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Evaluation of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 on European Standardisation

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Introduction

Introduction

This public consultation is being conducted as part of the evaluation of Regulation (EU) 1025/2012 in response to the EU strategy on standardisation presented by the European Commission (COM(2022) 31). The European Standardisation System (ESS) provides the framework for requesting EU standards and standardisation deliverables in support of EU public policy and legislative needs, covering a wide range of industrial ecosystems.

The evaluation assesses the performance of the ESS in the evolving landscape of technical standardisation. It determines whether the existing framework is adequate and capable of delivering standards and technical specifications to support EU policy and legislative needs, while also maintaining global relevance.

Purpose and scope

The objective of this public consultation is to gather insights from a range of stakeholders with direct or indirect involvement in the ESS. It will look into various aspects of the ESS, including its achievements, efficiency, impact, relevance, EU added value, and alignment with EU policies and instruments. The public consultation will also help in gathering qualitative and quantitative data underpinning these assessments. The public consultation will inform the assessment on the functioning of Regulation (EU) 1025/2012, the cornerstone of the ESS.

Your participation in this survey is a valuable contribution to the evaluation of the ESS and the Regulation. It will also help in identifying possible areas for improvement.

Data protection policy

Before you begin the questionnaire, please carefully review and accept the privacy statement. This statement provides essential information on the use and handling of the data you provide. Your privacy and data protection are of the utmost importance.

Thank you for your participation in this evaluation. We look forward to your valuable insights and contribution.

About you

*Language of my contribution

Danish
Dutch
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Greek
Hungarian
Irish
Italian
Latvian
Lithuanian
Maltese
Polish
Portuguese
Romanian
Slovak
Slovenian
Spanish
Swedish
*I am giving my contribution as
Academic/research institution
Business association
Company/business
Consumer organisation
EU citizen
Environmental organisation
Non-EU citizen
Non-governmental organisation (NGO)
Public authority

Bulgarian

Croatian

Czech

Trade union
Other
*First name
Frank
*Surname
KOOS
*Email (this won't be published)
koos@eurowindoor.eu
If applicable, please select the sector corresponding to your primary activity or the
activity you represent.
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
transportation and storage
accommodation and food service activities
publishing, broadcasting, and content production and distribution activities
telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing 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 standardisation defence space
Which category best describes your role within the European Standardisation System (ESS)?
international standardisation body
EU standardisation organisation
representing societal stakeholders in line with the requirements outlined in Annex III of the Regulation
national standardisation body
national authority / market surveillance authority
other national authority
ondustry association
company
research institution
none of the above
Regarding standardisation, in what ways do you / does your organisation participate in the ESS?
*Please select all that apply.
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participation in standardisation activities at the national level.
direct use of standards
use of standards for public procurement
inform(s) others about standards
other (please specify)
none of the above
Organisation name
255 character(s) maximum

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*Organisation size

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

Transparency register number

Check if your organisation is on the transparency register. It's a voluntary database for organisations seeking to influence EU decision-making.

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*Country of origin

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

This list does not represent the official position of the European institutions with regard to the legal status or policy of the entities mentioned. It is a harmonisation of often divergent lists and practices.

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	Åland Islands		Dominica		Liechtenstein	Saint Pierre and
						Miquelon
	Albania		Dominican		Lithuania	Saint Vincent
			Republic			and the
						Grenadines
	Algeria		Ecuador		Luxembourg	Samoa
	American Samoa		Egypt		Macau	San Marino
	Andorra		El Salvador		Madagascar	São Tomé and
						Príncipe
	Angola	0	Equatorial Guinea	a	Malawi	Saudi Arabia
	Anguilla		Eritrea		Malaysia	Senegal
	Antarctica		Estonia		Maldives	Serbia
	Antigua and		Eswatini		Mali	Seychelles
	Barbuda					
	Argentina		Ethiopia		Malta	Sierra Leone
	Armenia		Falkland Islands		Marshall Islands	Singapore
	Aruba		Faroe Islands		Martinique	Sint Maarten

