

Public Consultation on the proposal for a revision of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012, also called the ‘EU Standardisation Regulation’

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Introduction

Purpose of this public consultation

This consultation relates to the proposal for a revision of [Regulation \(EU\) No 1025/2012](#), also called the ‘EU Standardisation Regulation’. The Standardisation Regulation sets the legal basis for using standardisation to support EU legislation and policies, governing how the European Standardisation System contributes to the Single Market and to other EU priorities. It defines the roles of European Standardisation Organisations (ESOs)[1], National Standardisation Bodies (NSBs), Member States and the Commission in the development of European standards (with specific provisions dedicated to the category of harmonised standards, which play a crucial role in the Single Market) and other standardisation deliverables (e.g., technical specifications), and how stakeholders can participate in the process. European standards play an important part in the functioning of the Single Market by aligning national standards and preventing multiple and potentially contradicting national approaches to standards. Harmonised standards are a specific type of European standards, which help businesses apply the requirements of EU law by providing a presumption of conformity to products respecting them.

The Commission announced that it would revise the Standardisation Regulation in the [2025 EU Competitiveness Compass](#), with the aim of making standard-setting processes ‘faster and more accessible, in particular for SMEs and startups’. As recognised in the [2022 EU Standardisation Strategy](#), the EU’s competitiveness, technological sovereignty and ability to protect its values and interests increasingly rely on its ability to deliver fast and accessible harmonised standards and on its influence as a global standard-setter. The results of the recent [Evaluation of Regulation \(EU\) 1025/2012](#) showed that the Regulation has improved the delivery of (harmonised) standards for EU policy purposes. Yet, major challenges remain, and the framework struggles to meet evolving market and policy needs. These challenges relate in particular to the speed and responsiveness to innovation of the European standardisation system, balanced stakeholder participation, accessibility of (harmonised) standards and the EU’s impact on international standardisation. The Commission will carry out an impact assessment to assess potential policy options to address these challenges, their possible effects and viability.

The focus of this consultation is specifically on standards developed to support EU law or policies, including harmonised standards (rather than other industry standards).

[1] These are CEN, CENELEC and ETSI.

B About you

* 1 Language of my contribution

- ☐ Bulgarian
- ☐ Croatian
- ☐ Czech
- ☐ Danish
- ☐ Dutch
- ☐ English
- ☐ Estonian
- ☐ Finnish
- ☐ French
- ☐ German
- ☐ Greek
- ☐ Hungarian
- ☐ Irish
- ☐ Italian
- ☐ Latvian
- ☐ Lithuanian
- ☐ Maltese
- ☐ Polish
- ☐ Portuguese
- ☐ Romanian
- ☐ Slovak
- ☐ Slovenian
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Swedish

* 2 I am giving my contribution as

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- ☐ Business association
- ☐ Company/business

- ☐ Consumer organisation
- ☐ EU citizen
- ☐ Environmental organisation
- ☐ Non-EU citizen
- ☐ Non-governmental organisation (NGO)
- ☐ Public authority
- ☐ Trade union
- ☐ Other

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* 6 Scope

- ☐ International
- ☐ Local
- ☐ National
- ☐ Regional

* 7 Level of governance

- ☐ Local Authority
- ☐ Local Agency

* 8 Level of governance

- ☐ Parliament
- ☐ Authority
- ☐ Agency

* 9 Organisation name

255 character(s) maximum

* 10 Organisation size

- ☐ Micro (1 to 9 employees)
- ☐ Small (10 to 49 employees)
- ☐ Medium (50 to 249 employees)
- ☐ Large (250 or more)

11 Transparency register number

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* 12 Country of origin

Please add your country of origin, or that of your organisation.

