wheelchair. Many of them need assistance by an accompanying person which is also not possible as the photos before demonstrated. Independent living which is also required within this standard is restricted or not even possible.

Persons with walking aids cannot move around in this small lift car - they would even prefer lift car type 3 where they can turn around when they exit the car. Add the importance of preventative measures during the demographic change. Most people want to live also in old age in their homes. Lifts are the most important aids to overcome steps.

All these points contradict also the scope of EN 81-70 and the requirements within. In Annex B, which is normative, all categories of disabilities concerned are taken into account but not fully applied within the standard.

### **New point to be raised:**

A new point should also be raised under agenda item 7.1 which is not on the list until now. The door size of the lift car has now the minimum measure of 800 mm. This measure should be enlarged to 900 mm (which is already recommended in the standard but not obligatory) as stated in most national standards and legislation. 800 mm door width is not longer state of the art.



**Agenda item 7.2 Height of control devices:**

Additional the height of the control devices within the car should be restricted from the range of 900 mm to 1100 mm / 1200 mm to a lower range. A range between 850 mm to 1000 mm or maximum 1100 mm supports most people with mobility impairments - especially people sitting in a powered wheelchair with additional hand functions.

People using a powered wheelchair and often having reduced hand function would support to enlarge the size of the control buttons due to their own needs.

**Agenda item 7.3 Size and design of control buttons:**

This size should be enlarged for blind users. Vision impaired and blind people need larger control buttons with projecting design from the surrounded panel area. Only in ANNEX G “Other Devices” extra large (XL) control devices - 50 mm x 50 mm - are required for the horizontal control panel but this is only an informative part of the standard. The concerned blind people want to have in all accessible lifts larger control buttons which should be projecting from the surrounding panel. It is not necessary to enlarge it to 50 mm but about 25 mm diameter as required in the main part of the standard is too small. Several tests results show that 40 mm diameter (or square) would be a recommended measure of control buttons.

Compare with CEN/CLC Guide 6 table 7 for buildings and check if some other requirements are missing within the standard EN 81-70.

## 10. ELDERLY CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES (F)

If one elderly consumer representative takes part in the role-play he/she should take all arguments concerning persons with walking aids, crutches etc. on board.

Stress the importance of preventative measures during the demographic change. Most people want to live also in old age in their homes. Lifts are the most important aids to overcome steps.

Especially the increasing needs of an ageing society should be brought in the discussion. If lifts are executed this investment should be sustainable and considering all future needs of the population.

It makes no sense to build in lift car type 1 when in few years later much more persons with wheelchairs and persons with walking aids are on the way. Especially the last user group cannot leave the lift car backwards - they need to turn around in the lift car and promote therefore strongly lift car type 3.

Special focus should be given to the contrasting design of control buttons to support elderly persons with vision impairment.

For persons with hearing impairment an induction loop system is necessary to hear the indication of floor announcement.

If no extra role for elderly consumer representative is available these arguments should be taken on board also by the consumer representative.

## Interactive Standardization Meeting/ Planning for Accessibility

The aim of this meeting is to discuss the needs of revision of EN 71-1 “*Safety of toys - Part 1: Mechanical and Physical Properties*” after 5 years of publication and point out the positions of the different parties concerned in view of a necessary revision.

Trainees will be asked to “consider” the needs of all users at the meeting of CEN TC 52 before the launch of the public enquiry about revision.

Within the meeting the trainees will use the information gained during the training in a real-life meeting setting.

The time for this topic is divided in time for:

- Preparation and familiarisation with documents
- The Meeting itself
- Evaluation of the Meeting in relation to addressing the needs of all users

Goal: understanding the real situation in a CEN/TC meeting and discovering the skills and strategies which are needed; understanding how all opinions are valid and should be considered

Trainees are asked to make use of their ‘negotiating skills’ and standardization knowledge acquired during the training

Annexes:

- Presentation with the main key issues
- Description of the standardization meeting
- Extract from Directive 2009/48/EC ‘Safety of Toys’, ANNEX V ‘Warnings’
- EN 71.1:2005+A9:2009 Safety of Toys - Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties (Clause 6 & 7)
- FACTSHEET Annex V Warnings





## Simulation of a standardization Meeting (a TC Meeting)



## Goal of this topic

- ❖ Understanding the real situation in a CEN/TC meeting;
- ❖ Discovering the skills and strategies which are needed;
- ❖ Using Guide 6 in developing and revising standards

## Product specific requirements



### Directive 2009/48/EC Safety of Toys

- ❖ Directive 2009/48/EC Safety of Toys Annex V Warnings
- ❖ EN 71.1:2005+A9:2009 Safety of Toys – Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties (Clause 6 & 7)
- ❖ FACTSHEET Annex V Warnings

## Accessibility Requirements



- ❖ Policy
- ❖ Directives
- ❖ Legislation
- ❖ Mandates
- ❖ Standards
- ❖ Guidance Documents

## Technical Meeting



- ❖ Have a Simulated Technical Committee Meeting
- ❖ 2 groups (Mix of Users/Experts)
- ❖ Breakout Rooms (2 Rooms)
- ❖ 2-4 Facilitators/Trainers per group
- ❖ 1 Chairperson per Group

## Technical Meeting



### Step 1

- A. Critique the Product (Remote Controlled Car)
- B. Develop a list of problems/issues

## Technical Meeting



### Step 2: Packaging/Information

- ❖ Consult CEN Guide 6 Tables 1 and 2
- ❖ Review the listed factors in Tables 1 and 2
- ❖ Identify what factors are critical to make the information and packaging of the product accessible

## Feedback from Group (s)





# Technical Meeting



## Step 3: Proofing Technical Standard

- ❖ EN71-1: Safety of Toys – Part 1  
Mechanical and Physical Properties
- ❖ Product Example

# Guide 6: Clause 7



## Table 1 - Clauses on Information

Table 2 - Clauses on packaging

Table 3 - Clauses on materials

Table 4 - Clauses on installation

Table 5 - Clauses on the user interface

Table 6 - Clauses on maintenance,  
storage and disposal

Table 7 - Clauses relating to the built  
environment

# Technical Meeting



## Step 3: Proofing Technical Standard

Focus of the Meeting:

- ❖ Clause 7 of EN 71-1
- ❖ Clause 7.1: Warnings and instructions for use- General

# Technical Meeting



## Step 3: Proofing Technical Standard

- ❖ Referring to CEN Guide 6 Table 1 identify accessibility gaps in EN 71 – 1 clause 7.1

# Technical Meeting



## Step 4: Proofing Technical Standard

Focus of the Meeting:

- ❖ Now with Guide 6 , Table 1 revise the content of Clause 7.1 of EN 71-1

# Technical Meeting



## Step 4: Proofing Technical Standard

Focus of the Meeting:

- ❖ Prepare proposed text for the revision of Clause 7.1

# FEEDBACK FROM GROUPS



- ❖ What did you learn – Users & Committee members ?

## **Standardization Meeting/ Planning for Accessibility**

**Revision of EN 71-1: Safety of Toys - Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties**

### **Background**

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**Safety of Toys - Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties** is already published.