	Australia	0	Fiji		Mauritania	0	Slovakia
	Austria	0	Finland	0	Mauritius	0	Slovenia
	Azerbaijan	0	France	0	Mayotte	0	Solomon Islands
	Bahamas	0	French Guiana	0	Mexico		Somalia
	Bahrain	0	French Polynesia	0	Micronesia		South Africa
	Bangladesh		French Southern	0	Moldova		South Georgia
			and Antarctic				and the South
			Lands				Sandwich
							Islands
	Barbados	0	Gabon	0	Monaco		South Korea
	Belarus		Georgia		Mongolia	0	South Sudan
0	Belgium	0	Germany	0	Montenegro		Spain
	Belize	0	Ghana	0	Montserrat		Sri Lanka
	Benin	0	Gibraltar	0	Morocco	0	Sudan
	Bermuda		Greece	0	Mozambique	0	Suriname
	Bhutan		Greenland	0	Myanmar/Burma	0	Svalbard and
							Jan Mayen
	Bolivia		Grenada	0	Namibia	0	Sweden
	Bonaire Saint	0	Guadeloupe	0	Nauru		Switzerland
	Eustatius and						
	Saba						
	Bosnia and	0	Guam	0	Nepal		Syria
	Herzegovina						
	Botswana		Guatemala		Netherlands	0	Taiwan
	Bouvet Island		Guernsey	0	New Caledonia	0	Tajikistan
	Brazil	0	Guinea	0	New Zealand		Tanzania
	British Indian		Guinea-Bissau		Nicaragua	0	Thailand
	Ocean Territory						
	British Virgin	0	Guyana	0	Niger		The Gambia
	Islands						
	Brunei		Haiti		Nigeria	0	Timor-Leste
0	Bulgaria		Heard Island and	0	Niue		Togo
			McDonald Islands	3			
	Burkina Faso		Honduras		Norfolk Island		Tokelau

Burundi	Hong Kong	Northern	0	Tonga
		Mariana Islands		
Cambodia	Hungary	North Korea		Trinidad and
				Tobago
Cameroon	Iceland	North Macedonia	0	Tunisia
Canada	India	Norway		Türkiye
Cape Verde	Indonesia	Oman	0	Turkmenistan
Cayman Islands	Iran	Pakistan	0	Turks and
				Caicos Islands
Central African	Iraq	Palau		Tuvalu
Republic				
Chad	Ireland	Palestine		Uganda
Chile	Isle of Man	Panama	0	Ukraine
China	Israel	Papua New	0	United Arab
		Guinea		Emirates
Christmas Island	Italy	Paraguay	0	United Kingdom
Clipperton	Jamaica	Peru	0	United States
Cocos (Keeling)	Japan	Philippines	0	United States
Islands				Minor Outlying
				Islands
Colombia	Jersey	Pitcairn Islands	0	Uruguay
Comoros	Jordan	Poland	0	US Virgin Islands
Congo	Kazakhstan	Portugal	0	Uzbekistan
Cook Islands	Kenya	Puerto Rico	0	Vanuatu
Costa Rica	Kiribati	Qatar		Vatican City
Côte d'Ivoire	Kosovo	Réunion	0	Venezuela
Croatia	Kuwait	Romania	0	Vietnam
Cuba	Kyrgyzstan	Russia	0	Wallis and
				Futuna
Curaçao	Laos	Rwanda	0	Western Sahara
Cyprus	Latvia	Saint Barthélemy	0	Yemen
Czechia	Lebanon	Saint Helena	0	Zambia
		Ascension and		
		Tristan da Cunha		

0	Democratic	Lesotho	Saint Kitts and	Zimbabwe
	Republic of the		Nevis	
	Congo			
	Denmark	Liberia	Saint Lucia	

- *To what extent are you aware of Regulation (EU) 1025/2012 on European Standardisation and its main provisions?
 - to a large extent
 - to a moderate extent
 - to a small extent
 - not at all
 - I don't know

The Commission will publish all contributions to this public consultation. You can choose whether you would prefer to have your details published or to remain anonymous when your contribution is published. Fo r the purpose of transparency, the type of respondent (for example, 'business association, 'consumer association', 'EU citizen') country of origin, organisation name and size, and its transparency register number, are always published. Your e-mail address will never be published. Opt in to select the privacy option that best suits you. Privacy options default based on the type of respondent selected

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Organisation details and respondent details are published: The type of respondent that you responded to this consultation as, the name of the organisation on whose behalf you reply as well as its transparency number, its size, its country of origin and your contribution will be published. Your name will also be published.