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| ☐ American Samoa | ☐ Egypt | ☐ Macau | ☐ San Marino |
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| ○ Aruba | ○ Faroe Islands | ○ Martinique | ○ Sint Maarten |
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| ○ Bahamas | ○ French Guiana | ○ Mexico | ○ Somalia |
| ○ Bahrain | ○ French Polynesia | ○ Micronesia | ○ South Africa |
| ○ Bangladesh | ○ French Southern and Antarctic Lands | ○ Moldova | ○ South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands |
| ○ Barbados | ○ Gabon | ○ Monaco | ○ South Korea |
| ○ Belarus | ○ Georgia | ○ Mongolia | ○ South Sudan |
| ○ Belgium | ○ Germany | ○ Montenegro | ○ Spain |
| ○ Belize | ○ Ghana | ○ Montserrat | ○ Sri Lanka |
| ○ Benin | ○ Gibraltar | ○ Morocco | ○ Sudan |
| ○ Bermuda | ○ Greece | ○ Mozambique | ○ Suriname |
| ○ Bhutan | ○ Greenland | ○ Myanmar/Burma | ○ Svalbard and Jan Mayen |
| ○ Bolivia | ○ Grenada | ○ Namibia | ○ Sweden |
| ○ Bonaire Saint Eustatius and Saba | ○ Guadeloupe | ○ Nauru | ○ Switzerland |
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☐ Brunei	☐ Haiti	☐ Nigeria	☐ Timor-Leste
☐ Bulgaria	☐ Heard Island and McDonald Islands	☐ Niue	☐ Togo
☐ Burkina Faso	☐ Honduras	☐ Norfolk Island	☐ Tokelau
☐ Burundi	☐ Hong Kong	☐ Northern Mariana Islands	☐ Tonga
☐ Cambodia	☐ Hungary	☐ North Korea	☐ Trinidad and Tobago
☐ Cameroon	☐ Iceland	☐ North Macedonia	☐ Tunisia
☐ Canada	☐ India	☐ Norway	☐ Türkiye
☐ Cape Verde	☐ Indonesia	☐ Oman	☐ Turkmenistan
☐ Cayman Islands	☐ Iran	☐ Pakistan	☐ Turks and Caicos Islands
☐ Central African Republic	☐ Iraq	☐ Palau	☐ Tuvalu
☐ Chad	☐ Ireland	☐ Palestine	☐ Uganda
☐ Chile	☐ Isle of Man	☐ Panama	☐ Ukraine
☐ China	☐ Israel	☐ Papua New Guinea	☐ United Arab Emirates
☐ Christmas Island	☐ Italy	☐ Paraguay	☐ United Kingdom
☐ Clipperton	☐ Jamaica	☐ Peru	☐ United States
☐ Cocos (Keeling) Islands	☐ Japan	☐ Philippines	☐ United States Minor Outlying Islands
☐ Colombia	☐ Jersey	☐ Pitcairn Islands	☐ Uruguay
☐ Comoros	☐ Jordan	☐ Poland	☐ US Virgin Islands
☐ Congo	☐ Kazakhstan	☐ Portugal	☐ Uzbekistan
☐ Cook Islands	☐ Kenya	☐ Puerto Rico	☐ Vanuatu
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| ☐ Cuba | ☐ Kyrgyzstan | ☐ Russia | ☐ Wallis and Futuna |
| ☐ Curaçao | ☐ Laos | ☐ Rwanda | ☐ Western Sahara |
| ☐ Cyprus | ☐ Latvia | ☐ Saint Barthélemy | ☐ Yemen |
| ☐ Czechia | ☐ Lebanon | ☐ Saint Helena
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Tristan da Cunha | ☐ Zambia |
| ☐ Democratic
Republic of the
Congo | ☐ Lesotho | ☐ Saint Kitts and
Nevis | ☐ Zimbabwe |
| ☐ Denmark | ☐ Liberia | ☐ Saint Lucia | |

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C Your organisation/business

15 What is the main economic activity of your organisation?

- ☐ Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
- ☐ Mining and Quarrying
- ☐ Manufacturing
- ☐ Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply
- ☐ Water Supply; Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities
- ☐ Construction
- ☐ Wholesale and Retail Trade
- ☐ Mobility and transport
- ☐ Accommodation and Food Service Activities
- ☐ Publishing, Broadcasting, and Content Production and Distribution Activities
- ☐ Telecommunication, Computer Programming, Consulting, Digital Infrastructure and Other Information Service Activities
- ☐ Financial and Insurance Activities
- ☐ Real Estate Activities

- ☐ Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities
- ☐ Administrative and Support Service Activities
- ☐ Public Administration and Defence; Compulsory Social Security
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Human Health and Social Work Activities
- ☐ Arts, Sports and Recreation
- ☐ Other Service Activities
- ☐ Activities of Households as Employers and Undifferentiated Goods - and Service-Producing Activities of Households for Own Use
- ☐ Activities of Extraterritorial Organisations and Bodies

16 Where do you do business?

- ☐ I do business [my business partners / target audience is] mostly in my country, which is in the EU
- ☐ I do business [my business partners / target audience is] mostly in the EU
- ☐ I do business [my business partners / target audience is] in the EU and outside of the EU
- ☐ I do business [my business partners / target audience is] mostly outside of the EU

D Involvement in standardisation

17 How familiar are you with the European Standardisation System (ESS) and standardisation practices in general?

Maximum 1 selection(s)

- ☐ No or limited knowledge
- ☐ Moderate knowledge
- ☐ Expert knowledge

18 What is your involvement in European standardisation?

Select all that apply

- ☐ My organisation uses harmonised standards
- ☐ My organisation uses other types of European standardisation deliverables
- ☐ I participate in technical work on standardisation

- ☐ I represent the interests of organisations involved in standardisation
- ☐ My organisation is active in education and/or research relating to standardisation
- ☐ Other

19 Please specify

20 Why does your organisation use standards?

Please rank the reasons below from most important to least important.

