



Sustainability in PPE: addressing the challenges through standardization

18th March 2021 - 9:30 to 16:00

During the COVID-19 health crisis huge amounts of disposable Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) are being used, even when reusable solutions are available. At different levels, the realisation that also **PPE needs to be more sustainable** is growing. The CEN-CENELEC PPE Sector Forum would like to support these efforts by facilitating an exchange with all involved stakeholders to discuss ways to include **sustainability aspects into standardization**.

Join us online for an interactive workshop to get a better understanding of the current situation and what other sectors have already done. The goal is to receive input on the **needs and expectations from involved stakeholders**, and to showcase **good practices** that can enrich the debate.

WHEN: Thursday, 18 March 2021, 9.30 to 16.00 CET

WHERE: online. Login details will be provided to confirmed participants in advance of the workshop.

FOR WHOM?

This event is aimed at representatives of:

- Manufacturers and designers of PPE and materials used in PPE
- Service providers for (sustainable) PPE (cleaning, maintenance, repair, ...)
- Researchers in this domain or related topics
- Test laboratories/notified bodies and authorities
- Users and purchasers of PPE
- Societal stakeholders
- Other interested parties

REGISTRATION: Participation is free of charge, but registration is obligatory before 10 March. Register and save your spot now: <https://www.cvent.com/events/sustainability-in-ppe-addressing-the-challenges-through-standardization/registration-409c6d9a31dc4e43902a7c3c4fa59b50.aspx?fqp=true>

AGENDA: In attachment and here:

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Should you have any question, please contact Inga Troester (inga.troester@din.de), Secretary of CEN-CENELEC Sector Forum PPE.

This invitation can be freely distributed to other relevant parties outside of initial circulation.

Best regards,

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Chair of CEN-CENELEC Sector Forum PPE

Inga Troester

Secretary of CEN-CENELEC Sector Forum PPE

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PROGRAMME

09:15 – 09:30	GET SETTLED IN
09:30 – 09:50	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION Cinzia MISSIROLI , Director Standardization & Digital Solutions, CEN-CENELEC Henk VANHOUTTE , Chair, CEN-CENELEC PPE Sector Forum; Secretary General, European Safety Federation (ESF) Andreas SCHUMACHER , Board Member, Small Business Standards (SBS)
09:50 – 10:35	SUSTAINABILITY AND PPE - LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK Iván ARIAS ROLDÁN , Policy Assistant, Noise and Personal Protective Equipment Directives, DG GROW, European Commission Elke SCHNEIDER , Senior Project Manager, Prevention and Research Unit, European Agency for Safety and Health at work (EU-OSHA)
10:35 – 10:50	Q&A
10:50 – 11:05	COFFEE BREAK
11:05 – 12:05	REQUIREMENTS AND EXPERIENCES FROM THE MARKET Experiences from public tenders (tbc) Valeria BOTTA , Programme Manager, European Environmental Citizen's Organisation for Standardisation (ECOS) Andreas HOLZER , President, European Textile Services Association (ETSA) and Bardusch Exec. Sara GOBBI , Director of European Affairs, American Society for testing and Materials (ASTM International)
12:05 – 12:20	Q&A
12:20 – 13:10	LUNCH BREAK

13:10 – 13:15	SHOWCASE OF DEVELOPMENTS, EXPERIENCES AND CONCERNS WITH STANDARDS AND TESTING / CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT <i>Introduction</i>		
13:15 – 14:10	PARALLEL SESSIONS 1 <i>Short presentations and discussion in parallel sessions</i>		
	1A: General aspects and business models What does sustainability really mean for PPE? How to measure sustainability? Circular business models and processes?	1B: International views on sustainability and global resources Testimonies from Norway, Russia, China and an academic view on global resource flows.	1C: Procurement and user needs Testimonies from the healthcare sector as well as insights in public procurement processes for sustainable PPE.
14:10 - 14:20	Change of sessions		
14:20 – 15:15	PARALLEL SESSIONS 2 <i>Short presentations and discussion in parallel sessions</i>		
	2A: Design of garments facilitating repair and maintenance Testimonies from manufacturers of garments on their views on how design influences maintenance and repair of products.	2B: Choices and recycling of materials Experiences from industry with material choices and research views on mechanical and chemical recycling of materials.	2C: Experiences with different types of PPE Testimonies about fall protection, hearing protection, masks.
15:15 – 15:30	<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>		
15:30 – 15:50	UPDATE ON CEN-CENELEC STRATEGIC ADVISORY BODY ON ENVIRONMENT (SABE) CIRCULAR ECONOMY TOPIC GROUP (TC) Solange BLASZKOWSKI , Senior Standardization Officer Environment, Philips		
15:50 – 16:00	CONCLUDING REMARKS Henk VANHOUTTE , Chair of CEN-CENELEC PPE Sector Forum		