



Agreements between CENELEC and ETSI

Background:

The CENELEC President, Mr M. Kelly, was asked at 99 BT to negotiate with the leadership of ETSI on the work repartition for standardisation of safety of telecommunications, for CATV and its evolution and he took also the opportunity to deal with the future EMC-SLIM discussions. A special working meeting was held in Nice on 23 April 1999.

For CENELEC, participated Messrs M. Kelly, P. Parlevliet, J. Kestens.

For ETSI, were present Messrs F. Da Silva, Chairman of the ETSI GA, Mr D. Hendon, Chairman of the ETSI Board and K.-H. Rosenbrock, Director General of ETSI.

CENELEC made a lot of proposals and the discussion brought the following results to be confirmed by respectively the ETSI Board and the CENELEC BT.

This basic text has been refined at the occasion of the 35th JPG meeting on June 24, 1999 in Brussels.

Safety standards applicable to telecommunication equipment and network:

After an historical introduction the following was agreed:

- CENELEC will assure the timely adoption and publication of a complete set of European standards related to all aspects of safety.
- CENELEC however, delegates the work for preparing the particular requirements on safety of telecommunications to the specialised ETSI TC Safety. This work may be attended by active experts of the relevant CENELEC TC's and will be delivered for adoption as European harmonised standards (EN) to the CENELEC BT. ETSI and CENELEC will explore new methods of co-operation including joint working in due time.
- The overall co-ordination of the work will be assured by a joint WG CENELEC-ETSI reporting to the relevant ETSI body and to the CENELEC BT. This joint WG will however not realize the concerned safety standards but will deal with the work repartition and follow up of the relevant safety standards. However, for amendments relating to existing CENELEC standards, proposals will first be submitted to the corresponding CENELEC technical committee.
- ETSI may publish the results of its work on safety as an ETSI deliverable other than an EN.
- The joint WG will take the required measures to keep the texts of the ETSI deliverables and of the corresponding CENELEC ENs totally equivalent.
- When the official enquiry and voting procedures of CENELEC in view of the adoption as an EN of those safety standards would lead to substantial remarks or proposals for modification, CENELEC will return the texts and the remarks to ETSI and ETSI will ask the appropriate body to work out a solution.
- Should CENELEC not be able to reach a conclusive vote, or should create serious time delays, ETSI will take up the matter and may approve and publish the required safety standard.
- CENELEC will publish the additional safety requirements of telecoms in one or more additional standards in a similar way as was the case for EN 41003 in complement of the basic standard EN 60950.
- ETSI will continue to participate (under mode 4) in all relevant work in CENELEC TC's concerning safety (e.g. TC 74, TC 92 etc).
- Internal co-ordination of safety and EMC matters will be assured by CENELEC.



- CENELEC will introduce, after adoption in Europe, the relevant safety characteristics of telecommunications into the IEC as a European contribution.

The results of this collaboration will be evaluated each year at the directing level of CENELEC and ETSI and common measures may be proposed to overcome any encountered difficulties.

European standards applicable to CATV networks, the related equipment and accessories :

The CENELEC activities mainly concentrated in TC 205 and TC 209 have been subject of a first co-operation agreement between ETSI and CENELEC which was approved by the CENELEC AG in Ischia (IT) in May 1992. The agreement foresaw to be amended in the future in the light of experience and technical developments.

The original CATV networks are now becoming one of the real telecommunication links of each house (multimedia, internet etc). ETSI asked CENELEC to renegotiate the original agreement on CATV in the light of this evolution.

The delegation came to the following draft agreement:

- CENELEC will continue to assure the basic standards for CATV networks in harmony with the work of IEC specifying the physical characteristics as a transparent medium.
- ETSI will develop the required standards for all telecommunications aspects of the CATV networks and the related equipment.
- The resulting draft deliverables including European Standards of each organisation dealing with CATV aspects will be approved following the existing procedures of the individual organizations.
- The total work programme will be co-ordinated in a WG CATV network to be set up by the EBU/CENELEC/ETSI Joint TC Broadcast.
- CENELEC and ETSI will try to assemble all European standards applicable to CATV in a common file (e.g. fascicle approach).
- The existing participation mode (mode 4) in the relevant Technical Committees of ETSI and CENELEC dealing with CATV aspects will be continued.


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