

## IFAN EUROPEAN GROUP – ACHIEVEMENTS

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### About

The International Federation of Standards Users IFAN is the voice of standards users. The aim of IFAN is to promote the acceptance and use of International Standards as widely as possible. But, IFAN deals also with the use of European Standards both in Europe and worldwide.

In order to deal with standards users' issues specific to Europe and to improve the cooperation of IFAN with European standardization organisations, the IFAN Board established a European Group in 2002 and signed with CEN and CENELEC a memorandum of understanding for all areas where functions and activities are complementary and mutually supportive.

### IFAN EG Working Results



#### IFAN position on Normative References

On 23 November 2011 a hearing of the European Parliament EP took place dealing with legislative proposals of the European Commission EC for a “Standardisation package” which was presented on 1 June 2011.

IFAN EG commented already on the EC Review of the European Standardisation System carried out 2010. At its meeting at Luxembourg 2011, the European Working Group discussed the legislative outcome of the Standardisation Review and prepared as result a standard users' view.

The IFAN position, IFAN EG No. 07-2013, was sent to Mr. Trevor Vyze, ISO, Head of Technical Policy, Geneva, 22 March 2013.



#### IFAN comments on the European Standardisation Strategy 2020

On 23 November 2011 a hearing of the European Parliament EP took place dealing with legislative proposals of the European Commission EC for a “Standardisation package” which was presented on 1 June 2011.

IFAN EG commented already on the EC Review of the European Standardisation System carried out 2010. At its meeting at Luxembourg 2011, the European Working Group discussed the legislative outcome of the Standardisation Review and prepared as result a standard users' view.

The IFAN comments, IFAN EG No. 04-2013, were sent to the CEN-CENELEC Management Centre (CCMC), Brussels, 08 February 2013.



### **IFAN comments on the CEN-CENELEC SME Toolbox**

On 23 November 2011 a hearing of the European Parliament EP took place dealing with legislative proposals of the European Commission EC for a “Standardisation package” which was presented on 1 June 2011.

IFAN EG commented already on the EC Review of the European Standardisation System carried out 2010. At its meeting at Luxembourg 2011, the European Working Group discussed the legislative outcome of the Standardisation Review and prepared as result a standard users’ view.

The IFAN comments were sent to the CEN-CENELEC Management Centre (CCMC), Brussels, 30 January 2013.



### **IFAN comments on the future common CEN-CENELEC Strategy**

On 23 November 2011 a hearing of the European Parliament EP took place dealing with legislative proposals of the European Commission EC for a “Standardisation package” which was presented on 1 June 2011.

IFAN EG commented already on the EC Review of the European Standardisation System carried out 2010. At its meeting at Luxembourg 2011, the European Working Group discussed the legislative outcome of the Standardisation Review and prepared as result a standard users’ view.

The IFAN comments, IFAN EG No. 05-2012, were sent to Mr John Ketchell, CEN-CENELEC Management Centre (CCMC), Brussels, 10 December 2012.



### **MEP Award 2012 – Message of Congratulations**

On 23 November 2011 a hearing of the European Parliament EP took place dealing with legislative proposals of the European Commission EC for a “Standardisation package” which was presented on 1 June 2011.

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Ms Lara Comi MEP, Rapporteur of the Standardisation Package

The IFAN Message of congratulations, IFAN EG No. 05-2012, was sent to Ms. Lara Comi, MEP, 05 October 2012.



## **IFAN position on European Commission proposals for a regulation on European Standardisation 2011**

On 23 November 2011 a hearing of the European Parliament EP took place dealing with legislative proposals of the European Commission EC for a "Standardisation package" which was presented on 1 June 2011.

IFAN EG commented already on the EC Review of the European Standardisation System carried out 2010. At its meeting at Luxembourg 2011, the European Working Group discussed the legislative outcome of the Standardisation Review and prepared as result a standard users' view.

The IFAN position, Letter IFAN EG No. 12-2011, Position IFAN EG No. 13-2011, was sent to the European Parliament Rapporteur, Lara Comi, Nov. 2011.