- The aim of the meeting is to discuss the needs of revision of EN 71-1 after 5 years of publication and point out the positions of the different parties concerned in view of a necessary revision
- Trainees will be asked to consider the opinions of stakeholders /representatives at the meeting of CEN TC 52
- Trainees are asked to make use of their ‘negotiating skills’ and standardization knowledge in relation to CEN Guide 6 acquired during the training

### **Two topics on the agenda during the CEN/TC 52 meeting**

- Item 4: Future revision of EN 71-1 Clause 6 Packaging  
Consideration of CEN Guide 6 Table 2 & Table
- Item 4 : Future revision of EN 71-1 Clause 7: Warning and instructions for use  
Consideration of CEN Guide 6 Table 1 and Table 5

The meeting is conducted by the CEN/TC convenor (role A) and supported by the CEN/TC secretary (role B - facultative). These roles should be played by trainers of STAND4All who are familiar with standardization meetings and proceedings if none of the Committee members have experience in this area

The CEN/TC convenor should always have in mind his/her neutral position. His/her main goal is to find a solution by consensus in all contradicting issues and proposals

The CEN/TC secretary is an officer of a national standards organisation and responsible for the target dates of revisions of the standards and all organisational details.

### **Task 1**

Review the relevant parts of EN 71 Part 1 Clause 6 Packaging

### **Task 2**

Review the relevant parts of EN71 Part 1 Clause 7 Information and instructions for use

## **CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES**

Consumer representatives should consider all opinions in relation all different types of disabilities and special needs of elderly persons. The needs of blind persons / vision impairment /mobility impaired users , older persons should be considered.

### **Position and main arguments:**

Participants will have the opportunity to hear arguments from all committee members including technical considerations, economic & moral considerations, and viability of including particular requirements in a Standard.

Participants will have the opportunity to become familiar with existing legislation, European Directives and development of standards.

Documents used during the Meeting

1. Directive 2009/48/EC Safety of Toys
2. Directive 2009/48/EC Safety of Toys Annex V Warnings
3. EN 71.1:2005+A9:2009 Safety of Toys - Part 1:  
Mechanical and physical properties
4. FACTSHEET Annex V Warnings
5. CEN Guide 6
6. Product: Remote Controlled Car (used to assist the  
Technical Committee with its work)

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DIRECTIVE 2009/48/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE  
COUNCIL  
of 18 June 2009  
on the safety of toys

*Extract of ANNEX V*

**ANNEX V WARNINGS** (as referred to in Article 11)

**PART A**

**GENERAL WARNINGS**

The user limitations referred to in Article 11(1) shall include at least the minimum or maximum age of the user and, where appropriate, the abilities of the user, the maximum or minimum weight of the user and the need to ensure that the toy is used only under adult supervision.

**PART B**

**SPECIFIC WARNINGS AND INDICATIONS OF PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN WHEN USING CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF TOYS**

**1. Toys not intended for use by children under 36 months**

Toys which might be dangerous for children under 36 months of age shall bear a warning such as 'Not suitable for children under 36 months' or 'Not suitable for children under three years' or a warning in the form of the following graphic:

These warnings shall be accompanied by a brief indication, which may appear in the instructions for use, of the specific hazard calling for this precaution.

This point shall not apply to toys which, on account of their function, dimensions, characteristics or properties, or on other cogent grounds, are manifestly unsuitable for children under 36 months.

**2. Activity toys**

Activity toys shall bear the following warning:

'Only for domestic use'.

Activity toys attached to a crossbeam as well as other activity toys, where appropriate, shall be accompanied by instructions drawing attention to the need to carry out checks and maintenance of the main parts (suspensions, fixings, anchorages, etc.) at intervals, and pointing out that, if these checks are not carried out, the toy may cause a fall or overturn.

Instructions must also be given as to the correct assembly of the toy, indicating those parts which can present a danger if incorrectly assembled. Specific information regarding a suitable surface on which to place the toy shall be given.

**3. Functional toys**

Functional toys shall bear the following warning:

‘To be used under the direct supervision of an adult’.

In addition, these toys shall be accompanied by directions giving working instructions as well as the precautions to be taken by the user, with the warning that failure to take these precautions will expose the user to the hazards - to be specified - normally associated with the appliance or product of which the toy is a scale model or imitation. It shall also be indicated that the toy must be kept out of the reach of children under a certain age, which shall be specified by the manufacturer.

#### **4. Chemical toys**

Without prejudice to the application of the provisions laid down in applicable Community legislation on the classification, packaging and labelling of certain substances or mixtures, the instructions for use of toys containing inherently dangerous substances or mixtures shall bear a warning of the dangerous nature of these substances or mixtures and an indication of the precautions to be taken by the user in order to avoid hazards associated with them, which shall be specified concisely according to the type of toy. The first aid to be given in the event of serious accidents resulting from the use of this type of toy shall also be mentioned. It shall also be stated that the toy must be kept out of reach of children under a certain age, which shall be specified by the manufacturer.

In addition to the instructions provided for in the first subparagraph, chemical toys shall bear the following warning on their packaging:

‘Not suitable for children under (\*) years. For use under adult supervision’.

In particular, the following are regarded as chemical toys: chemistry sets, plastic embedding sets, miniature workshops for ceramics, enamelling or photography and similar toys which lead to a chemical reaction or similar substance alteration during use.

#### **5. Skates, roller skates, online skates, skateboards, scooters and toy bicycles for children**

Where these toys are offered for sale as toys, they shall bear the following warning:

‘Protective equipment should be worn. Not to be used in traffic’.

Moreover, the instructions for use shall contain a reminder that the toy must be used with caution, since it requires great skill, so as to avoid falls or collisions causing injury to the user or third parties. Some indication shall also be given as to recommended protective equipment (helmets, gloves, knee-pads, elbow-pads, etc.).

#### **6. Aquatic toys**

Aquatic toys shall bear the following warning:

‘Only to be used in water in which the child is within its depth and under adult supervision’.

#### **7. Toys in food**

Toys contained in food or co-mingled with food shall bear the following warning:

‘Toy inside. Adult supervision recommended’.



#### **8. Imitations of protective masks and helmets**

Imitations of protective masks and helmets shall bear the following warning:  
'This toy does not provide protection'.

#### **9. Toys intended to be strung across a cradle, cot or perambulator by means of strings, cords, elastics or straps**

Toys intended to be strung across a cradle, cot or perambulator by means of strings, cords, elastics or straps shall carry the following warning on the packaging, which shall also be permanently marked on the toy:

'To prevent possible injury by entanglement, remove this toy when the child starts trying to get up on its hands and knees in a crawling position'. EN L

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(\*) Age to be specified by the manufacturer.