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To what extent has Regulation (EU) 1025/2012 achieved its general objectives?

	to a large extent	to a moderate extent	to a small extent	not at all	l don't know
* reduce the time taken by the standardisation process for standards developed at the request of the Commission	0	0	0	0	•
* ensure that SMEs and societal stakeholders are adequately represented in the standardisation process, especially for standards developed at the request of the Commission	•	0	0	0	•
* broaden the use of ICT standards and thus enhance interoperability through a more integrated European public procurement market for ICT products and services	0	0	0	0	•
* remove ambiguities in the previous legal framework related to the former co-existence of three different legal instruments on EU standardisation (Decisions 87/95/EEC and 1673/2006/EC and Directive 98/34 /EC)	0	0	0	0	•

*Could you please explain your response in detail?

EuroWindoor is not of the opinion that the backlog for hENs is due to flaws of 1025/2012, but rather connected to the interface between ESO and EC. EuroWindoor believes this is mitigated through the introduction of the CPR Acquis process but further stable templates and agreed timelines for all involved stakeholders are still needed.

- *To what extent has the process defined by the Regulation facilitated the identification of ICT technical specification for public procurement referencing, and made the overall public procurement process more efficient?
 - to a large extent
 - to a moderate extent
 - to a small extent
 - not at all
 - I don't know.

Could you please explain your response in detail?

Information and Communications Technologies are of less importance for EuroWindoor.

In your opinion, where has Regulation (EU) 1025/2012 provided most added value (compared with not having this legal framework in place)?

*Please select 'yes', 'no' or 'I don't know' for each item.

	Yes	No	l don't know
* facilitation of conformity assessment procedures in the internal market via the development of harmonised standards	•	0	0
* facilitation of product compliance in the EU	•	0	0
* removal of trade barriers	•	0	0
* reduction of transaction costs	•	0	0
* increased level of interoperability	0	0	•
* increased adoption of a common technical language in the EU market	•	0	0
* increased opportunities to introduce products and services into the internal market	•	0	0
* development of EU standards with global signalling effect	•	0	0
* facilitated alignment of EU and international standards	0	0	•
* other (please specify)	0	0	•

PΙ	ease specify.				

To what extent are the provisions of the Regulation suitable for addressing the wider strategic objectives, as outlined in the 2022 EU strategy on standardisation (COM(2022) 31)?

	to a large extent	to a moderate extent	to a small extent	not at all	l don't know
* the Regulation contributes to the development of future market needs, particularly as regards the establishment of new value chains for a resilient, green and digital internal market	0	•	0	0	•
* the Regulation contributes to the development of standards when there is an urgent market need	0	0	•	0	0
* the Regulation contributes to the development of services standards	0	0	0	0	•

* the Regulation allows integrity, inclusiveness and accessibility in the ESS, including fair representation of all societal stakeholders	•	0	0	0	0
* the Regulation helps EU stakeholders take a prominent role in global standards-setting	0	•	0	0	0
* the Regulation contributes to the promotion of EU democratic values, including at global level	0	0	0	0	•
* the Regulation contributes to ensuring that cutting- edge research and innovation inputs are provided in the standards-development process	0	•	0	0	0

Specific questions: Speed and timeliness

To what extent are you satisfied with the development time of EU harmonised standards?

*Rate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree	I don' t know.
* the time taken to develop harmonised standards is efficient	0	•	0	0	0	0
* the collaborative standard development does not unnecessarily extend the duration	0	0	0	•	0	0
* the standards are developed in a time frame that allows timely implementation in relevant industries	•	•	•	•	•	0
* the duration of the development process provides ample time for clear communication and preparation for implementation	0	0	•	•	•	0
* there is sufficient time for thorough feedback and revisions during the standard development process	0	0	•	0	0	0
* compared with other standard- setting processes, the duration for developing harmonised standards is satisfactory	•	0	0	0	0	0

* the time taken to develop harmonised standards is consistent with bringing innovation	0	0	0	•	0	0
to the market						

Could you please explain your response in detail?