## **CEN and CENELEC sign a joint Memorandum of Understanding with IFAN**

IFAN has had separate MoUs with CEN and CENELEC. Following the setting up of the common CEN-CENELEC Management Centre (CCMC), it was suggested that our MoU should be a single one with the CCMC; this was agreed by the group.

The Memorandum, which replaces the so far existing two agreements of cooperation focuses on increasing cooperation and in particular joint activities or studies related to standardisation, especially where these activities or studies require a wide range of respondents and/or joint participation of standards users and standards developers.

The new MoU was signed 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011 in New Delhi at the ISO General Assembly.



## **IFAN meets CEN and CENELEC 2011**

In order to strengthen personal relations of IFAN with CEN and CENELEC a common meeting with executive personnel from the CEN-CENELEC Management Centre (CCMC) was organised. The picture shows Andrea Beddard, IFAN EG Chair; Elena Santiago Cid, Director General CCMC and Ross Wraight, IFAN President.

The meeting took place 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at the CCMC Meeting Centre in Brussels.



### **Commenting CEN Strategy 2011-2013 – Draft 2010-07-16**

CEN has undertaken the preparation of its Strategy 2011-2013. The draft has been prepared by the CEN Administrative Board taking into account the latest developments in the field (EXPRESS, the results of various studies issued in 2009/2010, the EU Council Conclusions, etc.). The CEN/CA has limited the duration of the CEN Strategy to 2013 in order for it to coincide with the end of the CENELEC Strategy and, possibly, to develop after that date a common CEN/CENELEC Strategy.

Comments returned 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010.



### **Review of the European Standardisation System, 2010**

The European Commission is preparing a "Standardisation Package" addressing the future development of the European standardisation system and launched an inquiry.

IFAN participated in the response to the questions of the EC public consultation on the revision of the European standardisation system.

Feedback was given to the Rapporteur of the Standardisation Package July 2010.



### **Promotional leaflet "IFAN publishes guidelines to help standards writers"**

The leaflet "IFAN publishes guidelines to help standards writers" was prepared in order to promote IFAN Guide 3:2008 Guidelines to assist members of standards committees in preparing user-friendly European standards. IFAN members are encouraged to make use of the new leaflet which can be accessed through the publications section of the IFAN website.

Published February 2009.



### **CEN/CENELEC inquiry on SME Access to Standardisation Project, 2009**

Message addressed to all CENELEC Co-operating Partners: CEN and CENELEC are currently jointly examining their tools and assets relating to the access of SMEs to their standardisation system. The purpose would and how to improve these. This exercise would in particular frame in the context of the Commission's Small Business Act for Europe. To this end, a Study is being started, but prior to give the green light to the contractor, CEN and CENELEC would like to be sure that its Terms of Reference reflect the SME needs. A Study's Steering Group has identified "key problem statements".

Feedback was given on the statements 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009.



### **IFAN Guide 3:2008 - Guidelines to assist members of standards committees in preparing user-oriented European Standards**

IFAN Guide 3 provides a checklist which contains requirements for European Standards in order to assist standards committee experts in preparing user-oriented standards.

IFAN permits the reproduction of the publication for promotional and application purposes. Reproduction for the Web should be made via links to the document on the IFAN website.

Published April 2008.



### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between the International Federation of Standards Users (IFAN) and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC)**

Taking into account that IFAN has established a European group to deal with standards users' issues specific to Europe and to improve its contribution to CENELEC; the President of IFAN and the Secretary General of CENELEC have, in accordance with the statutes of their respective organisations, agreed upon the principles and guidelines specified in the MoU to govern cooperation between their two organisations and the coordination of their activities in all areas where their functions and activities are complementary and mutually supportive.

Signed 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004.



### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between the International Federation of Standards Users (IFAN) and the European Committee for Standardization (CEN)**

Taking into account that IFAN has established a European group to deal with standards users' issues specific to Europe and to improve its contribution to CEN; the President of IFAN and the Secretary General of CEN have, in accordance with the statutes of their respective organisations, agreed upon the principles and guidelines specified in the MoU to govern cooperation between their two organisations and the coordination of their activities in all areas where their functions and activities are complementary and mutually supportive.

Signed 9<sup>th</sup> July 2003.

