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European foreword

The European Union Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change [COM(2013) 216 final] identified standards as an effective instrument for improving the climate resilience of infrastructures across Europe. This resulted in the Standardization Request (Mandate M/526) addressed to the European Standardization Organizations (ESOs) in support of implementation of the EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change [COM (2014) 3451 final] issued by the European Commission (EC). Part of the work identified under this mandate includes the drafting, testing and issuing of a guidance document designed specifically for Technical Committees of CEN-CENELEC infrastructure standards. The resultant guide was published in 2022 (“Tailored Guidance for Standardization Technical Committees: How to include Adaptation to Climate Change (ACC) in European Infrastructure Standards”).

It was decided by the CEN-CLC/COG *Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change* that CEN-CENELEC Guide 32 “Guide for addressing climate change adaptation in standards” (Edition 1, 2016-04), and the “Tailored Guidance for Standardization Technical Committees: How to include Adaptation to Climate Change (ACC) in European Infrastructure Standards”, should be combined into one single document in order to streamline where Technical Committees (TCs) can find supporting materials.

Edition 2 of CEN-CENELEC Guide 32 therefore merges both documents into a single, actionable framework for integrating climate resilience into European standardization deliverables. This harmonized document resolves contradictions and enhances usability for TCs across sectors.

This document has been prepared by the CEN-CLC/COG *Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change* (COG Climate). The COG Climate requests feedback on the applicability of the guide in order to continuously improve it.

European standardization deliverables on climate change adaptation are published by CEN/TC 467 *Climate Change*.

CEN and CENELEC proudly endorse the ISO London Declaration, reinforcing their commitment to integrating climate considerations into standardization efforts aligned with the Paris Agreement and UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). The CEN Guide 32 plays a vital role in this endeavour, providing a framework to ensure European Standards actively contribute to climate action and sustainable development, in harmony with international objectives.

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Introduction

This document intends to support Technical Committees (TCs) in considering the impacts of a changing climate when drafting, revising or updating European standardization deliverables. It reflects lessons learned from the implementation of the first edition of CEN-CENELEC Guide 32 and incorporates content from the supplementary document, “Tailored Guidance for Standardization Technical Committees: How to include Adaptation to Climate Change (ACC) in European Infrastructure Standards”.

Climate change is already altering weather patterns, increasing the frequency and severity of extreme events and driving long-term shifts such as sea level rise, higher temperatures and changing precipitation. These changes affect how infrastructure, products and services perform over time and create new risks for safety, reliability and continuity of operation. European and international initiatives on climate action have highlighted standardization as a practical lever to manage these risks, support resilience and enable consistent responses across sectors and countries. This guide forms part of that wider programme of work and is intended to help standards developers identify when climate change is relevant to their deliverables, understand what types of information they may need, and apply a clear, stepwise approach to integrating adaptation into new and revised standards.

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