UNECE GRM

Brief Overview

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1) Background

Post-2015 Development Agenda

THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT
TIME FOR GLOBAL ACTION

PARIS2015
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE
COP21·CMP11

- 2015 a historic year for the United Nations
- **March 2015**: Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
- **June 2015**: Financing for Development
- **September 2015**: Adoption of the SDGs by the UN General Assembly
- **December 2015**: COP 21 adopted the Paris Agreement
- **October 2016**: The New Urban Agenda

COHERENCE ACROSS THE GLOBAL FRAMEWORKS

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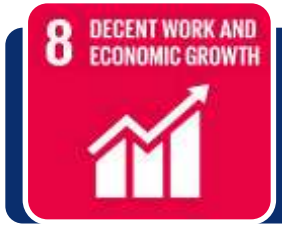
- More details? See: OECD

RM & the 2030 agenda

International trade/PPPs

Environmental management



Transfer of knowledge and technology

Smart cities

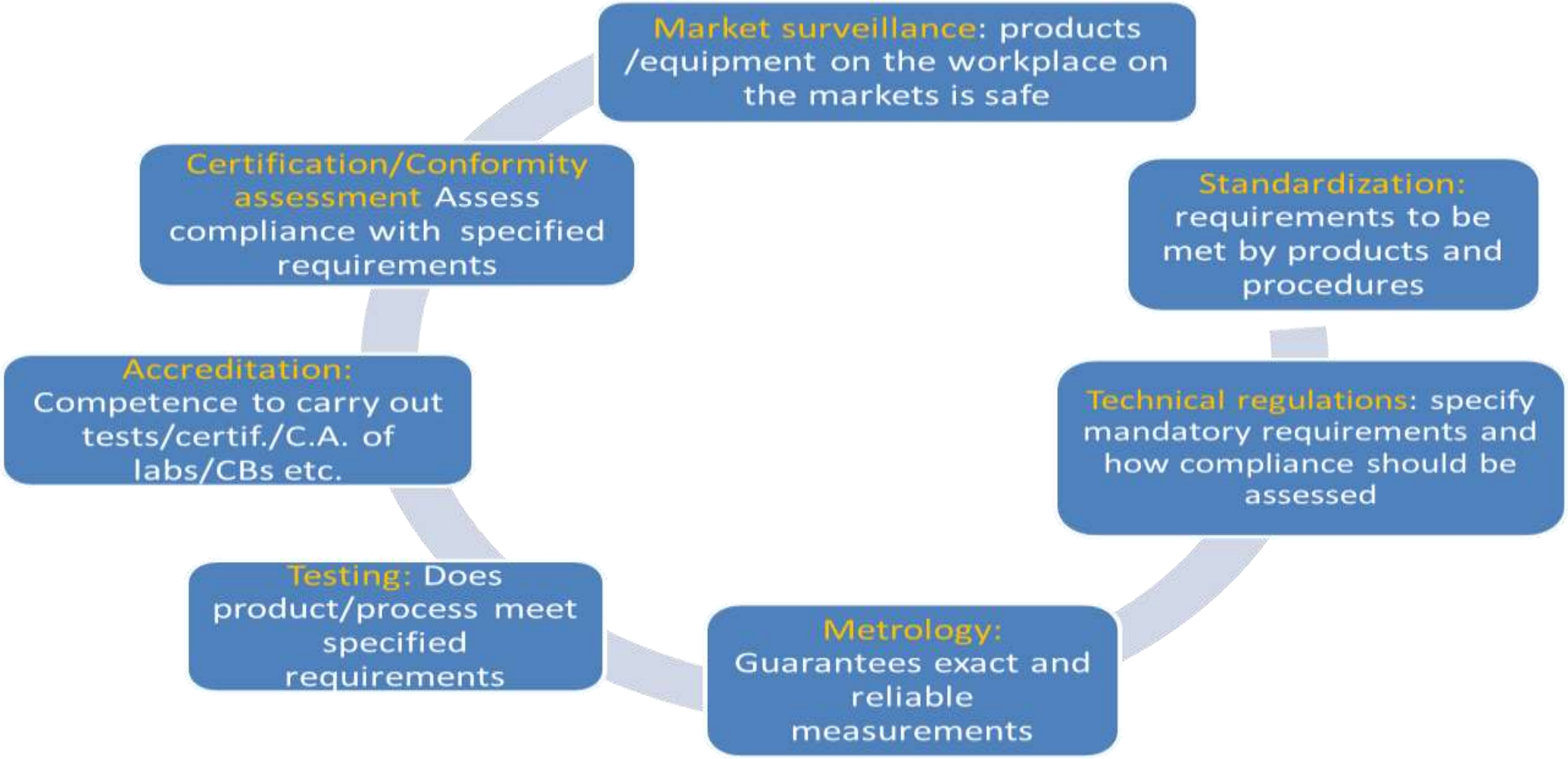
Energy efficiency

Emission standards

Resilience

Transition to a green economy

There is more to regulations than a law!



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WP6 on «Regulatory cooperation and std policies»

- 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, Paris Agreement, UN/HABITAT3)

WP. 6 and the SDGs: ongoing initiatives:

- SDG5: Standards as enablers of gender equality and the empowerment of all genders
- SDG4: Furthering education on standardization
- SDG 11: Enhancing the use of risk management tools in public policy
- SDG 17: Promoting partnerships between standards bodies and authorities at local, national and global bodies & common regulatory frameworks in critical sectors

UNECE GRM

- The UNECE Group of Experts on Risk Management in Regulatory Systems ('UNECE GRM') was **established in 2010** by the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies.
- The group is quite diverse and with **experts from 13 countries** participating. They bring perspectives from authorities, standards-setting organizations, conformity assessment bodies, universities and research institutions as well as business companies.
- **Bi-monthly webinars** and **electronic data exchanges** are the major forms of communication in the group.
- Our **goal is to improve the management of hazards** that have the potential to affect the quality of products and services, and/or cause harm or damage to people, the environment, property and immaterial assets.