Frequent changes and adjustments of guidance and templates, particularly for product standards of construction products, delay the process as it requires additional time-consuming modifications and leads to new discussions. Sufficient time must be provided for the standardisation committee to be able to develop the standards by consensus and at a high technical level. If time is to be saved, this must happen during the formal process steps, such as translation or the initiation of surveys and votings.

Due to EOTA route for innovative construction products there is not an issue with bringing innovative products on the market in a timely manner.

How important are the following aspects of the governance of the ESS in accelerating the development of harmonised standards?

*Please rate the level of importance of the following processes.

	not at all important	slightly important	moderately important	very important	extremely important	l don't know.
* coordination between ESOs, NSBs and the Commission (including collaboration on drafting standards)	0	0	0	0	•	0
* the clarity of the Commission's strategic objectives for the European Standardisation formulated through the annual EU work programme on EU standardisation	0	0	0	0	•	0
* societal stakeholder engagement and participation in standardisation activities	0	0	0	0	•	0
* the process of standardisation requests	0	0	0	0	•	0
* the process of standards-development	0	0	0	0	•	0
* the process of citation of standards-deliverables	0	0	0	0	•	0
* the availability and use of EU financing	0	0	0	•	0	0

To what extent do you perceive barriers within the current governance of the ESS that affect the speed of harmonised standard development?

*Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree	l don' t know
* there are additional obligations and administrative delays that hinder a speedy development of harmonised standards	0	0	0	0	•	0
* the internal procedures within the European standardisation organisations are burdensome	0	0	•	0	0	0
* the additional requirements from the Commission to allow the citation of harmonised standards are too burdensome	0	0	0	0	•	0
* poor communication and coordination among stakeholders within the system leads to a slow standard development process	0	0	0	0	•	0
* insufficient allocation of resources (such as funding, personnel and information) within systems impedes the rapid development of harmonised standards	0	0	0	•	0	0
* the lack of technical experts leads to a slow standards-development process	0	0	•	0	0	0
* the absence of clear and decisive leadership and responsibility in the standards- development process is an impediment and leads to a slower process of developing harmonised standards	0	0	0	•	0	0
* the discrepancy between policy and stakeholder needs for the standards-deliverable leads to a slower process	0	0	0	•	0	0

Specific questions: Competitiveness of European businesses

To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements about EU standards and standardisation deliverables' impact on in the competitiveness of EU businesses within the internal market?

*Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree	I don' t know
* European standards and standardisation deliverables facilitate cross-border activities and trade in the internal market	0	0	0	0	•	0
* European standards and standardisation deliverables facilitate the market deployment of innovative technologies	0	0	0	•	©	0
* European standards and standardisation deliverables reduce production costs for companies	0	0	0	0	•	0
* European standards and standardisation deliverables reduce compliance costs for companies	0	0	0	0	•	0
* European standards and standardisation deliverables increase interoperability of components and products	0	0	0	0	•	0
* European standards and standardisation deliverables facilitate access to the EU market for SMEs	0	0	0	0	•	0
* European standards and standardisation deliverables enhance companies' growth (e.g. market share)	0	0	0	•	0	0
* European standards and standardisation deliverables enhance companies' productivity	0	0	0	0	•	0

Specific questions: Support to EU policy and legislation

In your view, how effective is the Regulation in developing European standards in support of EU legislation and policies?

*Please rate the impact for each of the following goals.

	very high	high	moderate	low	very low	l don't know
* in response to new policies and legislation supporting standardisation	0	•	0	0	0	0
* in ensuring timely delivery of requested standards and standardisation deliverables	0	0	•	0	0	0
* in anticipating strategic future market needs in standardisation	0	0	•	0	0	0
⋆ in improving product safety	0	•	0	0	0	0
* in improving sustainability	0	•	0	0	0	0
* in fostering interoperability between ICT systems	0	0	0	0	0	•
* in ensuring adherence to EU democratic values	0	•	0	0	0	0

Inclusiveness of the European Standardisation process

To what extent do you believe that Regulation (EU) 1025/2012 has ensured the engagement and effective participation of the following stakeholders?

