

Euralarm presents Briefing on Market Driven Standardization

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One of the top priorities of the European electronic fire and security industry is to establish a functioning internal European market. The industry, represented by Euralarm, wants to ensure that the European fire safety and security industry fulfills its potential to contribute to European growth and employment and that it reaches its abilities to compete successfully in home and global markets. Standardization is key to be able to reach these goals. To speed up and maximize efficiency of the standardization process, Euralarm has written a Briefing on Market Driven Standardization (MDS).

Background

Euralarm members are already active in standardization and spend many hours contributing to standards in the field of electronic fire and security and services. Practical all standards in these fields have been developed with an active and massive participation of experts of the members (and their members) of Euralarm. Being on top of the standardization process, Euralarm members have good insight in the process itself and are not fully satisfied with the way the process has developed in the last years.

Industry-based Technical Standards

Establishing a functioning internal European market is of vital importance to Europe. This requires a comprehensive, coherent and effective standardization framework. To avoid delay and eliminate multi-billion Euros of costs the current process needs to be updated and changed.

Instead of billion Euros costing standards, the industry-based Technical Standards facilitate interoperability between countries and promote greater alliance of currently fragmented markets. This approach is in line with the ideas of the European Commission that calls for “an overall design for what the standardization should look like” and wants to “instigate an end-user driven standardization based on a careful identification of existing, national, European standardization organizations”. Euralarm strongly agrees with these calls and wants to support them through their new Briefing. The paper not only criticizes but also gives concrete proposals from experts involved in the day to day development of standards

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EU-centric approach

Euralarm believes that the standardization evolution process as we know it now, could be dramatically improved through some simple measures. A more EU-centric approach of CEN/CENELEC standardization is suggested in the Briefing. This would avoid unnecessary, time-consuming and costly duplication of work at a national level. This cost reduction would result in benefits for all stakeholders, from governments, through companies to the customers. To speed up and maximize efficiency of the standardization process, Euralarm gives ten proposals in the Briefing on Market Driven Standardization.

The new Briefing 'Market Driven Standardization' emphasizes the importance of a faster, more efficient standardization process. The current structure and the role of the National Committees are causing the European security industry to lose too much time and money on slow processes. With the proposals in this Briefing, the industry can quickly and easily speed up these processes, so it can adjust its standards to the rapidly changing fire safety and security industry and make them compatible across borders. All these proposals and more details can be found in the complete Briefing on the website of Euralarm.

About Euralarm

Euralarm represents the electronic fire and security industry, providing leadership and expertise for industry, market, policy makers and standards bodies. Our members make society safer and secure through systems and services for fire detection, intrusion detection, access control, video monitoring, alarm transmission and alarm receiving centers. Founded in 1970, Euralarm represents over 5'000 companies with an estimated cumulated revenue of 18 billion Euros. Euralarm members are national associations and individual companies from more than 17 European countries.