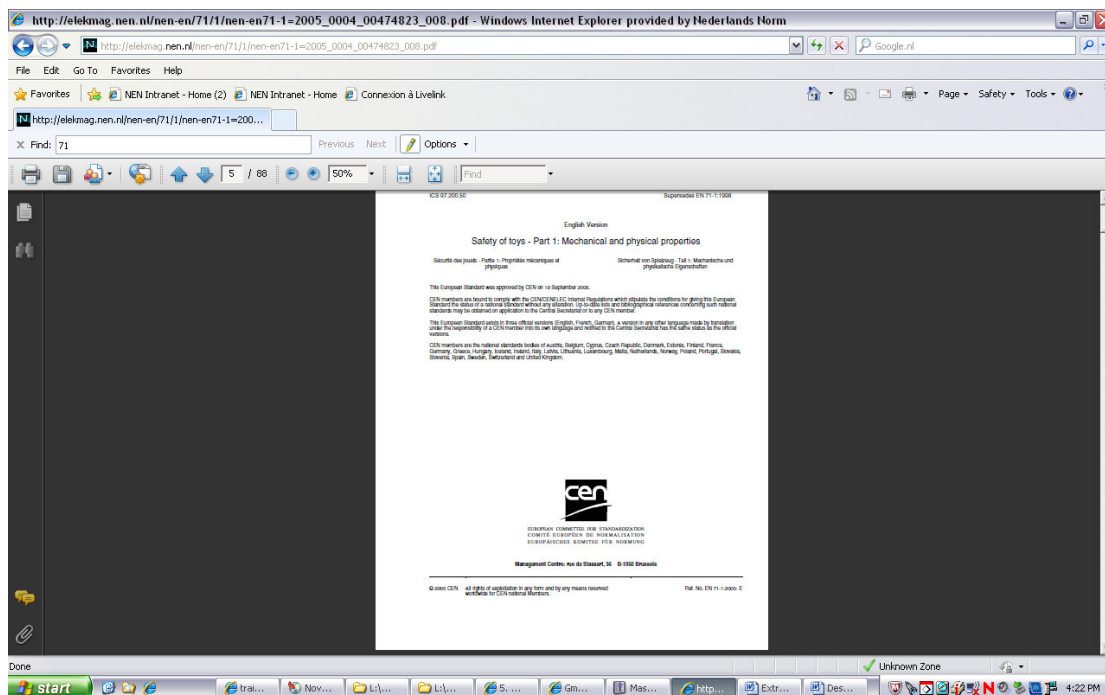
#### **10. Packaging for fragrances in olfactory board games, cosmetic kits and gustative games**

Packaging for fragrances in olfactory board games, cosmetic kits and gustative games that contain the fragrances set out in points 41 to 55 of the list set out in the first paragraph of point 11 of Part III of Annex II and of the fragrances set out in points 1 to 11 of the list set out in third paragraph of that point shall contain the following warning:

'Contains fragrances that may cause allergies'.



# Extract from EN 71 Safety of Toys Part 1 Clause 6 & Clause 7



## ***NEN-EN 71-1 - Safety of toys - Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties***

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## **6 Packaging**

The requirement in 6 a) does not apply to:

- shrunk-on film *packaging*, which is normally destroyed when the *packaging* is opened by the user;
- bags made of perforated sheets which conform to the requirements in 4.3 b).

The *packaging* of toys shall conform to the following requirements:

a) Bags made of flexible plastics with an opening perimeter greater than 380 mm used for external or internal *packaging*, shall have an average sheet thickness of 0,038 mm or more when tested according to 8.25.1 (plastic sheeting, thickness).

b) Bags made of flexible plastics with an opening perimeter greater than 380 mm shall not have a drawstring or *cord* as a means of closing.

## **7 Warnings and instructions for use (see A.33)**

### **7.1 General**

NOTE Users of this European Standard are reminded of the legal requirements in each country.

For the European Union, note that

- toys must be accompanied by appropriate clearly legible warnings in order to reduce inherent risks in their use as described in the essential safety requirements in European Council Directive 88/378/EEC of 3 May 1988 concerning the safety of toys (published in the Official Journal of the EC No. L 187 of 16 July 1988).

- the manufacturer or his authorised representative or the importer into the community shall in a visible, easily legible and indelible form affix his name and/or trade name and/or mark and address on the toy or on its *packaging* together with the CE-marking as declaration of presumption of conformity with the essential safety requirements of the above directive.

The legal requirements for the CE-marking are given in European Council Directive 93/68/EEC of 22 July 1993.

For details, refer to the directives or corresponding national legislation.

-In the following clauses, the location of the warnings is indicated (on the toy itself, on the *packaging*, in the instructions for use, on an accompanying leaflet).

Small toys that are sold without *packaging* shall have appropriate warnings affixed to them. In all cases the warning shall be clearly legible at the point of sale.

When a requirement states that a toy shall carry a warning this means that the warning shall appear on the toy itself.

### **7.2 Toys not intended for children under 36 months (see A.34)**

-The provisions in 7.2 do not apply to toys which, on account of their function, dimensions, characteristics, properties or other cogent grounds, are clearly unsuitable for children under 36 months. Toys which are not intended for but might be dangerous for children under 36 months shall be accompanied by a warning, for example:

"Warning! Not suitable for children under 36 months" or "Warning! Not suitable for children under three years

together with a brief indication of the specific hazard calling for this restriction.

When more than one hazard is present, at least one of the principal hazards shall be indicated.

Examples of specific hazards are:

“Warning! Not suitable for children under 36 months. Choking hazard”

“Warning! Not suitable for children under 36 months. Suffocation hazard”

“Warning! Not suitable for children under 36 months. Strangulation hazard”

The manufacturer should provide appropriate information about the hazard(s) through the examples mentioned above or through other sentences that achieve the same result.

The age warning shall be clearly legible at the point of sale of the product and shall appear either on the toy itself or on its *packaging*.

The indication of the specific hazard may appear in a leaflet or in the instructions for use.

The phrase: "Warning! Not suitable for children under 36 months" or "Warning! Not suitable for children under three years" may be substituted by the symbol as specified in Figure 14.



**Figure 14 - Age-warning symbol**

The details of the design shall be as follows:

- the circle and the stroke shall be red;
- the background shall be white;
- the age range and the outline of the face shall be black;
- the symbol shall have a diameter of at least 10 mm and the proportions between its different elements shall be such as those prescribed in Figure 14;
- the age range for which the toy is not suitable shall be expressed in years, i.e. 0-3.

The symbol shall be used to indicate only “0 to 3” years and not for any other age-grade warning to avoid misinterpretation of the symbol.

### **7.3 Latex balloons (see 4.12 and A.16)**

The *packaging* of latex balloons shall carry the following warning:

"Warning! Children under eight years can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Adult supervision required. Keep uninflated balloons from children. Discard broken balloons at once."

The *packaging* of natural rubber latex balloons shall indicate "Made of natural rubber latex".

- if there is no *packaging*, the information shall be on the balloons and/or on a leaflet accompanying the balloons.

### **7.4 Aquatic toys (see 4.18 and A.23)**

*Aquatic toys* and their *packaging* shall carry the following warning:

"Warning! Only to be used in water in which the child is within its depth and under supervision."

- The warning on the toy shall be visible, indelible and in a colour which contrasts with the body of the toy.

The height of letters shall be 3 mm or more and the marking on inflatable toys shall be 100 mm or less from one of the air inflation inlets.

No advertising copy or graphics shall state or imply that the child will be safe with such a toy if left unsupervised.

### **7.5 Functional toys (see A.35)**

*Functional toys* or their *packaging* shall carry the following warning:

"Warning! To be used under the direct supervision of an adult."

In addition, these toys shall be accompanied by directions giving working instructions and precautions to be taken by the user, with the warning that failure to take these precautions would expose the user to the hazards - to be specified - normally associated with the appliance or product of which the toy is a scale model or an imitation. It shall also be indicated that the toy shall be kept out of the reach of very young children.

