Links between European standards and legislation
CEN and CENELEC Guide 30 on “Standards and Regulation

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European standards supporting regulations and policies – main principles

- Market driven and voluntary
- Transparency
- Openness
- Inclusiveness
- Consensus
- Coherency
- Alignment with International standards
Regulation 1025/2012: Scope

- Cooperation between ESOs, NSBs, Member States and EC
- Establishment of European standards and other deliverables
- Identification of ICT technical specifications for referencing (in public procurement)
- Financing of European standardisation and
- Stakeholder participation in European standardisation
Legislation & standards
EU Regulation 1025/2012

Standardization Request

Harmonized Standard

Presumption of conformity
Standards remain voluntary

European Standard (EN)
(Some) Key assets of the European approach

- Standards as a **co-regulation tool**
- Early notification of stakeholders
- Indirect references to standards
- Strong **connection with international standardization** work
Connection with international standardization work

- **32%**
  of CEN published standards are identical to ISO standards.

- **25%**
  of the ISO catalogue has been taken up by CEN.

- **24%**
  of CEN standards referenced in the Official Journal of the European Union are ISO standards adopted identically.

- **48%**
  of CEN standards currently under development identical to or based on ISO projects.

Source: CEN-CENELEC Statistics at end Q1 2016
European Guide on Standards and Regulation - Better regulation through the use of voluntary standards - Guidance for policy makers

Thank you!