



## **Joint Working Group on Education about Standardization (JWG-EaS)**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **1 Title and abbreviation**

CEN/CENELEC/ETSI Joint WG on Education about Standardization

JWG-EaS

#### **2 Objective and expected impact**

The JWG-EaS shall foster best practice in education about standardization in Europe.

The JWG-EaS will help to:

- achieve a significant increase in the number of people who have a fair and positive knowledge of standardization, its characteristics and added value;
- improve the understanding of the necessity of standardization amongst government officials, business executives and academia;
- increase the competency of those persons seeking to participate in the standards making process.

#### **3 Tasks**

The JWG-EaS shall:

- provide a forum for the ESOs to consider together all issues linked to education about standardization, including in academia, and also training issues within standards bodies and within companies and other organizations;
- identify and exchange best practices;
- draw up and provide with a high priority a concerted policy on education about standardization in Europe;
- consider how to convince academia, companies, governments of the value of education about standardization and propose appropriate actions;
- collaborate as appropriate to relevant external activities concerning education about standardization, including with the European Academy for Standardization (EURAS) and the International Cooperation for Education about Standardization (ICES);

- maintain and expand a “repository” of tools concerning education about standards;
- in conjunction with national standards bodies and others, share information and contribute where relevant to seminars, conferences, etc.

#### **4 Membership, Chairmanship and Secretariat**

CEN, CENELEC and ETSI members are entitled to send a representative. Participation from ETSI membership will be coordinated by the ETSI Secretariat. On a case-by-case basis, additional participation may be proposed by the Convenor and/or the Secretariat.

By agreement of the Group, observers may be appointed from the European Commission and EFTA, and from organizations having a professional interest in the subject area and being sufficiently representative.

The Chairperson will be chosen among the members of the WG, with the endorsement of the JPG. The CEN-CENELEC Management Centre will provide a Secretariat.

#### **5 Management and working methods**

The JWG-EaS shall meet physically as required; full electronic working facilities in terms of an e-mail exploder and Livelink repository shall be provided by the Secretariat.

The JWG shall work by consensus. It will function under the umbrellas of the CEN and CENELEC Technical Boards and ETSI Board in terms of the follow-up of activities. In the event of the JWG failing to reach agreement, the CEN/CENELEC/ETSI Joint Presidents’ Group shall decide on the appropriate course.

The JWG may disseminate recommendations and advice to its members, and/or other involved stakeholders.

The participants shall work on a voluntary basis representing their own organization only and any related cost in participation is to be met by those organizations.