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Role of societal stakeholders in standardisation and the need for more inclusiveness

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Regulation (EU) 1025/2012 on European standardization

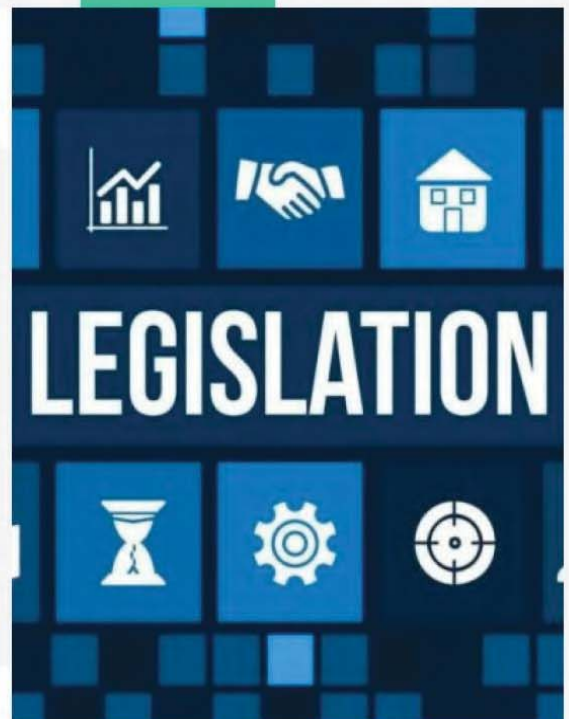
Article 5

Stakeholder participation in European standardisation

1. European standardisation organisations shall encourage and facilitate an appropriate representation and effective participation of all relevant stakeholders, including SMEs, consumer organisations and environmental and social stakeholders in their standardisation activities. They shall in particular encourage and facilitate such representation and participation through the European stakeholder organisations receiving Union financing in accordance with this Regulation at the policy development level and at the following stages of the development of European standards or European standardisation deliverables:

ANNEX III

EUROPEAN STAKEHOLDER ORGANISATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR UNION FINANCING

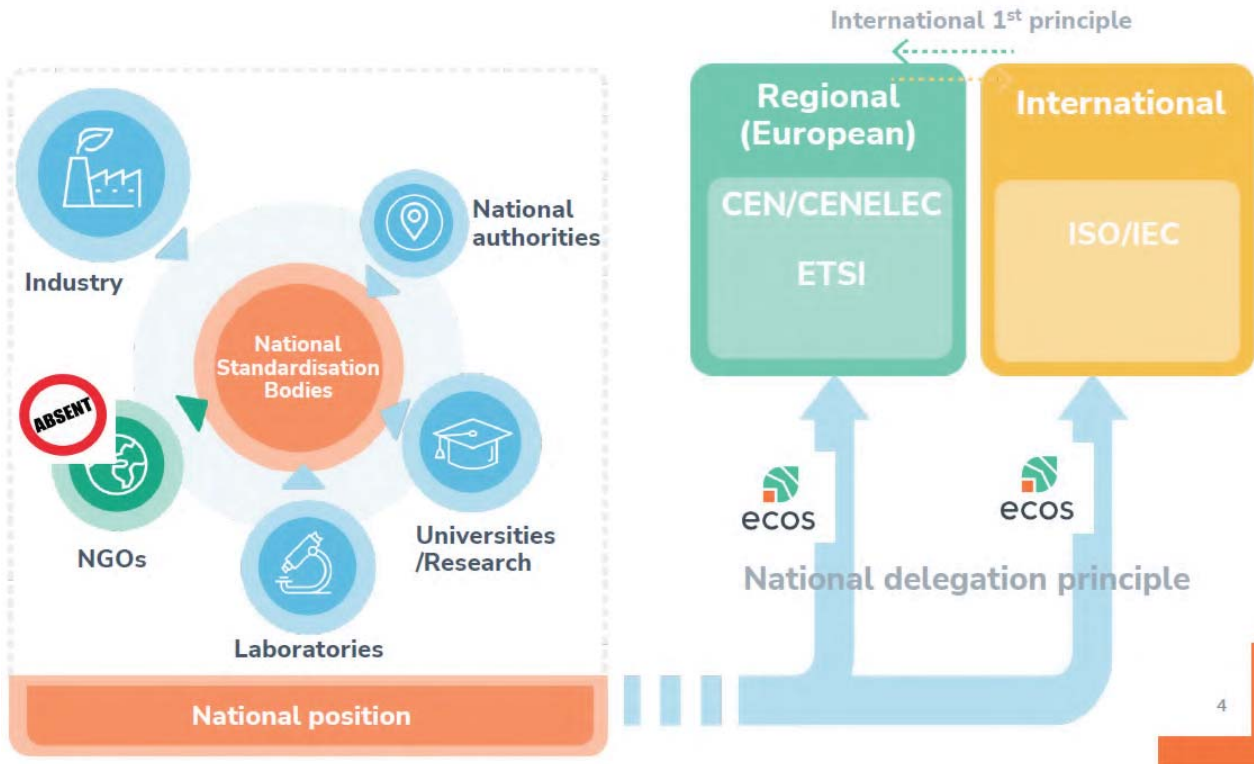


Who are the Stakeholders – R1025 ?