### **7.6 Hazardous sharp functional edges and points (see 4.7 and 4.8)**

For toys that incorporate hazardous sharp *functional edges* (see 8.11, sharpness of edges) or hazardous sharp *functional points* (see 8.12, sharpness of points), attention shall be drawn to the potential hazards of such points and *edges* on the *packaging* and in the instructions for use accompanying the toy, -if appropriate.

## **7.7 Projectiles (see 4.17.3 c) and 4.17.4 c))**

### **7.7.1 -Toys with projectiles which are able to discharge an object other than that provided with the toy**

Toys with *projectiles* which are able to discharge an object other than that provided with the toy shall be accompanied by instructions for use which draw attention to the hazards of using missiles other than those supplied or recommended by the manufacturer.

### **7.7.2 Toys capable of discharging a projectile with a kinetic energy greater than 0,08 J**

Toys capable of discharging a *projectile* with a kinetic energy greater than 0,08 J shall carry the following warning on the toy and/or its *packaging* and in the instructions for use:

"Warning! Do not aim at eyes or face."

## **7.8 Imitation protective masks and helmets (see 4.14.2 and A.19)**

Toys that are imitations of protective masks and helmets (for example motorcycle helmets, industrial safety helmets and fireman's helmets) and their *packaging* -~~deleted text~~. shall carry the following warning:

"Warning! This is a toy. Does not provide protection."

## **7.9 Toy kites (see 4.13)**

Toy kites and other flying toys with *cords* exceeding 2 m linking the toy to the child shall carry the following warning:

"Warning! Do not use near overhead power lines or during thunderstorms."

## **7.10 Roller skates, inline skates and toy skateboards (see 4.15.1.2)**

- Roller skates, inline skates and skateboards for children, offered for sale as toys, and their *packaging* shall carry the following warning:

"Warning! Protective equipment should be worn. 20 kg max."

Moreover, the instructions for use or the *packaging* or the toy shall contain a reminder that the toy shall be used with caution since it requires great skill, so as to avoid falls or collisions causing injury to the user and third parties. Some indication shall also be given as to recommended protective equipment (helmets, hand/wrist protection, knee-pads, elbow-pads etc.).

## **7.11 Toys intended to be strung across a cradle, cot, or perambulator (see 5.4 e))**

Toys intended to be strung across a cradle, cot, or perambulator by means of strings, *cords*, elastics or straps shall carry the following warning:

"Warning! To prevent possible injury by entanglement, remove this toy when the child begins to push up on hands and knees."

#### **7.12 Liquid-filled teethingers (see 5.5)**

- Liquid-filled *teethers* or their *packaging* shall carry the following instruction:

"Cool only in a refrigerator. Do not place in the freezer compartment."

#### **7.13 Percussion caps specifically designed for use in toys (see 4.19)**

The *packaging* of percussion caps shall carry the following warning:

"Warning! Do not fire indoors or near eyes and ears. Do not carry caps loose in a pocket."

#### **7.14 /Acoustics (see 4.19 and 4.20 f))**

Toys which produce high impulse sound levels, or their *packaging* shall carry the following warning:

"Warning! Do not use close to the ear! Misuse may cause damage to hearing."

For toys using percussion caps add !adjacent to the text above":

"Do not fire indoors! !Use only percussion caps recommended by the manufacturer."

#### **7.15 Toy bicycles (see 4.15.2.2)**

- *Toy bicycles* and their *packaging* shall carry the following warning:

"Warning! A protective helmet should be worn when cycling!"

In addition, the instructions for use shall contain a reminder that the bicycle is not suitable for use on public highways. Moreover, parents or carers should ensure that children are properly instructed in the use of *toy bicycles*, particularly in the safe use of the braking systems.

#### **7.16 Toys intended to bear the mass of a child (see 4.10.1, 4.15.1.2, 4.15.3 and 4.15.4)**

- Toys that due to their construction, strength, design or other factors are not suitable for children of 36 months and over shall carry the following warning on the toy and its *packaging*:

"Warning! Not to be used by children over 36 months."



together with a brief indication of the specific reason for this restriction (e.g. insufficient strength).

The age warning shall be clearly legible at the point of sale of the product.

#### **7.17 Toys comprising monofilament fibres (see 5.9)**

- Toys comprising monofilament fibres of straightened length greater than 50 mm attached to a fabric base, or their *packaging*, shall carry the following warning:

”Warning! Not suitable for children under 10 months due to long hair.”.

)*deleted text*\*

#### **7.18 Toy scooters (see 4.15.5.2)**

- *Toy scooters* intended for children with a body mass of 20 kg or less and their *packaging* shall carry the following warning:

“Warning! Protective equipment should be worn. 20 kg max.”

*Toy scooters* intended for children with a body mass of 50 kg or less and their *packaging* shall carry the following warning:

“Warning! Protective equipment should be worn. 50 kg max.”.

The instructions for use shall contain a reminder that the toy shall be used with caution, since it requires great skill, so as to avoid falls or collisions causing injury to the user and third parties. They shall also, as appropriate, include information such as:

- the warnings indicated above;
- how to safely fold or unfold foldable scooters;
- the necessity to pay attention that all locking devices are engaged;
- the dangers of using it in public highways;
- a recommendation to use protective equipment such as helmet, gloves, knee-pads and elbow-pads.

#### **7.19 -Rocking horses and similar toys (see 4.15.3 and A.21)**

Rocking horses and similar toys, where the intended sitting surface is 600 mm or more above the ground, shall carry the following warning:

”Warning! Risk of falling. Do not leave children under 36 months sitting or playing unattended.”

The warning shall be clearly legible at the point of sale of the product..

### **A.30 Liquid-filled toys (see 5.5 and A.42)**

These requirements are intended to address the hazards associated with punctured *teethers* and similar products where the child might come into contact with liquids that are contaminated or become contaminated due to a puncture.

The requirements do not apply to electrolyte in batteries nor to paints, finger paints or similar items in containers.

The warning required in 7.12 is intended to make parents aware of the hazard associated with a *teether* which is so cold that it could harm the child.

### **A.31 Shape and size of certain toys (see 5.8 and A.43)**

These requirements are intended to address potential impaction hazards associated with toys intended for children who are too young to sit up unaided.

Toys should be tested according to 8.16 (geometric shape of certain toys) "as supplied". In other words, they should be tested for this requirement before other relevant tests are conducted.

In determining which toys are intended for such children, the following factors are relevant: the manufacturer's stated intent (such as on a label) if it is reasonable, the advertising, the promotion, the marketing and whether the toys are generally considered as suitable for the age group in question.

It is recognised that children normally sit up unaided between five and ten months of age.

### **A.32 Toys comprising monofilament fibres (see 5.9)**

Monofilament fibres attached to fabric base is not the usual method of production, but a toy made in this way was involved in the death of a child of 5 months. The requirement does not apply to monofilament hair which is normally rooted in a dolls head or to pile fabric used in the manufacture of teddy bears and animals etc., for which there are no accident data.

### **A.33 Warnings and instructions for use (see 7.1)**

Warnings, precautions and instructions for use should as a rule be given in the national language(s) of the country where the toy is sold. Small toys that are sold without *packaging* (for example from a display box or from a vending machine) should have appropriate warnings etc. affixed to them. It is not sufficient to have the warning only on the display box.

