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Academic Standard Day - 26th October 2026 - VUB



A one-day immersive experience connecting students, academics and industry, putting students at the heart of standards development.

When: 26/10/2026 from 9:00 to 16:00

Where: U-Residence, Blvd Général Jacques 271, 1050 Brussels

Registration: FREE

Project description:

The programme combines a short introductory session with hands-on group exercises and plenary discussions. The interactive format is designed to maximise engagement and demonstrate the relevance of standardization in academic and professional contexts. It is open to students from all disciplines.

Why attending:

- Experience the standardization process through an interactive "Standard in a Day" simulation.
- Develop practical skills in negotiation, consensus-building, teamwork and decision-making.
- Discover how standards shape innovation, research and industry.
- Learn directly from experts in standardization.
- Gain insight into career opportunities where standardization plays a key role.
- Receive a certificate of participation.
- Network with peers, academics and professionals from the standardization community.

Please spread the word and motivate any students you know to participate in this unique event.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Two Belgian IEC Young Professionals Selected for 2026

Since its launch in 2010, the IEC Young Professionals (YP) Programme has brought together more than 750 emerging experts from across the globe, helping to shape the next generation of leaders in international standardization.

Selected by their respective IEC National Committees, participants take part in an annual workshop held alongside the IEC General Meeting. The programme offers a unique opportunity to gain first-hand insight into the IEC's work, explore the importance of international standardization, and understand how global collaboration contributes to innovation and industrial development.

Beyond the workshop itself, participants become part of an international Young Professionals community, encouraging them to engage in standardization and conformity assessment activities at both national and international levels.

Meet Belgium's Young Professionals for 2026

BEC is pleased to announce that Echo Liu, Environment Research Officer at Daikin Europe, and Simon Ravyts, Assistant Professor at KU Leuven, have been selected to participate in the 2026 IEC Young Professionals Programme.

Both will attend the full programme, taking place from 16 to 20 November 2026 in Hamburg, Germany. During this experience, they will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of international standardization, exchange ideas with peers from around the world, and explore how they can contribute to the future of the IEC.

We congratulate Echo and Simon on their selection and look forward to sharing their experiences and key takeaways from the programme in our upcoming newsletters.



The NBN Thank You Event 2026 - Secure your spot



Every year, the NBN Thank You Event brings together Belgium's standardization community to celebrate the experts whose dedication and expertise help shape standards at national, European and international levels. In 2026, the event returns for its 10th edition, offering another opportunity to recognize the people who make a real difference in standardization. Much of this work happens behind the scenes and often goes unnoticed beyond the expert community. That is why NBN is inviting you to step into the spotlight and receive recognition for your contribution!

The 10th edition of the NBN Thank You Event will take place on Thursday 26 November 2026, at the iconic Autoworld museum in Brussels. The laureates will be announced during the awards ceremony.

Event details

Date: Thursday 26 November 2026

Time: 18:00–22:00

Location: Autoworld, Parc du Cinquantenaire, 1000 Brussels

Programme

18:00 – Welcome reception and free visit to the museum

19:00 – Awards ceremony including IEC 1906 Awards

20:00 – Walking dinner and further opportunity to explore the museum

22:00 – End of the event

Join us for an evening dedicated to celebrating the expertise, commitment and achievements of the people behind standardization.

[Register for the event](#)

Don't hesitate to apply for an award in the category young expert, SME or large companies

For questions about the awards or the event, please contact [Martin Libert](#).

We look forward to celebrating with you!

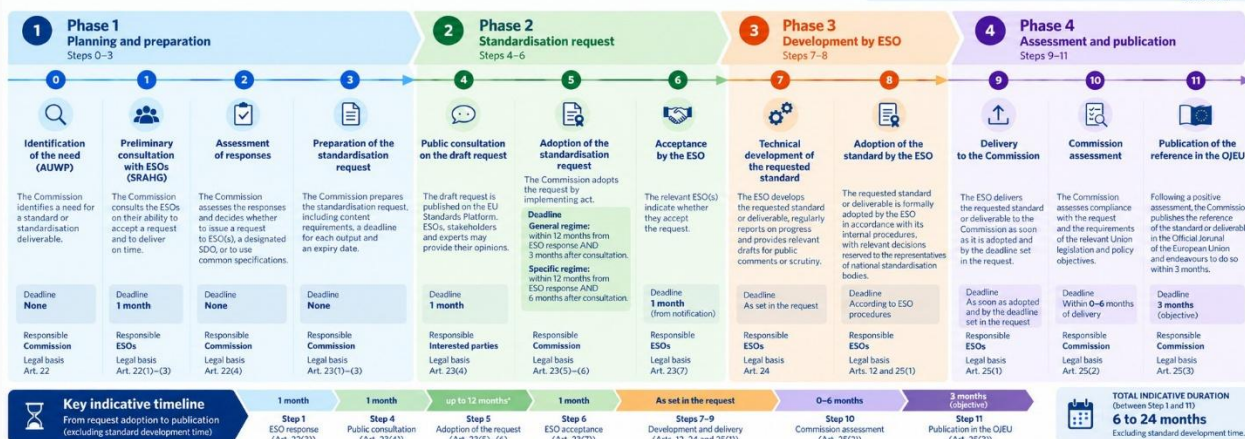
Proposal for a Regulation on European standardization

