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The present guide defines the affiliation status, presents the conditions for granting affiliation, describes the rights and obligations of Affiliates of CEN and/or CENELEC, and indicates the principles and information sources for the calculation of the annual affiliation fee. The General Assemblies of CEN and CENELEC approved the second edition of this Guide in 2008. This Guide replaces the CEN document "CEN Affiliates – Guidelines and information package" and CENELEC Guide 27 "Affiliation with CENELEC".



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Introduction to the CEN and CENELEC models of cooperation with third country or regional standardization bodies

Besides their dedication and commitment to international standardization through their memberships and the Vienna and Dresden agreements, CEN and CENELEC as European Regional Standardization bodies have always been open for cooperation/collaboration with other standardization bodies worldwide, since they clearly acknowledge the importance of the European Standards they develop for trade and welfare inside as well as outside the European Economic Area.

CEN and CENELEC recognize that the cooperation/collaboration with third country National Standardization Bodies (NSBs) or with regional standardization bodies may take several shapes depending on their links with Europe, their wish to participate in technical activities and their interest in the results of the European Standardization process. In that respect CEN and CENELEC are proposing four different models of cooperation:

For NSBs in third countries the concepts of:

- Affiliation,
- Standardization Partnership (PSB),
- Agreement;

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for the regional grouping of those NSBs: [SIST-V CEN/CLC Guide 12:2009](#)

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/a34a5458-2395-4852-a3f2-standards.iteh.ai/sist-v-cen-clc-guide-12-2009>

The AFFILIATION is open for an NSB/NC member of ISO or IEC respectively which represents or has the ambition to represent all parties concerned in an evolving market industry. They belong to a EU neighbouring country which has links with EU or EFTA in relation to technical scientific political and social conditions. The details regarding this status are given in the present CEN/CENELEC Guide 12.

The STANDARDIZATION PARTNERSHIP is offered to an NSB/NC member of ISO or IEC respectively which represents or has the ambition to represent all parties concerned in an evolving market economy of a country which cannot obtain the status of CEN or CENELEC Member nor the status of CEN or CENELEC Affiliate. The details regarding this PSB status are given in CEN/CENELEC Guide 13.

The AGREEMENT is offered to any kind of NSB not desiring to become Affiliate or PSB but interested in developing official relations with CEN and/or CENELEC. This model of cooperation may comprise elements such as exchange of information, transfer of knowledge, cooperation in standardization activities and bodies.

The MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is a tool established to start official cooperation relations with recognized Regional Groupings of third country NSBs.

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1 Historical background

As a consequence of the political evolution, which took place in the late eighties in Central and Eastern Europe, several standardization bodies of these countries had asked for the possibility of obtaining a special status in the existing European standardization structures. In response, an affiliation status had been created in CEN and CENELEC. At that time affiliation was considered as a pre-member status.

On 1st May 2004, the European Union (EU) has entered a new and historic phase: an enlarged union of 25 countries. Moreover on 1st January 2007 Romania and Bulgaria joined the European Union. Beyond these milestones, negotiations proceed further at Commission level with the candidate and potential candidate countries for EU accession, i.e. Turkey and the Balkan countries.

The whole enlargement process brings us in contact with new neighbours. In this context a Commission Communication (COM(2003)104 final of 2003-03-11) "Wider Europe-Neighbourhood: A new Framework for Relations with our Eastern and Southern Neighbours" highlights the political and economical importance of enhancing the relations with Russia, with the Western Newly Independent States (Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus) and the southern Mediterranean (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Syria, Tunisia). The European Neighbourhood policy was extended to also include the countries of the Southern Caucasus with whom Bulgaria, Romania and the present candidate country Turkey share either a maritime or land border (i.e. Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia). These countries mentioned under the European Neighbourhood Policy, together with the (potential) candidate countries for EU accession are referred to hereafter as "EU neighbouring countries".

It is in this historical and politico-economical context that the present Guide has been developed, on the basis of previously existing material. It defines affiliation and describes the conditions for granting affiliation, the rights of Affiliates and their obligations; a summary table of these aspects being reproduced in Annex 1.

It is acknowledged that affiliation with CEN and/or CENELEC does not constitute a pre-membership status for the affiliated body. Moreover, CEN and CENELEC being independent organizations, the fact to be recognized as Affiliate by one organization does not imply ipso facto the recognition by the other one.

2 Definition of affiliation

Affiliation with CEN is available to a National Standards Body, which is a member (or corresponding member) of the ISO, and which represents or has the ambition to represent all parties concerned in an evolving market economy of a EU neighbouring country having links with the EU or EFTA in relation to technical, scientific, economic, political and social conditions.