General information on how to elaborate and present information for the consumer is given in ISO/IEC Guide 37 - *Instructions for use of products of consumer interest*.

**A.34 Warning for toys not intended for children under 36 months (see 7.2)**

- The use of the warning should not be misleading or incorrect. Toys intended for children under 36 months should comply with the requirements of Clause 5 (small parts, small balls, sharp edges, sharp points etc.) The warning does not release the manufacturer or his authorized representative from his obligation to meet these requirements. Information on deciding which toys are intended for children under 36 months and which toys are not, for example, can be found in CR 14379.

The use of the warning should not be confused with a recommendation for use. A recommendation for use could, for example, be a positive age recommendation by the manufacturer indicating the intended age of use.



# Factsheet

## The 2009 Toy Safety Directive

### Provisions on Warnings

October 2009

This document is one of a series of factsheets, aimed at providing a general overview of the changes introduced by the new Toy Safety Directive (2009 TSD) as adopted in 2009. The objective of the TIE/EC factsheets is to provide guidance to toy manufacturers across the EU regarding the implementation of the 2009 TSD. A particular focus is put on the obligation of manufacturers.

The 2009 TSD will strengthen the rules as laid down in the 1988 TSD. As a result, this new legislation will require adaptations in the manufacturing chain, as well as new procedures along the supply chain.

The 2009 TSD was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* on 30 June 2009 and entered into force on 20 July 2009. The general provisions of the 2009 TSD will be applicable to toys placed on the market as of 20 July 2011, while the chemical provisions will be applicable to toys placed on the market as of 20 July 2013 (additional 2-year transition period for chemical properties). In practice, this means that the toys compliant with the 1988 TSD will be allowed to be placed on the market until 19 July 2011 or 19 July 2013 in the case of certain chemical provisions.

## Warnings

### General rules

General warnings which specify user limitations should be provided with the toy where appropriate for safe use. In addition, Part B of Annex V of the 2009 TSD provides that specific warnings for certain categories of toys should be provided.

In addition to the mandatory requirements set out in the 2009 TSD, the harmonized standards also specify warnings that should accompany certain categories of toys.

Within its territory, a Member State may stipulate that the warnings shall be written in a language or languages easily understood by consumers, as determined by the Member State.

### Location of the warnings

The manufacturer shall mark the warnings in a clearly visible, easily legible and understandable and accurate manner.

Warnings must be marked on the toy, an affixed label or the packaging. If appropriate, warnings should also be included in the instructions.

It is important to note that in cases where the toy is sold without packaging, the warning needs to be affixed on the toy itself. Affixing warnings on a counter display box is not sufficient to meet the requirements of the 2009 TSD.

Warnings which determine the purchase decision, such as minimum and maximum user age indications and the specific warnings described in Part B of Annex V of the 2009 TSD, must appear on the consumer packaging or be otherwise clearly visible to the consumer before the purchase, even in cases where the purchase is made online.

### **Specific warnings**

User limitations must contain at least the minimum or maximum age of the user. If appropriate, they shall also contain the abilities or characteristics required by a user to be able to use the toy safely (e.g. ability to sit unaided, maximum and minimum weight of the user, need to use the toy under supervision).

Economic operators may choose between a warning phrase or pictogram (or both):

*Warning - Not suitable for children under 36 months*

In any case, the wording and/or the pictogram must be preceded by the word “Warning” or “warnings” as appropriate.

The specific warning “*Not suitable for children under 3 years*” and pictogram described in Part B of Annex V of the 2009 TSD in relation to children under 3 years cannot be used for toys intended for children under 3 years.

More generally, specific warnings provided for certain categories of toys must not conflict with the intended use of the toy, as determined by virtue of its function, dimension and characteristics.

If necessary, the European Commission may propose wording for the specific warnings of certain categories of toys.

### **Sources of information**

The final text of the 2009 TSD is available here and as a backgrounder the text of the 1988 TSD is available here.

The two documents can also be found at the following URLs:

[http://eur-](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ%3AL%3A2009%3A170%3A0001%3A0037%3AEN%3APDF)

[lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ%3AL%3A2009%3A170%3A0001%3A0037%3AEN%3APDF](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ%3AL%3A2009%3A170%3A0001%3A0037%3AEN%3APDF)

[http://eur-](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:1988L0378:20090112:EN:PDF)

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### **Important notice**

This factsheet reflects our understanding of the 2009 TSD text published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* on 30 June 2009 and is intended merely to highlight in a general manner certain provisions of that text. TIE does not make any warranties about the completeness of the information herein and assumes no responsibility for any use of or reliance on this factsheet.

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STAND4ALL



Topic  
'Further  
Implementation'





## Introduction to 'Further Implementation'

In the training several topics are being addressed to make clear why user input in standardization is important and how this can be achieved. With exercises and a role-play we supported this in a practical way. The question is; what do you do with the information gained in this training when you go back home? What are the possibilities to use the training in daily work?

In this topic we will address different opportunities to work in standardization and discuss the role the trainees would like to play.

The topic will consist of the following parts:

1. possibilities of follow-up projects
2. personal future activities

Goals of this topic are:

- Trainees understand the benefits of user involvement in standardization
- Trainees know about possibilities for further action and make a personal implementation plan

Annexes:

- STAND4ALL document 'Further Implementation'
- Presentation
- List of relevant CEN TC's
- ETSI contact overview



## Sustainability & further implementation

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For further reading about the subject of active participation, the following documents and websites can be used:

- CEN Brochure on The World of European Standards  
<ftp://ftp.cen.eu/CEN/AboutUs/Publications/Compass.pdf>
- CEN Brochure on making standards via  
<ftp://ftp.cencenelec.eu/PUB/MakingEuropeanStandards.pdf>
- CEN Brochure of Standards at Play via  
<ftp://ftp.cen.eu/PUB/Standards@play.pdf>
- ISO Brochure 'Your voice matters' (ISO) via  
<http://www.iso.org/iso/copolcoyourvoicematters.pdf>
- [www.anec.org](http://www.anec.org) and [www.edf-feph.org](http://www.edf-feph.org)
- [www.stand4all.eu](http://www.stand4all.eu)
- E-Learning module STAND4ALL via [www.stand4all.eu](http://www.stand4all.eu)

## Background information

Standards play a role in everyday life and so they play a role in people's quality of life. Therefore the views and experiences of those affected by a standard should be taken into consideration. Both the secretary and committee member have the responsibility to make sure these views and experiences are taken into consideration.

The STAND4ALL trainings promoted: Users involvement means input with a professional and personal view.

The 'Further Implementation session' aims to transfer this conclusion into concrete steps.

*Further Implementation session: 'A mutual increased understanding of the needs and viewpoints of both stakeholder groups'*

**Two groups of stakeholders: users and committee members**

**The objective for Users**

**What ?**

**Promote, transfer and spread your knowledge on accessibility to standardization experts**

**How?**

**Via participation of users in standardization, either at European or national level**

## Explanation:

(Representatives of) users who want to share their particular knowledge and experience about the products and services they use or that matter to them can participate in standardization. By participating in standardization, both at European and at national level, users have an opportunity to influence the standardization process by providing information about their attitudes, experiences and their (technical) knowledge.