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Standardisation system



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STANDARDS are unique to our work



- Standards are concrete tools
- They are developed by the industry for the Industry → **real** and **tangible** impact.
- Our ambition : ensure these standards serve **industry**, **society** and the **environment**.
- How do we do that ? By **raising** the bar

Role of Societal Stakeholders

- Environmental perspective
- Alignment to Standardisation Requests.
- Promoting environmentally friendly solutions.
- Steer industry innovation trends.



How do we work?

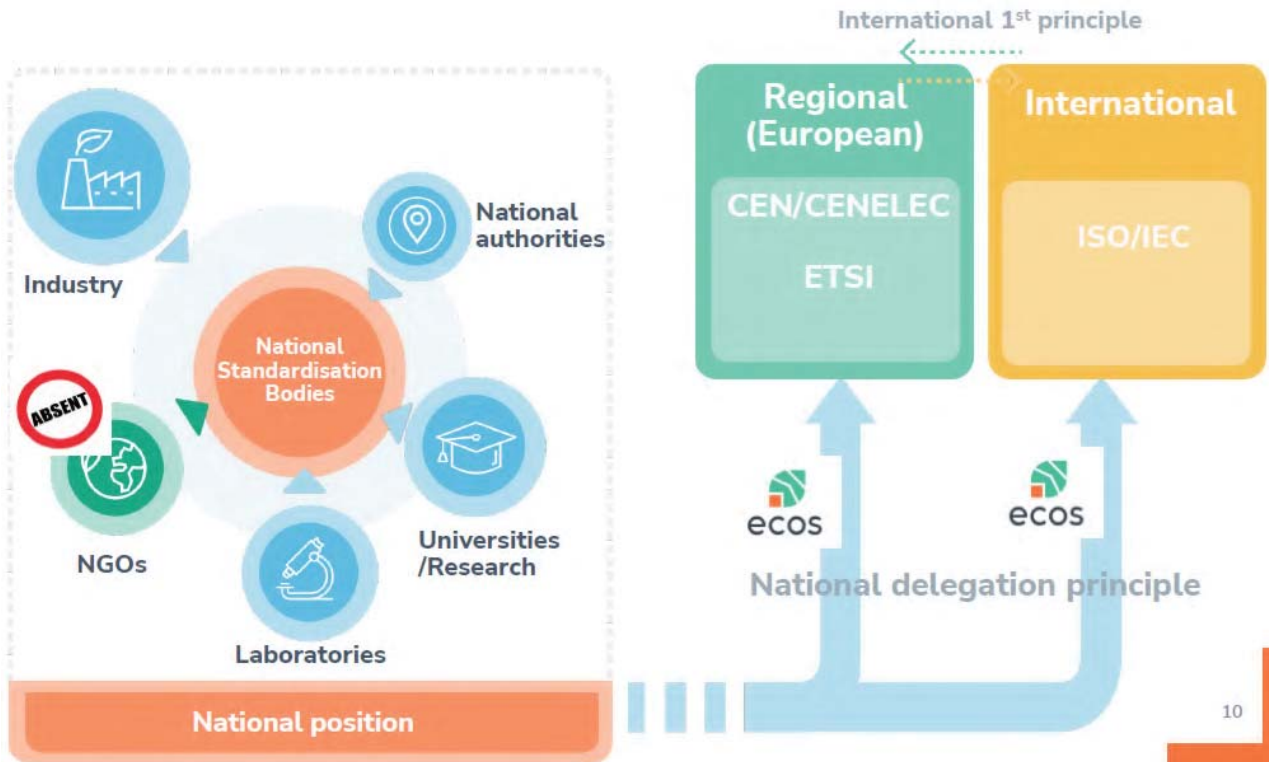


Annual Union Work Programme 2025

List of actions divided into five main categories :



Opportunities through R1025



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Main obstacles at national level :

Absence of civil society interested in Standardisation at national level for many reasons :

1. Unbalanced representation
2. Lack of expertise.
3. Lack of resources.
4. Lack of capacity.
5. Fear of the standardisation system.





Remaining obstacles at EU level :

Obstacles for Civil society at **European level** :

1. **Unbalanced** representation at EU level
2. Limited **Inclusiveness** of ESOs
3. Increasing use of **international standards** to support EU legislation while AnnexIII do not have the same role in ISOs.



Thank you

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