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- Promote the use of standards by policy-makers and business
- Institution-building through design of regulatory systems that integrate standards
- Standards in the implementation of global frameworks (SFDRR, SDGs, UN/HABITAT3)



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Five main areas of work:

Advocacy

- Advocate for use of standards by Governments & by the UN / Engage standards organizations

Regulatory cooperation

- Engage in regional/international efforts
- Remove technical barriers to trade in specific sectors

Market surveillance

- Fight proliferation of counterfeit and non-compliant goods on the markets

Risk Management in Regulatory Frameworks


- Safer and more resilient communities and eco-systems

Education on standards-related issues

- Bring toolbox of standards to Universities



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Regulatory harmonization and cooperation – encouraging rule makers to base their regulations on international standards. These provide a common denominator to the norms that apply on different markets and reduce the need to customize and retest the products whenever they cross a national border.



- Revision of Recommendations F and G on conformity assessment (December 2016)
- Revision of Recommendation L on technical harmonization based on good regulatory practice (December 2015)
- Participation in the work of standards bodies (i.e. IEC 80th General Meeting, Euroasian Interstate Council for standardization, metrology and certification (EASC))
- Regular participating in WTO TBT Committee work
- Common Regulatory Arrangements (CRAs) in cooperation with IECEx



Education on standards and related issues - making sure that new generations are aware of what standards and regulations are and how they can be used to meet developing goals and targets (SDGs).

- Presentation on "UNECE initiative on Education on Standardization" at the annual World Standards Cooperation (WSC) Academia Day
- Familiarizing university students with topical issues of standardizing
- Ongoing project in Kyrgyzstan where training materials will be custom-designed and delivered to trade support institutions, traders and government officials in matters related to risk management in regulatory systems, conformity assessment and market surveillance until mid-2018



Advocacy - promote the use of standards in regulatory and policy work at the regional and global levels.

- Cooperation with OECD on its project on how international organizations contribute to better rules of globalization and preparing the study on UNECE – finalized in November 2016
- Initiative for gender-responsive standards and workshop to discuss initiatives for standards to further contribute to gender parity and the achievement of SDG Goal 5

International Regulatory Co-operation
and International Organisations



The Case of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)



Market Surveillance - set of activities carried out and measures taken by designated authorities to ensure that products comply with mandatory requirements and do not endanger any aspect of public interest protection.

Promoting an approach of market surveillance based on best practice and international standards.



- 14th MARS Meeting, September 2016 in Geneva
- Adoption of Recommendation S on "Applying Predictive Risk Management Tools for Targeted Market Surveillance" at WP.6 26th Plenary in December 2016
- Update of contact information of Market Surveillance Agencies
- 15th MARS meeting, 11 – 12 September 2017 in Stockholm





Risk Management in Regulatory Frameworks – providing tools for structured thinking about uncertainties.

Enabling rational choices on the basis of the available information.

Multi-stakeholder consultations.



- UNECE - UNISDR Coordination meeting
- F2F meeting of Group of Experts on Risk Management in Regulatory Systems (GRM) on Sustainable Development Goals and Regulatory Standards
- Contributing to European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR) work
- Progressing ISO/TC 292 work on security and resilience
- Coordinating UNECE work on disaster risk reduction





Save the date:

- 15th MARS Meeting, 11-12 September 2017 in Stockholm
- Webinars and follow-up to F2F meeting of GRM
- Webinars on follow-up to initiative for gender-responsive standards
- 27th WP.6 Plenary Session, November 28-30, 2017



Thank you

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