A (representative of) user participates in meetings of national or international Technical Committees where standards are developed.

Participation of users in standardization, either at European or national level: how does it work?

### 1. Contact your national user umbrella organization

The umbrella's often cooperate with national standards bodies, or with larger consumer group. Examples such as the Maltese situation where the NSB has an agreement with a disability umbrella organization for membership and input and other countries, a government department supports umbrella organizations financially to take (partly) part in standardization, can be used as a model.

### 2. Contact your National Standardization Body (NSB)

This body is the representative national standards body of your country. Contact details are available on CEN Website, via 'Members':

<http://www.cen.eu/cen/Members/Pages/default.aspx>

However, it depends on how the NSB in a country is structured and how it channels consumer views into its work. In some countries, national standards bodies seek the views of consumers by involving one or more national consumer associations both in policy-making and in standards development work.

Several NSBs have a specific team or division promoting consumer interests in standardization. A range of models exist, with the chosen model differing according to resource availability in the NSBs. Other NSBs have no specific activity in this field.

Due to the differing sizes of NSBs and national contexts within the EU a single model for user participation for all NSBs would not be appropriate.

### Contact the European consumer and user organizations

At European level, both ANEC and EDF are active in standardization. The ANEC Design for All Working Group includes experts from both the consumer movement and the disability/elderly organizations and is represented in various Technical Committees, for example CEN TC 293 'Assistive products for persons with disabilities', CEN TC 261 WG 2 'Accessible Packaging' and CENELEC TC 61 WG 4 'Safety of household appliances for vulnerable people'. EDF is involved in standards development with regard to accessibility; examples are M/420, M/376, CEN TC 256 WG 44 TSI PRM and CEN WS 51. ANEC and the European Disability Forum (EDF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Building on the long-standing collaboration between the ANEC Design for All WG and EDF, the EDF Executive Committee and the ANEC Steering Committee have agreed to join forces in order to achieve a high level of safety and accessibility for consumers of all ages and abilities. More information can be found via: [www.anec.org](http://www.anec.org) and [www.edf-feph.org](http://www.edf-feph.org)

## The objective for committee members

### What ?

- Promote, transfer and spread your knowledge on accessibility to standardization other standardization experts
- Promote, transfer and spread your knowledge on standardization to ‘new’ stakeholders

### How?

By taking into account the needs of elderly and disabled people - using CEN/CLC Guide 6 on a regular basis

Being a committee members, you should ‘spread’ the word in your standardization work. You have a task in convincing your “standardization colleagues” while developing or reviewing a standard. This could be based on an exception mechanism, where committee member provides a clear statement of whether that document would have implications for older and disabled people, with evidence supporting decisions not to include accessibility requirements.

You, as a committee member, are asked to make effective use of CEN/CENELEC Guide 6, whose use by TCs is already mandated by CEN.

Also, you should contact their NSB

As said before, it depends on how the NSB in a country is structured and how it channels consumer views into its work. It is of high importance that committee members know how their NSB is organized and how the NSB deals with this matter; some NSBs take the responsibility for co-ordinating the participation of user representatives and committee members in subjects such as child safety or ergonomics. The committee member can support users in those projects to transfer their requirements into standardization processes.

The NSBs can also provide guidance for a nomination of the expert to the (mirror committee of) CEN/CENELEC BT WG on Guide 6 Implementation mechanism.

Examples of follow-up by committee members is given in box below

What you have done yourself with regard to accessibility issues or CEN/CLC Guide 6 in standardization after your course?

- I am currently helping to draft a new British Standard on Inclusive Service Provision, which deals specifically with the accessibility of services by consumers who may be in vulnerable circumstances, so I will try to ensure that the relevant parts of Guide 6 and other learning from the training are reflected in the draft standard.
- For me this was a great opportunity to network and meet some people for the first time. I will likely join the BSI disabled experts user reference group as a result of the course.
- The message I transmitted to my colleagues [in Germany] who are, TC Chairmen, TC Secretaries, committee members, was that active participation of disabled persons within TC working groups needs to be considered with due attention, as well as introduction of any specific requirements that may be of interest to any disabled persons.

## E-Learning module

Both the user trainees and the Committee members-trainees can contribute to 'accessibility in standardization' by making the use of the E-Learning module, developed by STAND4ALL . Information exchange on that platform is essential, both between the two groups of stakeholders as for within one group of stakeholders. In the E-Learning environment there are different types of activities: the discussion forum, a wiki and the quizzes.

The discussion forum is a good method to answer a question and to discuss the views of different users. A typical task in a forum would be to answer the question given and to reply to at least three other discussion threads. As discussions can take place over an extended period of time wherein the trainees are asked to return to the forum and to check what has been discussed. In a forum you can also exchange information on practical solutions.

Wiki is used to collect, sort, and arrange information in a structured way. The trainer usually provides a subject, topic or theme and creates a basic structure. The content is provided by the trainees who may use a forum to discuss how to proceed with the assignment.

Quizzes can be used to assess whether pre-defined learning goals were achieved. In the STAND4ALL E-Learning module there are different types of quizzes including closed texts, multiple choice answers, or free text. Trainees can monitor their performance in the course. A messaging system allows individuals to get in touch with each other.



# Further Implementation



## Agenda

- ❖ Part 1:  
Repetition of training and trainee objectives
  
- ❖ Part 2:  
Presentation on follow-up projects  
Interactive session on personal future activities

## Session objectives:



### PART 1

- ❖ Trainees understand STAND4ALL objectives : the benefits of user involvement in standardization

### PART 2

- ❖ Trainees set personal follow up actions

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## PART 1 STAND4ALL objectives



Trainees understand the benefits of user involvement in standardization

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Trainees understand the benefits of user involvement in standardization



Users: input with a professional and personal view

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Trainees understand the benefits of user involvement in standardization



### **The drivers for involvement**

- ❖ Policy and legislative drivers
- ❖ Demographic changes and changes in society
- ❖ The business case
- ❖ The political and moral case

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# PART 1

## STAND4ALL objectives



For users:

Promote, transfer and spread your knowledge on accessibility to standardization experts

> Participation of users in standardization

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# PART 1

## STAND4ALL objectives



For committee members in standardization:

Promote, transfer and spread your knowledge on accessibility to other standardization experts

Promote, transfer and spread your knowledge on standardization to 'new' stakeholders

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## PART 2



- ❖ Presentation on follow-up projects
- ❖ Interactive session on personal future activities

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## Follow up activities



Existing relevant TCs and how to get involved

Existing relevant projects and how to get involved

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# STAND4ALL Network



Public website

<http://stand4all.eu>

*Trainees information exchange system*

*Communication/virtual meetings:*

E-Learning

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## PART 2 Individual activities



What have you learnt?

What is your view of  
CEN/CLC Guide 6?

What about personal objectives?

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## Three questions???



- ❖ What will you do yourself with regard to accessibility issues or CEN/CLC Guide 6 in standardization after your course?
- ❖ What is the current status at your National Standards Body (NSB) with regard to accessibility issues?
- ❖ Do you have any suggestions/comments to the STAND4ALL consortium on what should be done in future?

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## Conclusion




Accessibility  
<>  
standardization

No more exclusion !