On 6 October 2026 the EC published a proposal for a new Regulation on European standardization, repealing Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012. The proposal can be consulted [here](#)

Here at BEC we are studying this proposal and coordinating with NBN to provide input to the Belgian authorities. If you have comments on this proposal please communicate them directly to [Dirk De Moor](#).

From planning to publication in the OJEU

Timeline for the development of a referenced standard (standard route via a European Standardisation Organisation – ESO)
Based on the proposal for a Regulation on European standardization, COM(2026) 780.



CENELEC publishes the 2nd edition of Guide 32

CENELEC has published the second edition of **Guide 32 – Guidelines for Safety-Related Risk Assessment and Risk Reduction for Low Voltage Equipment**. The updated guide provides guidance on hazard identification, risk assessment



and risk reduction, supporting Technical Committees in developing safety standards for low-voltage equipment.

The revised edition reflects technological developments and introduces additional considerations, including child safety, entrapment, choking and suffocation hazards, as well as previously uncovered risk scenarios.

The guide is an important reference for Technical Committees developing standards under the Low Voltage Directive (2014/35/EU) and supports a consistent approach to electrical safety in European standardization.

[Read more](#)

Discover Upcoming IEC Webinars



To explore upcoming sessions, learn more about the topics covered and find out how to register, visit: <https://iec.ch/academy/webinars>

- 29/10/2026 Quantum technologies: From research to commercial reality
- 03/11/2026 The future of cities: Smart, sustainable, inclusive
- 17/11/2026 From vision to action: Enabling an all-electric and connected future
- 19/11/2026 Clean, Green Data Centers

Visit the website regularly to stay up to date with upcoming training opportunities and knowledge-sharing sessions.

Technical Committees - Upcoming Meetings

<u>Technical Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Technical Officer</u>
CEB-BEC 125	2026.10.23	Rummens François
CEB-BEC 17	2026.10.26	Cardigan Rob
CEB-BEC 111	2026.10.27	Rummens François
CEB-BEC CEN-CLC-JTC 10	2026.10.27	Rummens François
CEB-BEC IBMC	2026.10.29	Vermeulen Sabine
CEB-BEC 47	2026.10.29	de la Fuente Beatriz
CEB-BEC 61	2026.10.29	de la Fuente Beatriz
CEB-BEC 69	2026.10.29	Rummens François
CEB-BEC 20	2026.10.29	Cardigan Rob
CEB-BEC 81	2026.10.30	Rummens François
CEB-BEC 56	2026.10.30	Cardigan Rob
CEB-BEC 23B	2026.11.03	Eswaran Anirudh
CEB-BEC 9	2026.11.04	Cardigan Rob
CEB-BEC 108	2026.11.04	de la Fuente Beatriz
CEB-BEC 59	2026.11.05	de la Fuente Beatriz
CEB-BEC 123	2026.11.06	Cardigan Rob
CEB-BEC 77	2026.11.10	de la Fuente Beatriz

CEB-BEC INCERT /WG 4 Vehicles	2026.11.13	Vermeulen Sabine
CEB-BEC 88	2026.11.23	Rummens François
CEB-BEC 32	2026.11.25	Rummens François
CEB-BEC 205	2026.11.26	de la Fuente Beatriz
CEB-BEC 2	2026.11.27	Rummens François
CEB-BEC 68	2026.12.01	Rummens François
CEB-BEC 77	2026.12.02	de la Fuente Beatriz
CEB-BEC 95	2026.12.08	Rummens François
CEB-BEC 117	2026.12.11	Rummens François

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