

PRESS RELEASE

European Association for Electricity Transmission & Distribution, Equipment & Services and European Electrotechnical Standardization Committee to shape the future of electricity diffusion

15 June 2009 – Brussels. CENELEC (the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization) and T&D Europe (The European Association of the Electricity Transmission and Distribution Equipment and Services Industry) have today signed a cooperation agreement to create standardized tools for electricity transmission and distribution.

CENELEC and T&D Europe recognise the value of cooperating in all fields of electrotechnical standardization that are directly or indirectly related to all high and medium voltage equipment and products installed and services required for operations on electrical transmission and distribution networks or electrical installation in infrastructures, industry and buildings. Contributions by T&D Europe to establish and promote consensus on proposed draft specifications will contribute to the ongoing European Standardization process and to the establishment of the European Economic Space. This will foster interoperability and innovation while ensuring full support of the internal market objectives.

The purpose of the agreement is to formalize a cooperative relationship between the parties in standardization activities in areas of common interest. These include quality of service, technical considerations, economical and environmental aspects.

Under the Agreement CENELEC and T&D Europe agree to

- formulate advice on current and future standards programmes, e.g. by stating needs and by proposing priorities;
- deliver expert advice where necessary on the implementation dates and legislative consequences of the adopted European standard;

Notes for Editors:

CENELEC signed Cooperation Agreements with the Coordinating Committee for Common Market Associations of Manufacturers of Industrial Electrical Switchgear and Controlgear (CAPIEL) on 10 November 2004 and with the Committee of Associations of European Transformer Manufacturers (COTREL) on 7 July 1995.

CAPIEL High Voltage and COTREL merged to create The European Association of The Electricity Transmission and Distribution Equipment and Services Industry (T&D EUROPE) on 6 March 2008.

About T&D EUROPE

T&D Europe is a European Association which promotes and defends common technical, industrial, economical, environmental and political interests of the European electricity transmission and distribution manufacturing and product derives solutions industry.

T&D Europe is a driver for advanced solutions and technologies in the field of electricity networks, encouraging an energy-and cost-efficient as well as an environmentally friendly infrastructure.

About CENELEC

The European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization is officially responsible for standardization in the electrotechnical field.

In an ever more global economy, CENELEC fosters innovation and competitiveness, making technology available not only to major businesses but also to SMEs through the production of voluntary standards. CENELEC creates market access at European level but also at international level through its cooperation agreement with the International Electrotechnical Commission(IEC).

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