
**Energy Regulators and EU Standardisation Committee
to cooperate on EU energy standards**

13 January 2009 – Brussels. CENELEC (the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization) and CEER (the Council of European Energy Regulators) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cooperation and Exchange of Information in the field of standardization in the energy sector today. Both organisations recognise the value of cooperating in all fields of electrotechnical standardization related to the production, distribution, transmission and consumption of electricity.

The purpose of the MoU is to formalise a cooperative relationship between the parties in standardization activities in areas of common interest such as quality of service, energy efficiency, energy management, metering, network connections and customer service issues.

Under the MoU CENELEC and CEER agree to

- promote the use of European standards as a useful tool to support the functioning and development of an integrated European electricity market; and
- encourage cooperation between the standardization activities of CENELEC and the legislative developments identified by CEER.

The signing ceremony took place at CENELEC's new offices (Avenue Marnix 17) in Brussels and the Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the President of CENELEC, Mr Dietmar Harting and the President of CEER, Lord Mogg.

CEER President, Lord Mogg, said *"Today's Memorandum of Understanding with CENELEC builds upon our existing cooperation on voltage quality standards. It signals energy regulators' commitment to engage in the EU standardisation process. This is particularly important as we both face the challenges not only of quality of supply but also of smart metering, smart grids and energy efficiency."*

CENELEC President, Mr. Harting, said *"We are delighted to welcome CEER as a new cooperating partner, formally establishing our working relationship in the area of energy regulation. This Memorandum of Understanding provides the framework in which to deepen the collaboration between energy regulators and European technical standardizers, ensuring the safety of energy delivery and sustainable energy consumption. It provides an opportunity to face and adapt to the new challenges of climate change and together to shape the European energy market."*

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About CEER

The Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) is a not-for-profit organisation in which independent national regulators of electricity and gas voluntarily cooperate to protect consumer' interests and to facilitate the creation of a single, competitive, efficient and sustainable internal market for gas and electricity in Europe.

About CENELEC

The European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization is officially responsible for standardization in the electrotechnical field.

In an ever more global economy, CENELEC fosters innovation and competitiveness, making technology available not only to major businesses but also to SMEs through the production of voluntary standards. CENELEC creates market access at European level but also at international level through its cooperation agreement with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).

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