## IFAN EG Member Contributions



### **IFAN representation at the Second European Standardisation Summit and the CEN, the CENELEC and the Joint CEN-CENELEC Members Assembly**

Born from a common will of both European standards organisations to continuously improve their efforts to facilitate the access of Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs) to standards work, this new SME WG aims to contribute to an increased competitiveness of European SMEs, which will enable them to strengthen the vital role they already play in the European economy. IFAN is represented by Karlheinz Rosan (IFAN Special Advisor).

Result: Toolbox of solutions – Action plan and roadmap for implementation at CEN/CENELEC and the national SDOs in European (Document SME-WG N088)

IFAN was represented by Karlheinz Rosan (IFAN Special Advisor).



### **IFAN representation at the First European Standardisation Summit and the CEN Members Assembly**

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### **German language version of IFAN Guide 3:2008 - Guidelines to assist members of standards committees in preparing user-oriented European Standards, 2011**

A German language version is provided by the German Committee of Standards Users (ANP) as 'ANP Leitfaden 1'. This document is a modified version, containing also guidelines for the preparation of International Standards IS, as those are mostly adopted as EN in Europe. The longstanding former ANP Guide has been adapted to IFAN Guide 3 by Patricia Dind, Karlheinz Rosan, Burkhard Raith and Klaus Waber.

Published May 2011.



## **IFAN representation at CEN/CENELEC SME Working Group, 2010 - 2012**

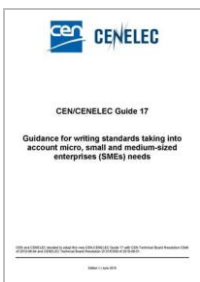
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Established 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at the CEN-CENELEC Management Center (CCMC), Brussels.

Task finished January 2012

Result: Toolbox of solutions – Action plan and roadmap for implementation at CEN/CENELEC and the national SDOs in Europe (Document SME-WG N088)

Follow-up: Yearly meeting for monitoring progress and fine tuning.



## **IFAN representation at CEN/CENELEC BT WG 208 Guidance on SME needs developing CEN/CENELEC Guide 17, 2008 - 2010**

The objective of the work of the BT WG 208 was to write CEN/CENELEC guidance on SME needs in standardisation. The document should facilitate the standards writers to draft standards more adapted to SME reality. This working group has been established by the CEN Technical Board (BT) and chaired by NORMAPME the European Office of Crafts, Trades and Small and Medium sized Enterprises for Standardisation. IFAN was represented by Karlheinz Rosan (ANP, Germany).

Established 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at NORMAPME, Brussels.

Task finished June 2010.

Result: CEN/CENELEC Guide 17 – Guidance for writing standards taking into account micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) needs

Published 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Introduced on IFAN Online with reference to CEN/CLC for download June 2010.

## **IFAN representation at the Joint ESOs' Working Group on Education about Standardisation JWGEaS**

CEN and CENELEC, together with ETSI, have created a Joint Working Group JWGEaS on education about standardisation to improve overall awareness and to exchange best practices on the topic. Public knowledge about standardisation should be increased by means of training, getting standardisation into national education systems across Europe, awareness-raising activities and targeted workshops. IFAN is represented by Laurent Oberlé (ACANOR), chairman of the common CEN-CENELEC-ETSI committee JWGEaS.

Laurent Oberlé became member and chairman during the 5th meeting at Brussels, 2011-06-15



### **IFAN representation at the ISO Committee on Conformity Assessment CASCO**

Confidence comes from knowing that requirements will be fulfilled. Standards give the state-of-the-art requirements. Conformity assessment provides confidence and facilitates access to world markets. CASCO, the general policy committee of ISO on conformity assessment, develops the documents on conformity assessment that are published as ISO/IEC International Standards or Guides. These documents define the processes and good practice for checking that the requirements are met. IFAN is represented by John McDonald (BSS).



### **IFAN mouse pad – Standards make the world go round, 2008**

Proposal on how to make use of the result of the poster contest by Karlheinz Rosan (ANP, Germany).

Distributed 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008 on the occasion of the 35<sup>th</sup> IFAN Members Assembly.



### **IFAN EG member winner of the IFAN international poster contest 2007**

In August 2007, IFAN invited all persons wishing to express their artistic vision of the importance and benefits of standards and standardisation to take part in the first IFAN international contest by preparing a poster depicting the theme "Standards make the world go round". 15 posters were received from 8 participants from Germany, Colombia, Botswana, China, France and the Netherlands.