	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree	l don' t know
* SMEs and start-ups	0	0	0	•	0	0
* societal stakeholders	0	0	•	0	0	0
* the research/academic community	0	0	0	•	0	0
* Member States' public authorities	0	0	•	0	0	0

In your opinion, what is the level of representation and engagement in the development of the following types of standards?

*Please rate the impact of each of the following types of standards.

	very	high	high	moderate	low	very	I don't	
	high high	moderate	low	low	know.			

* standards for services	0		0	0	0	•
* standards for products	0	•	0	0	0	0
* standards to improve interoperability	0	0	0	0	0	•

Specific questions: Competitiveness of European businesses at global level

To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements about European standards and standardisation deliverables' impact on to the competitiveness of EU businesses at the global level?

*Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree	l don' t know
* European standards and standardisation deliverables facilitate market access outside the EU/EEA	0	0	•	0	0	0
* European standards and standardisation deliverables facilitate the establishment of business partnerships around the globe	•	•	•	•	•	•
* European standards and standardisation deliverables facilitate innovation in EU businesses	0	0	0	•	•	•
* European standards and standardisation deliverables enhance the cost-competitiveness of EU businesses	0	0	0	•	0	0
* European standards and standardisation deliverables improve the price-competitiveness of EU businesses	0	0	0	•	0	0

Specific questions: Policy coherence

Can you identify any new policy area where the ESS should improve its presence? *Please select 'yes', 'no', 'I don't know' for each item.

Yes	No	I don't know	
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* artificial intelligence			
* quantum computing	0	0	•
* blockchain and distributed ledger technologies	0	0	•
* the Internet of Things (IoT)	0	0	•
⋆ 5G and future telecommunication networks	0	0	•
* autonomous vehicles	0	0	•
* biotechnology and gene editing	0	0	•
* renewable energy technologies	0	0	•
* nanotechnology cybersecurity	0	0	•
* smart cities technologies	0	0	•
* digital health	0	0	•
* sustainable manufacturing and the circular economy	0	0	0
* space technologies, in-orbit services and commercial spaceflight	0	0	•
* robotics	0	0	•
* new materials	•	0	0
* defence	0	0	0
* other (please specify)	0	0	•

Pleas	se specify.				

In your view, what are the barriers preventing the ESS from extending its reach into these technical areas?

*Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree strongly	agree	l don' t know
lack of experts to run new ESO technical committees	0	0	0	0	•	0
lack of financial resources to run new ESO technical committees	0	0	0	0	•	0
lack of interest of industry or other stakeholders in providing experts	0	0	•	0	0	0

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0	0	0	0	0	•

Final section

Considering the need for the ESS to adapt to a rapidly changing environment and support the EU's strategic goals, what action areas do you consider essential? *Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	Strongly agree	l don' t know
future standardisation needs and expediting the standard development process to spur innovation and prevent others from gaining a competitive edge	•	•	•	•	•	•
promoting stakeholder involvement and inclusivity in order to ensure standards meet market and consumer demands	•	•	•	•	•	0
improving cooperation, coordination and communication between standardisation bodies in the EU	0	•	•	0	•	0
raising awareness of the benefits of standardisation for competitiveness and innovation and sustainability	•	0	0	0	•	0

adapting the ESO/NSB network
organisation and procedures for
future needs, especially in
technology convergence

In addition to the responses and comments already provided in response to this questionnaire, please use the space below for any additional remarks you wish to make.

Generally the foundation of 1025/2012 is ok and do not need to change. The main challenges/problems related to developing in a timely manner harmonized standards for construction products will be solved via the new CPR - however better, timely and stable guidance for stakeholders involved in writing standards meeting the requirements for citation is still needed.

You can upload any document in support of your replies to this survey here.

Only files of the type pdf,txt,doc,docx,odt,rtf are allowed

I agree to be contacted for more in-depth discussions regarding the ESS.

*If you answer 'yes', we might contact you using the email address you provided at the beginning of the survey.

Yes

O No

Contact

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