Use drag&drop or the up/down buttons to change the order or accept the initial order.

⋮	To benefit from the presumption of conformity and demonstrate compliance with EU law.
⋮	To facilitate the development or manufacturing of products.
⋮	To facilitate the conformity assessment of products.
⋮	To ensure the quality and safety of my products or services.
⋮	To cater for the requests or needs of customers or consumers.
⋮	To conduct research activities.
⋮	Other

21 Why does your organisation use other standardisation deliverables (e.g. European standards, technical specifications, technical reports, workshop agreements)?

Please rank the reasons from most important to least important.

Use drag&drop or the up/down buttons to change the order or accept the initial order.

⋮	To ensure interoperability of products, systems and services.
⋮	To facilitate the development or manufacturing of products.
⋮	To facilitate the conformity assessment of products.
⋮	To ensure the quality and safety of my products or services.
⋮	To cater for the requests or needs of customers or consumers.
⋮	To conduct research activities
⋮	Because it is mandatory under EU law

22 In your organisation, what is the estimated yearly number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff participating in standardisation activities?

23 How much of your organisation's yearly budget is invested to participate in standardisation activities?

Please provide an estimate in monetary terms (preferably in EUR).

24 How much of your time per year in full-time equivalent (FTE) do you spend on standardisation activities?

25 In how many standardisation projects (e.g. working groups or technical committees) are you involved in simultaneously?

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2-4
- ☐ 5-10
- ☐ 11+

26 What are the main reasons you or your organisation participate in standardisation work?

27 Do you or your organisation receive EU funding to participate in standardisation activities?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

28 Does your organisation want to play a more active role in the European standardisation system?

- ☐ Yes, my organisation thinks that it can benefit from participating more actively in European standardisation.
- ☐ No, my organisation does not think this is necessary.
- ☐ Don't know

29 What potential benefits does your organisation expect from more active participation in standardisation?

30 Do you consider investment in standardisation (via direct participation and/or financial support) by the following actors to be sufficient?

	More than Sufficient	Sufficient	Insufficient	Don't know
Member States	☐	☐	☐	☐
European Commission	☐	☐	☐	☐
Industry	☐	☐	☐	☐
Academia & research & technology organisations (RTOs)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Civil society	☐	☐	☐	☐

31 In your opinion, in which of these areas has the Standardisation Regulation been effective in its contributions?

You can select multiple choices

- ☐ Supporting a fast delivery of harmonised standards.
- ☐ Supporting a fast delivery of European standards.
- ☐ Supporting a fast delivery of other standardisation deliverables
- ☐ Guaranteeing that standards are easily available and accessible.
- ☐ Ensuring a balanced stakeholder participation in the development of European standards.
- ☐ Supporting the EU's role as a global standard-setter.
- ☐ Contributing to the international competitiveness of EU businesses.
- ☐ Other

32 Please specify

E Speed and responsiveness to innovation

The results of the evaluation of the Standardisation Regulation highlight slow, complex processes, delays due to lengthy quality assessments, limited digitisation, and insufficient flexibility in finding alternatives when (harmonised) standards are not available in a timely manner.

The Commission aims to make the standardisation process faster and more flexible. In this section, we invite you to share your experience with the speed of delivering harmonised standards and suggest the most effective ways to improve it.

33 Have you experienced situations where harmonised standards were unavailable or delayed in their availability?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

34 Have you encountered situations where other European standards or standardisation deliverables were unavailable or delayed?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

35 How often have you experienced the unavailability or delayed availability of harmonised standards? How did your organisation adapt to these challenges? Please share specific examples, including in terms of quantifiable financial costs on your organisation.

36 How often have you experienced the unavailability or delayed availability of other European standards or standardisation deliverables? How did your organisation adapt to these situations? Please share specific examples, including in terms of quantifiable financial costs on your organisation.

