Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies

Increasing the use of standards for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
WP.6 Main areas of work

Market surveillance:
- Develop and share best practice/Recommendations
- Develop a common terminology and provide advisory services/technical assistance
- Recommendation on “Market Surveillance Policies”
- Worldwide database of market surveillance authorities

Risk Management:
- Best practice/Recommendations on using risk management tools in developing and implementing regulations
- Book on “Risk Management in Regulatory Systems”
- Recommendation on “Risk management in Regulatory systems” and

Gender-responsive standards:
- To challenge the perception that standards and technical regulations are “gender neutral”
- To enhance the contribution of standards in reaching SDG Goal 5 on “Empowering Women and Girls”

Education on standards-related issues:
- Integrating standards and standards related issues into the curricula of universities, vocational training institutions and other research establishments
- Recommendation on “Education on standards-related issues”
Additionally, WP.6 works towards better and convergent regulations

- In sectors of high concern
- Governments define “common regulatory objectives” i.e. they define legitimate government concerns (public health, safety, protection of the environment, interoperability, etc)
- And agree on how to reach them
- By reference to international standards
- Specifying:
  - how compliance is assessed
  - which conformity assessment bodies are recognized as competent,
  - what competence criteria are to be fulfilled
Project on “Standards for the SDGs”

- Aims at raising awareness among standards bodies on the 2030 Agenda;
- Also aims at promoting the use of standards as a tool for policy makers, authorities, the civil society, the business communities, and other stakeholders

Two main strands:

- Research
  - A mapping exercise that identifies standards that have been influential for the achievement of SDGs.
  - Case studies of how national and regional authorities have used standards.

- Advocacy
  - Organization of an event on “Standards for the SDGs” 26 September 2018
  - As part of the ISO General Assembly to capitalize on the presence in Geneva of more than 400 representatives of the worldwide standards community
  - To showcase examples of how standards have been used to progress towards in particular four of the SDG 6 (Water) SDG 7 (Energy) SDG 11 (with a focus on DRR) and SDG 13 (Climate Change)

Format of the event

- High level opening
- 4 parallel session on the 4 goals co-organized by UNECE, international standards organizations, and other UN organizations (UN/HABITAT, UNISDR, UN/WATER, UNFCCC and others)
- We invite your proposed contributions to the event
UNECE Gender-responsive standards group

OUR OBJECTIVES
• Make standards a tool for gender equality and women empowerment
• Substantially increase women’s participation in standards development

OUR ONGOING and PLANNED ACTIVITIES
• Bimonthly webinars to exchange best practice
• Develop and promote a “Pledge” for Gender-Responsive Standards Bodies
• Develop a database with sex-disaggregated data on women participation in standardization activities
• Develop guidance to assess whether standards are gender-biased and to correct gender bias if present:
• Assessing the impact of standards on women
• Adapt existing training materials on gender to standards
• Continue to exchange best practice
Training materials

• Aim at teaching how to design regulatory systems that result in an efficient, effective and transparent management of risks, in particular the risks related to the implementation of Agenda 2030

• Consists of three parts:
  - Risk management in regulatory systems
  - Risk based conformity assessment
  - Risk based market surveillance

• Materials have been developed as part of a technical cooperation project for the Republic of Kyrgyzstan
Upcoming WP.6 events, meetings and technical cooperation activities:

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Recent deliverables from WP.6

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- https://goo.gl/ayS7TH
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- Forthcoming
Thank you!