



PRESS RELEASE

- for immediate release –

Metrology and Standardization in Europe: Cooperation Agreement between CEN-CENELEC and EURAMET

(Brussels – 29 June 2010) A Cooperation Agreement was signed today between EURAMET, the European Association of National Metrology Institutes, and CEN, the European Committee for Standardization and CENELEC, the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization. This Cooperation Agreement will increase the opportunities for bridging standardization and European-funded research in the field of metrology.

In this Cooperation Agreement CEN-CENELEC and EURAMET agree to pursue strategic goals and projects of common interest in the fields of metrology and standardization in support of scientific advancement and technological innovation, so that societal challenges which impact on the economy and the quality of lives within Europe can be met.

Innovation is at the heart of standardization activities and of strategic importance to CEN and CENELEC. It is of equal importance to EURAMET, which seeks to accelerate the development of measurement research capabilities in innovative areas such as healthcare, energy, environmental and advanced technology sectors – all of which are areas in which CEN and CENELEC have current relevant standardization activities.

Within the CEN and CENELEC standardization processes, CEN-CENELEC and EURAMET seek co-operation in the field of activities of EURAMET, such as research in metrology, knowledge exchange & infrastructural support in metrology and international recognition of national measurement standards and of Calibration and Measurement Capabilities (CMC).

EURAMET agrees to promote the importance and benefits of standardization and likewise CEN-CENELEC agrees to promote the importance and benefits of quality-assured measurement in existing standards and in pre-normative research and innovation.



The Cooperation Agreement has been drafted against the background of the Council Conclusions of 25 September 2008 on standardization and innovation and Article 185 (formerly 169) on the EC Treaty, which outlines better coordination of research activities and the convergence of research and innovation policies at national and EU levels.

The Cooperation Agreement was signed by Mrs Elena SANTIAGO (Director General CEN-CENELEC) and Prof. Leslie PENDRILL (Chairperson, EURAMET), in the presence of Mr Edvard KOŽUŠNIK (Member of the European Parliament), Mr Wolfgang WITTKÉ (Policy Officer, DG Research, European Commission), Prof. Kamal HOSSAIN (Member of the Board of Directors, EURAMET), Mr Bardo SCHETTINI (Director Corporate Policy, CEN-CENELEC) and Mr André PIRLET (Programme Manager, Innovation Department, CEN-CENELEC).



Signing the Cooperation Agreement:

Mrs Elena Santiago (Director General CEN-CENELEC) and Prof. Leslie Pendrill (Chairperson, EURAMET)

(from l – r): Mr Wolfgang Wittke (Policy Officer, DG Research, European Commission), Mr Edvard Kožušník (Member of the European Parliament), Mrs Elena Santiago (Director General CEN-CENELEC), Prof. Kamal Hossain (Member of Board of Directors, EURAMET), Prof. Leslie Pendrill (Chairperson, EURAMET) and Mr André Pirlet (Innovation Department, CEN-CENELEC).

– END –



ABOUT CEN

The European Committee for Standardization (CEN) is a business catalyst in Europe, removing trade barriers for European stakeholders such as industry, public administration, service providers, consumers and other stakeholders. Its mission is to foster the European economy in global trading, the welfare of European citizens, and the environment. Through its services CEN provides a platform for the development of European Standards and other specifications.

CEN's 31 National Members work together to develop voluntary European Standards (ENs) in various sectors to build a European Internal Market for goods and services and to position Europe in the global economy. By supporting research, and helping disseminate innovation, standards are a powerful tool for economic growth. More than 60.000 technical experts as well as business federations, consumer and other societal interest organizations are involved in the CEN network that reaches over 480 million people.

For further information, please visit: www.cen.eu

ABOUT CENELEC

The European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization is officially responsible for standardization in the electrotechnical field. In an ever more global economy, CENELEC fosters innovation and competitiveness, making technology available not only to major businesses but also to SMEs through the production of voluntary standards. CENELEC creates market access at the European level but also at the international level through its cooperation agreement with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).

Through the work of its 31 Members together with its experts, the industry federations and consumers, Electrotechnical European Standards are created in order to help shape the European Internal Market, to encourage technological development, to ensure interoperability and to guarantee the safety and health of consumers and provide environmental protection.

Detailed information available at www.cenelec.eu

ABOUT EURAMET

The European Association of National Metrology Institutes (EURAMET) is a Regional Metrology Organisation (RMO) of Europe. It coordinates the cooperation of National Metrology Institutes (NMI) of Europe in fields like research in metrology, traceability of measurements to the SI units, international recognition of national measurement standards and of the Calibration and Measurement Capabilities (CMC) of its members.

Among these tasks, EURAMET is responsible for the elaboration and execution of a European Metrology Research Programme (EMRP). EURAMET e.V. is a registered association of public utility under German law. Since 1 July 2007 EURAMET e.V. is the successor of EUROMET.



Further information can be found at www.euramet.org

Media Contacts:

CEN and CENELEC

Elisabeth Brodthagen

Unit Manager - Communication

Tel.: +32 2 519 68 90

E-mail: ebrodthagen@cencenelec.eu

EURAMET

Prof Kamal Hossain OBE

Director, Research and International

National Physical Laboratory

Tel.: +44 20 8943 6024

E-mail: kamal.hossain@npl.co.uk