



European Commission

Introduction to the CEN Strategic Advisory Body for Occupational Health and Safety (SAB OH&S)

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CEN – Committee for European Standardization (Comité Européen de Normalisation, Europäisches Komitee für Normung), **CENELEC** – European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization, and **ETSI** – European Telecommunications Standards Institute are the three European Standardization Organizations (ESOs) recognized as competent in the area of voluntary technical standardization and listed in Annex I of European Directive 98/34/EC.

These organizations provide a standardization framework to prepare voluntary standards that help to develop the Single European market for goods and services. By creating standards, the ESOs help facilitate trade between countries, create new markets and cut compliance costs.

European Standards are unique and give manufacturers and service providers direct access to the market. The ultimate aim is to have a unique standard in 30 European countries and beyond.





Occupational health and safety (OH&S) plays an important role in European legislation and is closely linked with standardization.

Standardization contributes to the improvement of working conditions with regard to health and safety which is a cross-sectoral issue. This concerns in particular those Technical Committees which develop product standards with OH&S aspects, especially those in support of EU directives for products like machinery, pressure equipment and personal protective equipment.





The CEN Strategic Advisory Body for Occupational Health and Safety (SAB OH&S) was created in July 2008.

The objective of this Strategic Advisory Board is to give advice to all technical committees on OH&S-related aspects, and to coordinate all relevant activities within CEN.

The Chairman of the SAB OH&S is Mr Norbert Breutmann (KAN).
The Secretariat of this group is provided by Mick Magar (BSI).

The next meeting of the CEN SAB OH&S will take place on 9 November 2010 at the CEN/CENELEC Meeting Centre





Mission:

Aid the development and promote the use of standards which are fit for purpose and which meet the stakeholders' needs

Consider the effects of emerging technology developments on OH&S

Encourage and promote exchange of information between CEN, key stakeholders and interest groups to ensure that all relevant occupational health and safety issues and views are taken into consideration in the development of standards

Provide CEN/BT with the relevant information on occupational health and safety matters to enable it to make balanced decisions on standardization topics affecting the workplace and make proposals on CEN strategy on occupational health and safety issues

Be a 'resource centre' on OH&S for CEN bodies, in particular those bodies that already deal with specific OH&S aspects, such as the 'PPE Forum' and the 'Machinery Nucleus'





Role

In order to support the mission, the Advisory Body has the following roles and tasks:

1. Strategic role

- Update and contribute to the further development of the CEN strategy on occupational health and safety issues
- Participate in discussions with the European Commission with the aim to advise on ways in which occupational health and safety standardization can play a role in the regulatory framework
- Co-ordinate the OH&S policy and activities within CEN and ensure coherence of CEN's OH&S policy and activities with the European and international standards bodies and with the OH&S partners
- Identify the effects of emerging technology developments on OH&S and make appropriate recommendations
- Systematically observe the development of new topics for standardization that may have an OH&S component





2. Information exchange

Share information regarding occupational health and safety legislation and policies, and their impact on standardization

Report on actions to be undertaken by specific sectors regarding occupational health and safety issues in standards

Share information on occupational health and safety issues and standardization with the European/international standards bodies and with the OH&S partners, and coordinate CEN's matters in that area if relevant





3. Support for standards development

Promote the integration of occupational health and safety issues into standardization if appropriate

Provide guidance on OH&S to the relevant standardization groups (e.g. TCs etc.)

Monitor the development of CEN or ISO deliverables addressing OH&S issues and comment on them as appropriate

Promote the development or adoption of new standards on OH&S where necessary





European trade federations and European standardization

European trade federations – trade or professional organizations and associations – **are important stakeholders** in the European standardization process. With their pan-European scope, many such European federations have been instrumental in programming and drafting CEN standards work. Their members contribute to the drafting of European Standards and other documents, either through experts participating directly in European working groups, or through national delegations.

More than four hundred European federations have been granted a **liaison status, including UEPG.**

What is a liaison status?

Federations granted liaison status have the right to **send participants** to specific CEN Technical Committees (CEN/TCs) of interest to them. These **participants can participate fully**, including through technical contributions, but without the voting rights given to national delegations.





How can I identify the CEN Technical Committees and Workshop of interest to my European federation?

You can consult the list of CEN Technical Committees and Workshops using link.

[http://www.cen.eu/cen/AboutUs/CENnetwork/
EurIntOrg/Liaison/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.cen.eu/cen/AboutUs/CENnetwork/EurIntOrg/Liaison/Pages/default.aspx)





Message:

Get involved

**with CEN SABOHS and
Technical Committees to
engineer change necessary
for you the end user.**





*Thank you for
your attention*

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