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EU development in standardisation

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European standardisation ...

...is founded on the WTO principles of coherence, transparency, openness, consensus, voluntary application, independence from special interests, efficiency;

...supports the Single Market by eliminating technical barriers to trade, and facilitating the free movement of goods and services, network interoperability, means of communication, technological development and innovation.



Standards – Market Tool

Standardisation: voluntary activity of private bodies, mostly without a direct regulatory link

Standards: private voluntary consensus documents for repetitive use

- Most standards are developed on industry's initiative, by industry experts, for the use of industry, and using the financial resources of the industry
- European standards have a key role for the competitiveness of the European industry
- Economic contribution of standards to the economies Members States: up to **1% of national GDP**



Standards – Legislative Tool

- **Single European Act:** *Internal Market to be completed by Dec 1992 => need for new legislative techniques*
- **New approach to technical harmonisation and standards:**
 - **Legislative harmonisation limited to essential requirements**
 - **Technical specifications** laid down in hENs
 - **Products manufactured** in compliance with hENs benefit from **presumption of conformity**
 - **Application of hENs remains voluntary (CPR excluded)**
- **New Legislative Framework (NLF)**



The JIS in numbers

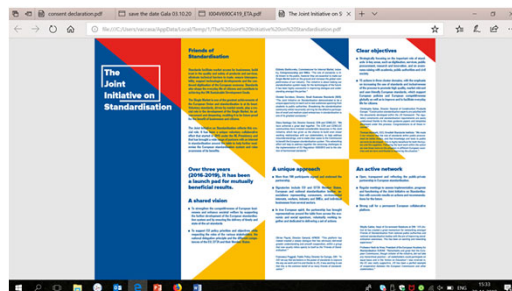
- **36 months** (signed 13/06/2016, ended 07/06/19)
- **+120 signatories and endorsements**
- Signed by most EU and EFTA Member States, NSBs, industry associations, societal stakeholders, etc.
- **+120 meetings** in total for the actions

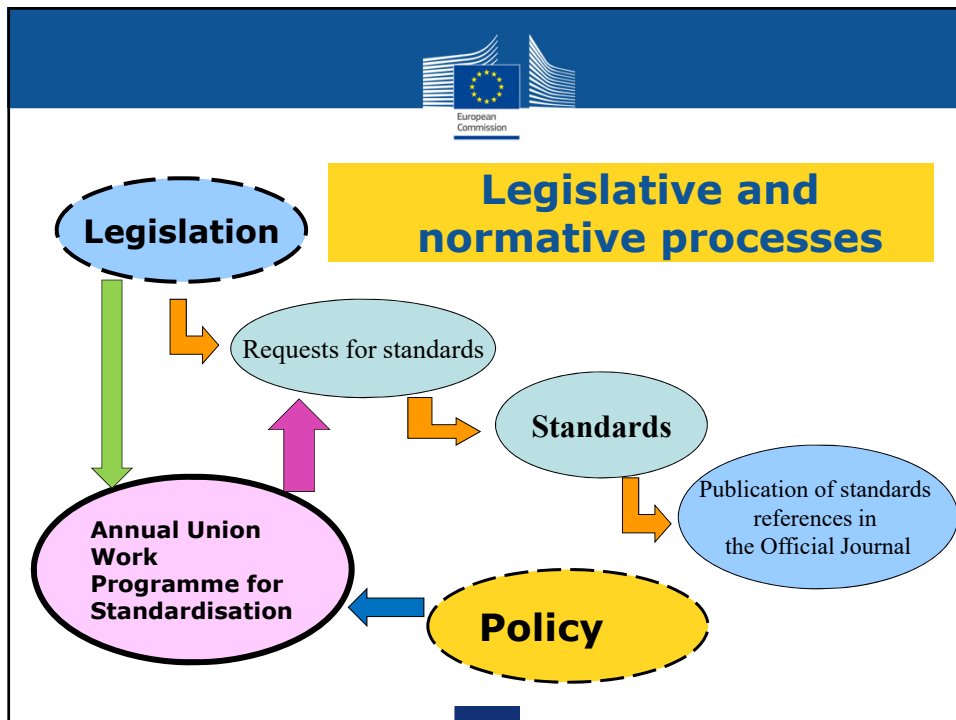


The Final brochure for Joint Initiative on Standardisation

You can find it online!

<https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/35781>





Annual Union Work Programme for standardisation – 2020

Also this can be found online!

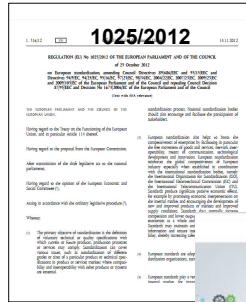
It is the Communication COM/2019/486 final

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1572261556695&uri=COM:2019:486:FIN>

A coherent Framework



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Joint Initiative on Standardisation



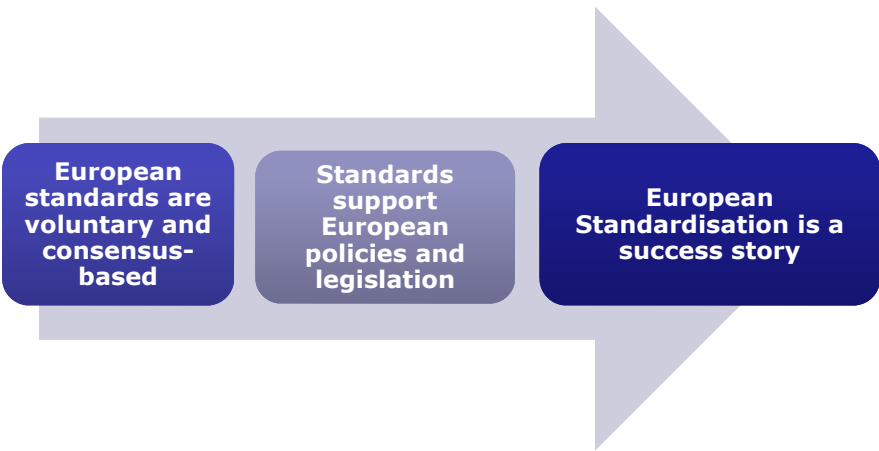
MSP – Multi-Stakeholder Platform



CoS – Committee on Standards



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**Thank you
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