37 Please share your views on the following approaches to improve speed and flexibility of standardisation processes.

	Level of agreement	Expected benefits for me /my organisation	Expected costs for me /my organisation
There should be stronger mechanisms, such as mandatory deadlines paired with penalties, to enforce timely delivery of requested (harmonised) standards.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know
There should be more flexibility in the way (harmonised) standards are developed and delivered, including dedicated and simplified formats and procedures for (harmonised) standards requested to support EU law; use of alternative types of standardisation deliverables instead of standards; recourse to other standardisation bodies; open calls procedures for obtaining standards.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know

There should be fast-track procedures to develop and deliver priority standards.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know
The Commission's procedures for the request, evaluation and citation of (harmonised) standards should be simplified.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know

When standards or other standardisation deliverables are requested by the Commission, there should be strict, transparent and enforceable deadlines to be followed.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know
Simplified procedures and consolidation of texts by default should be applied when existing standards are amended.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know

The procedures for drafting or editing a standard should be fully digitised. For example, information exchange during the drafting process should only take place in a digital format.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know
There should be more and earlier involvement from Commission experts throughout the standardisation process to ensure that draft standards meet all legal requirements.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know

There should be better use of existing standards developed outside the European Standardisation System, provided they are appropriately adapted to meet essential requirements and subject to a set of criteria (e.g. inclusiveness, transparency).	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know
When using standards from recognised international standardisation bodies such as ISO, IEC and ITU, there should be a faster adaptation, adoption and take-up in the EU system.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know

The Commission should have the option to request the development of new standards by actors beyond the existing European Standardisation Organisations, provided that they work in an inclusive manner with balanced participation of relevant European stakeholders.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know
All (harmonised) standards should follow the same strict template and format to improve readability (including machine-readability) and understanding of its main components.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know

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What measures could be implemented when there are no harmonised standards or when such standards are delayed or unavailable at the time of applicability of the legislation they are supporting? For example: common specifications, interim solutions, use of previous standards.

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What measures could be implemented when there are no other European standards or when such standards are delayed or unavailable at the time of applicability of the legislation they are supporting? For example: use of implementing acts, interim solutions, use of previous standards.

40 Please share your views on the following approaches related to the role of the European Standardisation Organisation (ESOs).

	Agreement	Expected benefits for me /my organisation	Expected costs for me /my organisation
The list of European Standardisation Organisations in Annex I of the Regulation should be reviewed regularly to verify if the ESOs still fulfil the conditions to have this status, and/or to add new ESOs.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know
There should be a set of clear criteria that standardisation organisations must meet to be recognised as an ESO.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know

The standardisation framework should be opened to allow other organisations or consortia to respond to specific standardisation requests alongside the recognised ESOs, provided they meet a set of pre-defined criteria, such as inclusiveness, ensuring the quality of their work.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know
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41 What other measures do you propose to improve speed and responsiveness to innovation of the development of European standards?

F Inclusiveness of the standardisation process

Regarding achieving a balanced stakeholder participation in standardisation work, several barriers remain, in particular the lack of financial support and incentives for EU SMEs, startups, civil society and academia. Some organisations may lack the awareness, skills and resources to participate effectively, and are therefore underrepresented in the standardisation process. This is particularly acute in complex technical domains where working with standards requires scarce specialist knowledge.

In this section, we ask you to assess which measures you deem most relevant to improve an inclusive stakeholders' participation.

42 To what extent do you agree that standardisation activities are conducted in an inclusive manner, with balanced participation of all relevant stakeholders?

	Response
At national level, managed by national standardisation bodies.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know
At European level, managed by European standardisation organisations:	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know

At international level, managed by international standardisation bodies:	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know
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43 How familiar are you with current or planned standardisation projects concerning European standards or other European standardisation deliverables that affect your organisation?

(e.g. the launch of a new working group)

- ☐ Fully aware
- ☐ Partly aware
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Partly unaware
- ☐ Fully unaware
- ☐ Don't know

44 Please share your views on the following potential measures to improve inclusiveness and stakeholder participation.

Proposed measure	Level of agreement	Expected benefit for me /my organisation
Measures such as financial support or free access are needed to better support participation of experts representing SMEs in technical committees.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know

Measures such as financial support or free access are needed to better support participation of experts representing civil society in technical committees.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know
Increased capacity building available for European experts interested in participating in standardisation activities. This could include training courses on how to participate in standardisation work or awareness building on financing opportunities.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know
Increased transparency regarding the stakeholders involved in technical committees and working groups developing (harmonised) standards.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know

An obligation on ESOs and NSBs to ensure a minimum share of specific stakeholder interest in standardisation bodies and technical committees co-financed by the EU. For example, this could include a minimum share of SME representatives and balanced voting rights.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know
Voting rights for SMEs, consumers and other societal stakeholders (Annex III) in the standardisation process.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know
Accessible, simplified guidance to SMEs and other stakeholders to help new entrants find, understand and engage with standards. This could include tools like an AI-based standardisation assistant or a dedicated FAQ page.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know

45 What additional measures would you propose to improve inclusiveness and ensure balanced participation in standardisation?

