

ANEC comments on

Mandate to CENELEC in the field of the Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EC for the revision of relevant standards for electrical household appliances with respect to the safety of children, elderly and people with disabilities.

ANEC welcomes this mandate, and encourages each action to improve the safety of children, older people and people with disabilities.

ANEC expressed concerns on this topic several times to the Commission, Member States and CENELEC, and welcomes that the Commission wants to address the problem.

ANEC also welcomes the setting up and the ongoing work of CLC/TC 61 WG4 "Use of appliances by vulnerable people", which ANEC is actively participating in. Although work is ongoing within CENELEC, we feel that a mandate and, in other words, political support, would still be welcome, especially to ensure the sustainability of WG4 and also to deal with EN 60335 Part 1 at a later stage.

We suggest to change "elderly" by "older people" in the title of the mandate.

The text mentions that "The work done within IEC shall be taken into account in order to avoid contradiction and confusion for the users of standards". As CENELEC is currently taking the lead on this issue through the ongoing work in CLC/TC 61 WG 4, we suggest to change the sentence as follows: "Where appropriate alignment with equivalent activities in IEC should be assured".

We suggest to add to the text of the mandate that the following Guides should be taken into account:

- ISO/IEC Guide 50: Safety aspects – Guidelines for child safety
- CEN/CENELEC Guide 6: Guidelines for standards developers to address the needs of older persons and persons with disabilities