

ANEC & THE REVISION OF THE STANDARDISATION REGULATION

AIMING FOR A STRONGER, FAIRER & MORE INCLUSIVE EUROPEAN STANDARDISATION SYSTEM

Why it matters?

Harmonised standards increasingly shape the safety, security, interoperability, accessibility and fairness of products and services in Europe.

ANEC calls for a targeted revision of Regulation 1025/2012 to ensure standards deliver real consumer protection and value in the public-interest.

1 Standards must not decide fundamental rights

! Standards = technical tools, not political decision-making.

- ✓ Legislators must define essential requirements.
- ✓ Standardisation Requests must be clear, complete & implementable before work begins.

6 Harmonised standards must be accessible

- ✓ Controlled read-only access for legal clarity and fairness.
- ✓ Available in all EU languages.
- ✓ Machine-readable formats for transparency & interoperability.

5 International standards must align with EU values

- ✓ EU should decide when ISO/IEC work is appropriate for harmonised standards.
- ✓ Ensure international standards meet EU requirements, principle and values.

4 Inclusiveness must be non-negotiable

- ✓ Provide stable EU/EFTA funding for Annex III organisations.
- ✓ Member States need to put in place frameworks to support participation.
- ✓ Improve transparency of participation and promote tools for remote work.

2 The Commission must verify compliance with EU law

- ✓ Harmonised standards grant presumption of conformity: legal implications are significant.
- ✓ Replace the HAS Consultant model with a permanent, multidisciplinary assessment team inside the Commission.
- ✓ Include expertise: legal, technical, consumer, accessibility, societal impact.

3 Speed must not sacrifice quality or inclusiveness

- △ Fast-tracking risks weakening participation and consensus.
- ✓ Ensure timely delivery without undermining stakeholder balance.
- ✓ Use alternative deliverables only as a last resort, with full stakeholder involvement.



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