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<p>STAND4ALL</p> <p>List of relevant ETSI persons</p>	
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## ETSI STF's

Following are the STF's that have a relation with Design for All/Assistive Technology

### **STF181 (closed)**

**Requirements of Assistive Technology Devices in ICT (STF 181)**  
No homepage available anymore.

Members can possibly be reached by contacting the STF181 secretary:  
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***STF184 (closed)***

**Design for All: Guidelines for ICT Products and Services (STF 184)**

No homepage available anymore.

Members can possibly be reached by contacting the STF184 secretary:  
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***STF265 (closed)***

**User Profile Management (STF 265)**

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### **Personalization and User Profile Management Standardization (STF342)**

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Evaluation Forms





**Evaluation form - For completion by participants from older and disabled people's organisations**

**Understanding the standards making process and how to get involved - training feedback form**

Name:

Organisation:

1. Are you a disabled or older person?  
(you do not have to answer this question)
2. Current involvement in standards work:
3. Email address or preferred contact method:

We hope that you have found the training informative and useful, please complete the feedback form to help us evaluate the training and improve it for the future.

## Day 1

### Session 1 - Welcome

- a. Was it clear from the introduction what the aims of the training were?

Yes

No

Comments

- b. Did you think that the trainer made sure that everyone understood and respected your access requirements?

Yes

No

Comments

- c. If you did raise a concern or ask a question, was it dealt with appropriately?

Yes

No

Comments:

## **Session 2 - Topic 1 background and motivation**

- a. Did the session help you to understand the importance of standards and how they can affect the lives of disabled and older people?

Yes

No

Comments:

- b. Were there other issues or topics that you think should have been covered in this section?

Yes

No

Comments:

## **Session 3 - Information on the standardization process**

- a. Do you feel more knowledgeable about standards?

Yes

No

Comments:

#### **Session 4 - User participation in standardization**

- a. Did you feel that the session helped you to understand how to get involved in standards development?

Yes

No

Comments:

- b. Did you feel that that you learnt more about how disabled and older people could get involved in standards development?

Yes

No

Comments:

- c. Did you have any concerns or issues that you felt should have been discussed in this session?

Yes

No

Comments:

- d. What do you think would improve this session?

Comments:

## Day 2

### Session 1 - review of learning from previous day

- a. Did you feel that the review helped you to remember the relevant learning points?

### Session 2 - Exercises

- a. Did you feel that the exercises enabled you to learn more about the issues?

Yes

No

Comments:

- b. Do you feel that the exercises were appropriate and inclusive for you?

Yes

No

Comments:

- c. What do you think could have been done differently in this session?

Comments

### **Session 3 - Role-plays**

- a. Did you feel that the role-plays helped you to understand the issues?

Yes

No

Comments:

- b. Did you feel that the other participants worked well with you during this session?

Yes

No

Comments:

### **Session 4 - Further implementation**

- a. Did you feel confident about taking forward what you have learnt?

Yes

No

Comments:

**b. What do you think would have improve this session?**

Comments

**Other issues**

Please base your responses to the questions below on the following scoring system:

A = excellent B = good C= satisfactory D = poor E = very poor

**a. Overall, how would you rate the training?**

Please choose A, B, C, D or E

Comments

**b. Were the training materials provided useful and accessible to you?**

Yes

No

Comments:

**c. Was the venue accessible and nice to be in?**

Yes

No

Comments:

**d. How would you rate the food and refreshments provided during the training?**

Please choose A, B, C, D or E

Comments

**Learning actions**

a. What have you learnt from the training?

b. How do you think the training could be improved?

c. Would you like to make any other comments?



## STAND4ALL evaluation case study

Now that you have completed the STAND4ALL training, we would like to ascertain whether or not you feel you can apply your learning in future standards development processes. So we have devised a short case study to help you to demonstrate your competence at using Guide 6 to deal with disability and accessibility issues when you are working with a committee to develop a new standard or revise an existing standard.

### **The task**

You have been asked to work with a group of experts and disabled people to scope out a standard for a biometric capture system for identity verification for a building security system. The scope of the standard only covers the actual capture of the biometrics from building users and visitors, it does not cover the specification of the security system that will be used thereafter. So the scope of the standard is as follows:

- What biometrics will be captured?
- How will they be captured?
- How will the process of capture be managed including setting up capture locations, getting people there to record biometrics, the process of capture
- What training will staff need to do the biometric capture?
- How will confidentiality, data protection and privacy issues be dealt with?
- End process verification - ensuring the biometrics captured can be used successfully for verification of identity.

### Stage 1

Using Guide 6, firstly set out below which tables you think are relevant to this proposed standard and why you think they are relevant:

### Stage 2

Go back over each table and look back to the scope of the standard, what do you think the accessibility and disability issues are for each element?

### Stage 3

What solutions could you suggest to solve these issues?

## Background information that may be useful

### Relevant standards

ISO/IEC 19795 - Biometric Performance Testing & Reporting

ISO/IEC 19792 - Framework for Security Evaluation of Biometric Systems

Section 5.4.38 Biometric Characteristics of the draft European standard [EN 1332-4 Identification Card Systems - Man-Machine Interface - Part 4: Coding of user requirements for people with special needs](#) relates to a multimodal tag.

Best Practices in Testing & Reporting Biometric Device Performance

[www.cesg.gov.uk/site/ast/biometrics/media/BestPractice.pdf](http://www.cesg.gov.uk/site/ast/biometrics/media/BestPractice.pdf)

### Standards

A draft ISO standard is under development that will highlight the needs of disabled and older people and suggest practical ways of addressing their needs:

1. Systems using a biometric should be designed so that as many potential subjects as is reasonably possible can use the system effectively and with the minimum of discomfort.
2. In the design of such new systems or services, the needs of disabled subjects should be considered from the outset.
3. Before systems are deployed, they should be thoroughly tested with subjects who represent the widest range of abilities (that is, in respect of visual, auditory, physical, cognitive and behavioural ability).
4. For subjects with a disability, adequate training in the use of the system should be offered.
5. Wherever practicable, the subject should have a choice of biometric systems, and should not be discriminated against if their disability prevents them from using a specific biometric.
6. Where no alternative biometric is available and where the disability prevents the use of this biometric, subjects should be permitted to use an alternative method. Wherever practicable, the use of such

an alternative should not result in an inferior level of service or functionality to the subject.

7. If the subject can no longer use a verification system reliably, the subject should be provided wherever feasible with the opportunity to repeat the registration process.
8. Staff operating systems using a system with biometrics should be trained in how to process disabled subjects.
9. A system using a biometric should not store details of a subject's disabilities without their informed consent.
10. The rights of privacy of a disabled subject should be the same as those of a non-disabled subject.

### **What are biometrics?**

A biometric is a [physical](#) or [behavioural](#) feature or attribute that can be measured. It can be used as a means of proving that you are who you claim to be, or as a means of proving without revealing your identity that you have a certain right.

Biometrics which are commonly used to confirm identity include:

- [Fingerprint recognition](#)
- [Iris recognition](#)
- [Face recognition](#)
- [Hand geometry recognition](#)
- [Vein recognition](#)
- [Voice recognition](#)
- [Dynamic signature recognition](#)

### **What is a biometric system?**

A biometric system is essentially a pattern recognition system that operates by acquiring biometric data from an individual, extracting a feature set from the acquired data, and comparing this feature set against the template set in the database.