- GRM **develops/shares best practice on the use of risk management** in regulatory and managerial activities.
- **NEW: In-person meetings**, today's one being the 1st one/ pilot.

2) Mission

Mission (to date)

Strategic Approach

UNECE GRM provides **“on-demand” advice/ recommendation** by:

- **increasing the level of involvement** of regulatory stakeholders in GRM’s activities;
- **inviting regulatory stakeholders** to share their needs related to the application of risk management tools in regulatory frameworks; and,
- **developing specific recommendations** for stakeholders based on needs.

Progress

To date, UNECE GRM has focused its efforts on the development of methodologies for field projects to implement GRM recommendations within a given sector by:

- **building capacity** to identify and manage the risks that confront various sectors;
- **promoting a shared vision** of optimal outputs proportionate to existing risks; and,
- **developing action plans** to fully implement risk management methodologies and to **evaluate existing regulations against the identified risks**.

Achievements

Field work: In cooperation with UNIDO workshops in Nigeria and in Malawi – forthcoming activities in cooperation with ARSO & the EU ACP TBT project in Uganda and Namibia

Regulatory cooperation: Two recommendations on how to use RM in all phases of regulatory work (from development of regulations to CA and MS)

3) Future role

Future role

- UNECE GRM was asked to hold a **face-to-face meeting** to discuss approaches for managing risks in regulatory systems that would **support member countries in moving forward on the Sustainability Development Goals of the United Nations** while building upon the ongoing work of GRM.
- Regulators and experts will be invited to such a meeting to **identify and outline subject areas where risk management standards would enable countries** to implement risk management approaches in their regulatory activities to achieve the Goals.
- Based on the interest expressed, **Goal 14 "Life Below Water"** was recommended to GRM as an **initial step for the meeting** as goal 14 covers a broad range of environmental, cultural, social and economic risks that could be effectively and efficiently managed through risk management processes and regulatory standards.

4) Membership

UNECE GRM – Membership

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Thank you / Herzlichen Dank

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