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Theme: Article 42 and use of ETA's and harmonized standards

First national network on article 42.3 had an amazing start

On **March 4th** the first practical national network on article 42.3 had kick-off in Denmark.

48 representatives from 36 contracting authorities participated at this first network meeting, and more already signed up for next meeting in June, indicating the need for increased knowledge in how to reference standards in public procurement.

Unlike the European network that focus the overall challenges, the national network digs further into the ground when focusing practical solutions for all, and national experiences in referencing of standards. In 2021 an additional theme on sustainable public procurement is added to the <u>network meetings</u>.

More than 45 contracting authorities have already registered for the second meeting, even before invitations are sent out which is remarkable.

You can let us assist you creating your networks too.

"Join a Sub-group" on finding standards relevant in public procurement

Help us help you finding relevant standards in selected sectors by participating in a subgroup we will create for this purpose. CENCENELEC has already agreed to help. Bring your experiences or challenges to the sub-group and help setting the agenda for relevant standards in public procurement. Register at si@dansense.dk

European Technical Assessments (ETA's) and circular economy

In article 42.3.b **ETA's** are mentioned right after European standards "EN"'s, but only a few actually knows what an ETA's is.

Being issued only to construction products and construction systems, and being a way to a volunteer CE marking, and potentially having a significant positive environmental effect in circular economy, it is time to take it seriously.

Hear managing director **Mr. Thomas Bruun** talking about this at next network meeting on May 20th.



Harmonized European standards

What does it mean and why are these <u>harmonized</u> standards important in technical specifications?

In some sectors knowledge is high on the use of harmonized european standards, and in others the possibilities in harmonised standards are not known at all. Listen to **Mr. Kåre Groes** talking about harmonized standards at potentials at next network meeting.

Contact us for a webinar on:

A: Reference to standards in public procurement – training in 24/2014 EU article 42.3 development of technical specifications with reference to standards including art. 27-32, 40, 43, 44, and 67.

B: <u>Sustainable building renovation</u> - training in practical approach on environmental aspects, the use of standards and circular economy ensuring in sustainable building renovation or at demolition.

Webinars are held as 3-hour two-day webinars.

Or for:

Training your first trainers for your own national training sessions in referencing of standards.

Helping you in developing national strategies on sustainable public procurement.

Specific help on referencing of standards or environmental requirements in technical specifications

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REMEMBER to join next network meeting on May

20th, on Article 42.3 and challenges in developing technical specifications referencing standards. Find information <u>Here</u>.