At its meeting held in Geneva on 2-3 April 2008, the IFAN Board decided on the winners of the IFAN contest. The winners are:

- 1st place: Ms. Patricia Dind (ANP, Germany) for poster 1
- 2nd place: Ms. Dagmar Aben (Netherlands) for poster 15
- 3rd place: Mr. Luigi Principi (France) for poster 11



### **Numbering of IFAN Guides**

Numbering of documents eases referencing. Hence, numbering of IFAN Guides was proposed by Karlheinz Rosan (ANP, Germany) in view of completion of the new IFAN Guide: "Guidelines to assist members of standards committees in preparing user-oriented European Standards".

Proposed 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008 and adopted by IFAN.



## IFAN EG Guest Lectures

2014-01-20	Ingrid Soetaert, CCMC Programme Manager	Update on CEN-CENELEC SME activities
2013-10-11	Ashok Ganesh, Director of Innovation, CCMC	Update on CEN/CENELEC
2012-10-26	John Ketchell Strategic Advisor, CCMC	CEN-CENELEC update – a new strategic agenda
2012-03-12	Jonathan Griffin, BSI	Eurocodes Plus Tool
2012-03-12	Eamonn Neylon BSI	Committee Comments Resolution Tool
2011-04-04	Ms Elena Santiago Ms Andreea Gulacsi Ms Sarah Penny Mr Georges Malcorps CCMC	CCMC update
2009-01-26	Mr. David Bell Head of BSI External Policy	BSI's online drafting tool
2008-01-28	Mr. Peter McKay BSI Publications Director	Latest developments at BSI
2007-06-04	Brian Such CHESS Project Manager CEN	CHESS - CEN Horizontal European Service Standardisation Strategy - Feasibility Study: January '07 - June '08
2006-09-04	Olivier Peyrat Director General AFNOR	French standardisation strategy Future Landscape of European Standardisation
2006-02-06	Mike Low Director of Standards BSI	BSI view on standards user issues, SME needs and user feedback
2006-02-06	Stephen Russell Director CEN Management Centre	Review of the CEN Strategy 2010 and user involvement
2006-02-06	Bernhard Mertens Director Corporate CENELEC	CENELEC Strategy - Linking STRATEGY to BUSINESS - CENELEC's forthcoming Masterplan 2006 – 2010

2004-05-18	Mr. Anton Pogacnik SIST	Views, needs and the expectations of the Slovenian Institute of Standardisation
2004-05-18	Mr. Franco Fissore FIAT Auto	Importance of international standardisation for the automotive industry particularly in the field of type approval for cars
2004-05-18	Mr. Paolo Scolari President of UNI	Overview on the UNI organisation and activities and about the importance of standards users for the Italian standardisation system

