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NEW STANDARDISATION REGULATION

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The new Standardisation Regulation will modernise the European standardisation system, making it faster, more inclusive and better coordinated, while improving access to harmonised standards and strengthening the EU's role internationally.

EUROPEAN STANDARDISATION TODAY

27,000 European standards developed by the European standardisation organisations

3,650 harmonised standards supporting EU businesses

TODAY

6 years

average time to develop a European standard

→

WITH THE NEW REGULATION

4 years

average time to develop a European standard

EUR 300 million

expected annual savings for businesses in compliance costs

WHAT WILL CHANGE WITH THE NEW REGULATION?

Faster standards

→ Reduce average development time of a standard through simpler process and broader expertise.

More inclusive process

→ Increase participation of SMEs, civil society, researchers, innovators and public authorities.

Better access

→ Ensure free access to harmonised standards supporting EU law and policies.

Stronger global role

→ Improve coordination of the EU's international standardisation strategy.

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