HLF - Workstream 4
Alignment of European and International standardisation workshop
Wednesday, 11 October 2023 from 9:30 to 17:00
Orgalim office, Boulevard A Reyers 80 - B1030 Brussels

- **Welcome and Introduction to the workshop** [09:30-09:45]
  Mette Peetz-Schou, Orgalim Sherpa coordinator

- **Plenary session I: The "international first" principle in practice. Working of the Vienna and Frankfurt agreements.** [09:45-10:45]
  In this session, CEN and CENELEC will present initial facts and figures on decoupling in the machinery sector. They will also explain how the Vienna and Frankfurt agreement work in practice and how they are applied.

  .1. Presentations:
    - Frankfurt Agreement (IEC-CENELEC)
      Nooshin Amirifar, *Account Manager Electrotechnical - CENELEC*
    - Vienna Agreement (ISO-CEN)
      Joanna Frankowska, *Project Manager Manufacturing - CEN CENELEC*
  .2. Q&A
  .3. Presentations:
    - Facts and figures of CEN CENELEC on machinery standardisation
      Joanna Frankowska, *Project Manager Manufacturing - CEN CENELEC*
    - Additional facts and figures
      Mette Peetz-Schou, *Orgalim Sherpa coordinator*
  .4. Q&A

Coffee break [10:45-11:00]

- **Plenary session II: EU approach to international standardisation. The case of AI standardisation** [11:00-12:00]
  In this session, the Commission will present their approach to international standardisation, highlighting what has changed compared to the past and including the results of the discussions carried out in the EC-ESOs Task Force and the work in the TTC. Activities around AI standardisation will serve as a case study to better understand the approach in practice.

  .1. Presentations:
    - European Commission's approach to international standardisation and technological sovereignty
      Sophie Mueller, *HoU Standardisation Policy DG GROW, European Commission*

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- AI standardisation: how the European Commission is looking at alignment with international standardisation

  Thierry Boulange, *Deputy HoU, AI policy development DG CNECT, European Commission*
  .2. Q&A

Lunch break [12:00-13:15]

- **Introduction to breakout sessions** [13:15-13:30]

- **Breakout sessions** [13:30-15:30]**:**
  .1. **International standards unsuitable for citation. Why is the decoupling happening? What could be the consequences of decoupling from international standards?**
  Objective: Clarify the dynamics around decoupling, if and why alignment matters and what the consequences of decoupling are.
  How: On the basis of the presentations given in Plenary session I, groups will discuss the below questions. Each group should identify a presenter and a note-taker. The presenters of each group will provide an overview of the discussions at the "in-plenary presentation session". These conclusions will form the basis of the Workstream report and of any follow-up activity.

  ↳ In-group discussion
  Guiding questions:
    - *Do you agree with what has been presented in the Plenary session I regarding definition of decoupling and misalignment?*
    - *What do you think of the data presented in the Plenary session I?*
    - *Where do we see the challenges with decoupling and misalignment?*
    - *Why do you think the decoupling/misalignment are happening?*
    - *What are the consequences of decoupling and misalignment?*
    - *Why is it important? Who benefits from alignment?*
    - *Do you have any solutions? What are the changes that we need in the system?*
    - *What do we mean by state-of-the-art? Do we look at it from an EU or international perspective?*
    - *Are they involved in any TCs discussing whether to submit a standard to become hEN? If so, how/why do they decide to submit the standard (or not)?*

  .2. **EU values and international standardisation**
  Objective: Understand and discuss the pros and cons of the presented approach. Link this approach to the reality of product development and how companies develop products with AI components.
  How: On the basis of the presentations given in Plenary session II, groups will discuss the below questions. Each group should identify a presenter and a note-taker. The presenters of each group will provide an overview of the discussions. These conclusions will form the basis of the Workstream report and of any follow-up activity.

  ↳ In-group discussion
  Guiding questions:
    - *How does this process differ from how standardisation works in other, more traditional, areas?*

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- *Taking into consideration the way in which AI standardisation work has been organised at EU level, is it realistic that standards developed in Europe and in line with our values, will be taken up at international level?*
- *What are the pros and cons of this approach?*
- *What should be improved?*
- *What are the consequences for product development? Do development processes change?*

Coffee break [15:30-15:45]

- **In-plenary presentation of breakout sessions** [15:45-16:45]

- **Workshop conclusion and next steps** [16:45-17:00]