Affiliation with CENELEC is available to a National Electrotechnical Committee, which is a member (or associate member) of the IEC, and which represents or has the ambition to represent all parties concerned in an evolving market economy of a EU neighbouring country having links with the EU or EFTA in relation to technical, scientific, economic, political and social conditions.

3 Conditions for granting affiliation

In the spirit of the definition above, the following conditions shall be met by an applicant for affiliation:

- recognized as the only National Standards Body/National Electrotechnical Committee from a EU neighbouring country,
- member or corresponding member of the ISO/member or associate member of the IEC,
- registered in the ISO/IEC List of Standardizing Bodies having notified acceptance of the WTO Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards.

From a procedural perspective, the candidate organization shall submit to the CEN Secretary General and/or CENELEC Director General a written application to become an Affiliate, in which it shows proof of its compliance with the above conditions. The application is referred to the pertinent General Assembly(ies) and is granted on a two-third majority decision of the Members, either in a statutory meeting or by correspondence. The decision also specifies the commencement date for the Affiliate status.

4 Rights and obligations of Affiliates

4.1 Rights

- To participate without voting rights, in the General Assembly (AG) of CEN and/or CENELEC and, with the agreement of AG, in identified bodies with an open character;
- To participate in Technical Bodies as an observer. Requests for such participation should be addressed to the CEN Management Center (CMC) and/or CENELEC Central Secretariat (CS), which will provide access to the relevant document server and inform the Technical Body of this observership;
- To reproduce and sell, within its own country, drafts for Enquiry, UAP and Formal Vote;
- To implement European Standards (EN) as national standards in its own language or in one of the official languages of CEN and CENELEC and to withdraw conflicting national standards – see Annex 2 for the Agreement on the conditions to be respected by an Affiliate when implementing a European Standard (EN). The supply of the texts of the ratified European Standards, as well as of Harmonization Documents (HD), Technical Specifications (TS), Technical Reports (TR) and Workshop Agreements (CWA), will start at the commencement date of the Affiliation status and does normally not include the supply of previously issued publications;
- To sell ENs not adopted as national standards by arrangement with one or more CEN National Members or CENELEC National Committees in accordance with the CEN/CENELEC Guide 10 “Guidelines for the distribution and sales of CEN/CENELEC publications”;
- To receive and sell corporate publications of CEN and/or CENELEC, in accordance with CEN and/or CENELEC practices. These publications include amongst others the Catalogue, the Guides, the Internal Regulations, as well as Press Releases (freely reproducible with source acknowledgement) and any future corporate publication.

4.2 Obligations

- To commit to comply with the rules set or to be set in the future by the CEN Statutes and/or CENELEC Articles of Association, the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations and other relevant resolutions taken by the General Assembly and Administrative Board of CEN and/or CENELEC, including financial obligations;
- To implement ENs, developed by Technical Bodies in which it participates, as national standards in accordance with the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations – Part 2, to show evidence of the adoption of ENs and to withdraw conflicting national standards;
- To notify all national implementations of European Standards to the CEN Management Center and/or CENELEC Central Secretariat;
- To strictly apply CEN/CENELEC Guide 10 “Guidelines for the distribution and sales of CEN/CENELEC Publications”;
- To respect the agreements established between CEN and ISO and/or between CENELEC and IEC;
- To notify all new national projects to the CEN Management Center and/or CENELEC Central Secretariat, and implement standstill on national work in accordance with the procedure for the provision of information in the field of standards, as given in Directive 98/34/EC;
- To sign and abide by the terms of the Agreement on the conditions to be respected by an Affiliate when implementing a European Standard (EN) (see Annex 2);
- To sign and abide by the terms of the binding Exploitation Agreement for the distribution and sales of publications of CEN and/or CENELEC (see Annex 3).

5 Annual Affiliation fees

Among the obligations, mention is made of the financial obligations. These include the payment by the Affiliate of an annual fee, decided by the General Assembly of CEN and/or CENELEC. The General Assembly decision shall be based on the following calculation principles.

- the affiliation fee shall be the multiplication of a base fee, decided annually by the General Assembly, with a correcting factor linked to the GDP at current prices in US dollars of the country of the (candidate) Affiliate – see also Annex 4,
- the base fee for affiliation shall not exceed the contribution unit used for the calculation of the individual financial contribution of the National Members of CEN and/or CENELEC,
- the correcting factors are as follows:

GDP Intervals (in million USD)	Correcting factor
0 - 20 000	1
20 000 - 60 000	1,5
60 000 - 250 000	2
250 000 - 1 000 000	2,5
1 000 000 - 1 500 000	3
> 1 500 000	3,5