G Access to standards

Case law confirms that harmonised standards are part of EU law, and that the principles of transparency and accessibility apply. Requirements in the current framework to encourage and facilitate access to standards have proven insufficient. Ensuring accessibility – especially for citizens, public authorities and SMEs – is therefore a matter of legal compliance and fair competition.

In this section, we ask you to share your views on how to improve access to harmonised standards.

46 To what extent do you agree with the following statements concerning your experience with access to harmonised standards?

	Response
It is difficult to identify the legally relevant content of a harmonised standard which is needed for presumption of conformity. <i>Legally relevant content is the specific content from the standard that provides the technical details on how the legal requirements of EU legislation can be implemented.</i>	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know
Harmonised standards are too long and complex.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know

It is easy to find which harmonised standard(s) best fit to my/my organisation's needs.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know
Harmonised standards sufficiently reflect the state of the art.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know
Having more options of standards to choose from would be beneficial.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know

47 Please share your views on the following statements related to potential measures to improve access to standards.

Potential measures	Level of agreement	Expected benefits for me /my organisation	Expected costs for me/my organisation
The legally relevant content of standards should be published and freely accessible by default.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know
Free access to a simplified summary of a standard's content would be useful.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know

Accessing only the legally relevant content of harmonised standards in the OJEU is sufficient for my work.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know
Access to standards supporting EU law in one's own language is important.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know

H EU's role in global standard-setting

While the EU has traditionally had a strong footprint in international standardisation activities, other countries and regions have become increasingly assertive and are using standards to give their industries a competitive advantage. In this section, we want you to share which measures you deem most relevant to strengthen the EU's role in global standard-setting.

48 To what extent do you agree that, in your field of expertise, the EU has a strong influence on standardisation internationally?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

49 Please indicate your thoughts on the following potential measures to strengthening the EU's role in international and global standard-setting.

Potential measure	Level of agreement	Expected benefits for me /my organisation	Expected costs for me /my organisation
Measures such as financial support and capacity building are needed to improve participation of experts representing SMEs or civil society from the EU in technical committees at the international level.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know
The EU should introduce a systematic monitoring action on new and on-going international standardisation activities and an intervention system to better protect EU values in international standardisation when needed.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know

The EU should prioritise financial support and other types of incentives to European stakeholders active in developing standards in emerging technologies.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know
There should be measures to increase cooperation and coordination between European stakeholders in international standards organisations.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know

The EU should build structural alliances with like-minded partners at the international level to amplify its values and strategic goals.	☐ Strongly agree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know	☐ Very high ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very low ☐ Don't know
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50 What aspects should be evaluated when considering the legislative use of international standards at EU level? (several options)

- ☐ None, international standards should be taken up in support of EU legislation whenever possible
- ☐ Alignment with EU values, notably its Charter of Fundamental Rights
- ☐ Impact on international competitiveness of EU companies
- ☐ Compatibility with EU policy objectives, including strategic autonomy, health, safety and performance requirements, green and digital transition
- ☐ Inclusiveness of the development process of the international standard
- ☐ Reflecting the recognised technological and legal state of the art in the EU
- ☐ Other

51 Please specify

52 What other measures do you propose to strengthen the EU's influence in international and global standardisation?

53 Do you think the Commission or another EU entity should be more or less involved in the following activities when carried out at international level?

	Response
Prioritisation of key standardisation projects	☐ More ☐ Less ☐ No Change ☐ Don't know
Support for pre-normative research	☐ More ☐ Less ☐ No change ☐ Don't know

Assessment of proposed harmonised standards	☐ More ☐ Less ☐ No change ☐ Don't know
Coordination of EU participation in international standardisation	☐ More ☐ Less ☐ No change ☐ Don't know
Collaboration with international partners on standardisation	☐ More ☐ Less ☐ No change ☐ Don't know
Promotion of skills and education in standardisation	☐ More ☐ Less ☐ No change ☐ Don't know
Active and direct participation in standardisation activities	☐ More ☐ Less ☐ No change ☐ Don't know

I Final Remarks

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You have reached the end of this questionnaire. If, in your opinion, specific points have not been sufficiently covered or were even left out, please provide any further comments or additional information here:

55 Would you be interested in participating in a targeted consultation?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

56 If you would be willing to be contacted for a targeted consultation, please leave your email address below:

57 You may upload any additional documents (e.g. position papers) to support your contribution to this consultation.

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