## IFAN EG Organisation

Founded	<p>October 2002</p> <p>IFAN Board encouraged the holding of an informal workshop 2-3 September 2002, in the DaimlerChrysler Communication and Training Centre in Stuttgart (Germany). Nineteen participants from Germany, France, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Belgium, and Switzerland representing a large range of activities answered the invitation from the IFAN President, Dr Ghiladi. The aim was to initiate the first stage of a sort of feasibility study on the concept of an IFAN Group covering more specifically the issues of the European standards users, members of IFAN.</p> <p>Proposal for a new IFAN Europe Subgroup by the Board and established at the IFAN 29<sup>th</sup> Members' Assembly in Thun (Switzerland) on 10-11 October 2002, with the terms of reference indicated in document IFAN No. 07-2002 Add. 1 and with open membership for IFAN members.</p>		
Task	<p>To deal with standards users' issues specific to Europe and to improve cooperation of IFAN with CEN and CENELEC.</p>		
Goals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Contribute to the definition, clarification and support of some aspects of European standardisation strategy with regard to the facilitation of regional and international trade and the promotion of user interests</li> <li>2 Support the national and regional awareness initiatives on the importance and strategic impact of standardisation within the European Union</li> <li>3 Help the effective implementation of the EN standards within industry and by other economic players in the European Union with specific emphasis on assisting the newcomers from the Eastern countries</li> <li>4 Contribute towards improving the efficiency of the CEN, CENELEC and ETSI system, over the whole life cycle of their standards</li> <li>5 Extend its regional achievements, in terms of methodology and practical activity, within the international framework of IFAN, whenever such extension is appropriate in other regions e.g. North America, Asia ...</li> <li>6 Promote in Europe the use of one unique set of IT solutions for standardisation work</li> </ol>		
Chair	<p>Mr. Raymond Sieffert</p> <p>Dr. Veit Ghiladi</p> <p>Ms. Andrea Beddard</p>	<p>ACANOR, France</p> <p>DaimlerChrysler</p> <p>BSS, United Kingdom</p>	<p>2002 - 2003</p> <p>2003 - 2005</p> <p>2005 - date</p>
Present members	<p>Mr. Martin Conrads</p> <p>Ms. Patricia Dind</p> <p>Mr. Denis Deutsch</p> <p>Mr. Thomas Laemmler</p> <p>Mr. Laurent Oberlé</p> <p>Mr. Hervé Peter</p> <p>Dr. Burkhard Raith</p> <p>Mr. Karlheinz Rosan</p> <p>Mr. Bernard Siffermann</p> <p>Ms. Evelyne Thomann</p> <p>Mr. Xavier Delecroix</p>	<p>ANP, Germany</p> <p>DIN, Germany</p> <p>Total</p> <p>Daimler</p> <p>ACANOR, France</p> <p>ANEC, Luxembourg</p> <p>ANP, Germany</p> <p>ANP, Germany</p> <p>ACANOR, France</p> <p>ACANOR, France</p> <p>CVN, Luxembourg</p>	

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Mr. Rolf Widmer	NOP, Switzerland	
Mr. Neil Reeve	Shell	correspondent
Mr. Peter Walsh	CaSServ, Australia	correspondent
Mr. Keith Wilson	BSS, UK	

Past members	Mr. John McDonald	BSS, United Kingdom	- 2012
	Ms. Sigrid Kohll	CVN, Luxembourg	- 2011
	Mr. Bill Anderson	Proctor and Gamble Co.	- 2010
	Mr. Jean-Marie Botte	ACANOR, France	- 2010
	Mr. Loucas Gourtsoyannis	NORMAPME	- 2010
	Ms. Isabelle Heller	ACANOR, France	- 2010
	Mr. Gilles Trican	Total	- 2009
	Mr. Jens Heitmann	ANP/Airbus	- 2006
	Mr. Ger Aben	NKN	- 2005
	Ms. Nicole West	ACANOR, France	- 2004

## IFAN EG Meetings

Date, Venue	
	21 <sup>st</sup> meeting, 2014, 20 January, CCME, Brussels
	20th meeting, 2013, 18 October, BSI, London
	19th meeting, 2013, 11 March, AFNOR, St. Denis, near Paris
	18th meeting, 2012, 26 September, ISO, Geneva
	17th meeting, 2012, 12 March 2012, BSI, London
	16th meeting, 2011, 19 October, CRP Henri Tudor, Luxembourg
	15th meeting, 2011, 11 July, ARUP, London
	14th meeting, 2011, 4 April, CCMC, Brussels and joint meeting with CCMC
	13th meeting, 2010, 14 June, ARUP, London
	12th meeting, 2009, 26 October, DIN, Berlin
	11th meeting, 2009, 18 May, ARUP, London
	10th meeting, 2009, 26 January, BSI, London
	9th meeting, 2008, 28 November, by teleconferencing
	8th meeting, 2008, 19 September, ISO, Geneva
	7th meeting, 2008, 28 January, BSI, London
	6th meeting, 2007, 4 June, BSI, London
	5th meeting, 2007, 26 February, by teleconferencing
	4th meeting, 2006, 4 September, AFNOR, Paris
	3rd meeting, 2006, 6 February, BSI, London
	2nd meeting, 2004, 18 May, UNI, Milan
	1st meeting, 2003, 6 May, NORMAPME, Brussels
	Feasibility workshop 2-3 September 2002 DaimlerChrysler Communication and Training Centre Laemmerbuckel, Stuttgart, Germany