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Balanced approach to public access

Ensure transparency of the system.

- Frame the **free access** to the (legal) content of harmonised standards.
- Preserve the financial model of CEN and CENELEC and our national standardization bodies.
- Invest and allocate **EU-funds to improve and implement digital tools** (e.g. digital platforms).



A Modern Regulation Based on Strong Principles

Update Regulation 1025/2012 without losing Europe's core values.



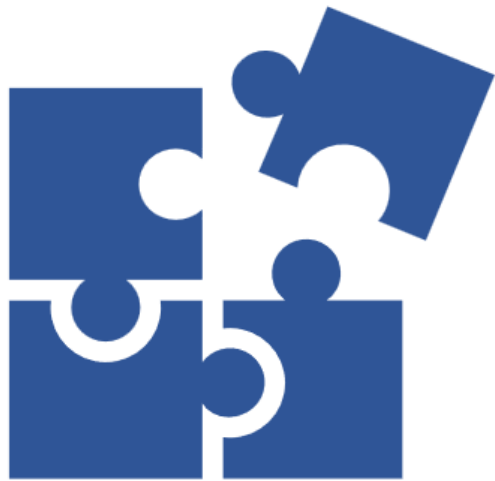
- Reinforce the **national delegation principle** - based on openness, inclusiveness, transparency and consensus.
- Clarify **copyright and legal certainty** for harmonised standards.
- Promote the use of **agile deliverables** that could offer Presumption of Conformity to meet urgent legislative needs in **fast-moving sectors** (e.g. European Agile Specification).

Reinforce Europe's Global Leadership

**Standards are Europe's voice in the world
— let's strengthen it.**

- Trust and reinforce the **Vienna and Frankfurt Agreements** to align with **ISO/IEC**.
- Empower the **Standardization High-Level Forum** for coordination on priorities for European leadership.
- Embed **standardization in education, Horizon Europe, and Digital Europe Programmes.**





Europe must match the speed of innovation, and we have a range of tools to deliver.

- Promote flexible tools such as **Technical Specifications, Workshop Agreements,** and **European Agile Specifications** to meet urgent legislative needs.
- Leverage the **Public Private Partnership** and agree together on an efficient citation process (SReq pre-consultations, defined timelines for HAS assessments, etc)

Global cooperation, whilst preserving our European integrity.

- Opening the framework to other organizations (SDOs) or consortia should be contingent on their commitment to **inclusiveness, transparency, and openness - preserve the integrity of our system.**
- Be mindful of the strength of the ESOs system and the strain a fragmented SDOs approach would put on SMEs and consumers representation.

CEN and CENELEC Technical Boards agreed to:

- Identify and propose **innovative ways of working, including the use of digital tools, to support agile drafting** and collaboration (e.g. OSD).
- Analyse practices of **SDOs and consortia** relevant to agile and 'fast-track' deliverables to identify ways of **collaboration.**

