



European Standardization Organizations

Challenges for NSBs and public authorities in referencing standards in public procurement

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- ▶ Low % of public procurement takes place across borders. This should increase in order to enhance competition and thereby lower the market prices;
- ▶ Increased use of references to standards adds more clarity and transparency to the market, thereby provides a better chance of responding within the timeframe of the tender;
- ▶ Increased use of standards leads to a more efficient and transparent procurement processes;
- ▶ Why is it so important to improve the use of standards in public procurement?
- ▶ Because referencing standards can reduce costs!



European Standards contribute to the European Single Market



- Avoids new barriers to trade
- Increases transparency (beyond Regulation 1025/2012 & WTO/TBT)
- Harmonizes voluntary requirements
- Preserves integrity
- Common reference solution for Europe



European Standard

- Produced by all *interested parties through a transparent, open and consensus-based process*
- A document for *common* and *repeated* use
- A tool to underpin legislation
- *Voluntary* in use
- Automatically *transposed into national standards* and therefore *conflicting national standards are withdrawn*
- Integration with *international* standardization work



- **CEN/TC 461 'Public Procurement'** (SIS secretariat)

Currently drafting a standard on **integrity and accountability in public procurement**. The TC will identify the need for any new projects, within the wider field of public procurement, such as **terms and definitions, general concepts, best practices, guides for the procurement process, checklists, and other guidelines of relevance**.

- **CEN/TC 447 'Horizontal standards for the provision of services'** (BSI secretariat)

Horizontal standardization for the provision of services, within their lifecycle. The scope of CEN/TC 447 does not cover 'works contracts'.

- EN 17371-3:2020, Provision of services - Part 3: Management of Performance Measurement - Guidance on the mechanism to measure performance as part of service contracts
- FprEN EN 17371-1, Provision of services - Part 1: Service procurement - Guidance for the assessment of the capacity of service providers and evaluation of service proposals

- ▶ The Joint Initiative consists of a shared vision on standardization, as well as specific actions to be delivered
- ▶ **JIS A11**: Increased use of standards in Public Procurement to better implement the public procurement Directives.
- ▶ Two main deliverables:
 - Report on referencing standards in public procurement
 - Guide for referencing standards in public procurement

<https://www.cencenelec.eu/standards/Topics/PublicProcurement/Pages/JIS11.aspx>

Way forward

- ▶ Every Member State has their own way of handling public procurement, often missing out best practices and experiences in Europe
- ▶ CEN and CENELEC have an important role to play in harmonizing the market and in providing the standards that can be referenced in public procurement
- ▶ 'National delegation principle' appears particularly fit to enhance synergies in the field, notably with national public procurement authorities

Thank you!

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