If you would like further background information on biometrics please click on the following link: [An introduction to biometrics](#)

Some physiological and medical factors can affect the usability and efficiency of biometrics:

### **Advantages of biometrics for people with disabilities**

The obvious advantage of biometric systems is that the user no longer has to remember PINs (personal identification numbers) and keep this number secret. People with a cognitive impairment will find most biometric systems much easier to use and provide a greater level of security.

People who have limited or no use at all of arms or hands will find using face and iris recognition systems an advantage as they will not have to swipe a card or type in a name or PIN number.

### **Enrolment Terminals**

To register a biometric for public use (e.g. for a passport), the subject will usually have to go to a centre where specialist staff take the biometric and check other relevant documentation. Ideally these staff should be trained to work with people with disabilities. For private use (e.g. replacement for a password on a personal device such as a laptop computer), the subject is expected to follow instructions on the screen or in a printed manual to register the biometric.

The environment of the enrolment centre needs to meet the general accessibility for [public access terminals](#). However specific biometrics will require special consideration (see details in the sections related to the various biometrics).

### **Authentication Terminals**

These may be fully supervised, partially supervised or un-supervised; this is likely to be significant for occasional users and for some people with disabilities. In general, a consistent user interface will benefit all users and may be of particular importance for some people with disabilities. With un-supervised terminals it would be beneficial for there to be a

standardised set of icons, symbols and pictograms for the operation of the terminal.

It is essential that the authentication terminal is comfortable to use. For instance, enrolment of fingerprints will normally be done with the subject sitting down. However the authentication may be done with subject standing. It is important that the height and angle of the fingerprint reader is comfortable for both a tall person and someone in a wheelchair. If it is not viable to make the reader variable height (or on a flexible lead), it might be helpful if it was tiltable to allow a comfortable angle for the wrist. A wrist rest might be beneficial for a subject with hand tremor.

Like all input devices on public terminals, it is important that the device gives both auditory and visual feedback of the current status (e.g. still processing, accepted, rejected). It is also important that error messages are helpful and give guidance on what the subject should do differently.

### **Ability to update biometric**

The biometric information can be stored in a central database or on a smart card. Users are likely to prefer the information to be stored on their card rather than on a remote database. However, it is easier to regularly update the database with revised biometric data as the user's characteristics change.

### **Using multimodality to enhance the usability of systems**

Two (or more) modalities could be combined in parallel to produce a system that would allow more flexible use. For example biometric systems built for both fingerprint and face recognition, could allow the use of only the facial image for verification when users have problems enrolling their fingerprints and vice-versa. Moreover, this procedure could prove extremely useful to those users who have temporarily lost the ability to provide one of their biometric traits (for example, a temporary eye problem that rules out an iris scan). The same could apply in cases where people refuse to use a specific modality (for religious or health

purposes, for instance). A multimodal system therefore allows enhanced flexibility by providing alternatives for the identification process. As such, it also has the potential to be more socially inclusive.

#### Providing instructions in an accessible format

- If the terminal is unmanned, or an assistant is not always available to help the user, audio instructions should be provided, taking the user step-by-step through the enrolment and authentication process.
- Instructions should be provided, explaining any progress made.

For example, if a fingerprint scan is successful: "This scan was successful, please remove your finger and place it on the reader again."

- Any further instructions explaining what the user is doing wrong would also be very helpful.

For example, if an iris scan is not successful: "This scan was not successful, please turn your head slightly to the right."

or

if a fingerprint scan is not successful: "This scan was not successful, please hold your finger still on the reader."

- There should be a clear sound to indicate a success and a failure. A success should be signified by a higher more pleasant sound (e.g. chimes ringing), a failure by a lower less pleasant sound (e.g. buzz).
- The user should be told, before the scanning process starts, if it is necessary for more than one scan to be taken for registration.
- When the first scan has been taken there should be an audible acknowledgement (such as a chime sound) followed by a spoken instruction: "The first scan has been successfully recorded. Please place your finger on the fingerprint reader for the second scan." And so on.
- There should be a clear indication when the registration process is complete. For example an audio message "Your iris pattern has been successfully registered."

- If the terminal is awaiting further information, the instruction should say this. If not, it should indicate that the user has reached the end of the process. For example "The registration process is now complete. Thank you."
- If registration fails, there should be a clear indication that the process will restart. For example "The registration has failed because the four images did not match. The process will now restart."

Informing the user that the reader is waiting for him/her to take action

- The reader should be lit when it is awaiting input from the user.
- The reader should only light up when it is ready to enroll a biometric. When the process is complete the light should turn off.
- A spoken message to inform users that the biometric reader is awaiting input would help users who have insufficient vision to see the visual signal.
- A timeout feature on the terminal should not be excessively short, as the user may need an extended period of time to find the reader and to complete the required actions.
- If the user is taking an unusually long period of time to respond to an instruction the instruction should be repeated at least once before the terminal times out.

Catering for users who do not require audio instructions (e.g. those who have good vision, or those who are familiar with the process)

- An option to bypass the audio instructions should be provided. This could simply be that the audio comment is skipped or cuts out if the user provides the correct input.

**Reference:** [Identification of Accessibility Issues for Visually Impaired Users of Biometric Technologies: Fingerprint Readers](#)

## Research

In the United States of America, the [Biometric Standards, Performance and Assurance Laboratory](#) of Purdue University, focuses on the data collection of "extreme populations". Two examples are the elderly and



those that have illnesses that can affect a biometric either through the illness or the treatment:

- [Image quality and the elderly](#): an initial study examined how fingerprint image quality was affected by age
- [Extreme populations](#): focuses on data collection of "extreme populations". Two examples are the elderly and those that have illnesses that can affect a biometric either through the illness or the treatment

The primary aim of the Social and Environmental Special Interest Group of the [European Biometrics Forum](#) is to investigate and report on issues and concerns which might arise from the mass implementation of biometric systems across the European Community, from the end user perspective.

These include issues and concerns relating to:

- Physically disabled and people with learning difficulties

The [Biometric Foundation](#) is dedicated to a systematic program of research and education to reduce impediments to wide adoption and use of all biometric technologies. The Foundation will address technical, societal, and legal aspects of biometric technologies and their applications. Accordingly, the Foundation's agenda will include studies of public attitudes toward uses of biometrics; demonstration and evaluation of alternative biometric technologies; inquiry into biometric standards issues; development of formal educational curricula that encourage students to enter the field of biometrics as a professional career choice; and conferences and seminars about the most effective uses of biometrics in key applications.

#### [UK Passport Service \(UKPS\) Biometrics Enrolment Trial \(PDF\)](#)

The goal of the UKPS Biometrics Enrolment Trial was to test the processes and record customer experience and attitude during the recording and verification of facial, iris and fingerprint biometrics, rather than test or develop the biometric technology itself. One of the 3 sample groups recruited were a disabled participant sample of 750.

According to the UKPS, the trial results highlighted several issues that require further investigation or work. Among other things, further trials

are needed, specifically targeted towards those disabled groups that have experienced enrolment difficulties due to environment design, biometric device design, or to specific group problems - for example, black participants and participants aged over 59 had lower iris enrolment success rates.

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