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**Agreement on Co-operation  
between the  
European Committee for  
Electrotechnical Standardization  
(CENELEC)**

**and the  
Community of European Railway  
and Infrastructure Companies  
(CER)**

**in the field of Standardization of  
Electrotechnical Subjects Covered  
by the Scope of CENELEC**

**July 2007**

## **AGREEMENT**

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**Agreement between the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC) and the Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER) on co-operation in the field of Electrotechnical Standardization covered by the scope of CENELEC.**

### **WHEREAS :**

- \* CENELEC, having the institutional responsibility and authority in application of the European Commission Directive 98/34/EC for proposing, adopting and editing the European Electrotechnical Standards for products and services brought on the European market, has at its disposal all adequate and experienced procedures and structures for the adoption of these European Standards (EN), for the editing of Technical Reports (TR) and for the rapid publication of Technical Specifications (TS);
- \* CER is a European Association representing its members' interests vis-à-vis the European Parliament, Commission and Council of Ministers as well as other policy makers and transport actors. CER acts as a Railway Representative Body in the process of TSI (Technical Specifications for Interoperability) creation managed by the European Railway Agency (ERA).
- \* The CENELEC General Assembly has defined the basic principles covering the concept of co-operation agreements with European organizations (ref. CLC Guide N°14 in Annex of this agreement).

**Both CENELEC and CER have agreed upon the following:**

1. Both organizations recognize the value of cooperating in all fields of electrotechnical standardization directly or indirectly related to the creation of technical specifications for interoperability

Contributions by CER to establish and to promote consensus on proposed draft specifications is seen as a direct benefit for the subsequent European standardization process and for the establishment of the European Economic Space.

2. CER is invited to assist and to contribute to the standardisation activities of CENELEC in full conformity with the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations and with the principles defined in this agreement.

In particular CER may :

- \* formulate advice on current and future standards programmes, e.g. by stating needs and by proposing priorities;
  - \* propose to the CENELEC Technical Board drafts with a view to their possible incorporation in the body of CENELEC standards (and when appropriate as IEC standards) through the normal approval procedures;
  - \* deliver expert advice where necessary on the implementation dates and legislative consequences of the adopted European standards;
  - \* assist CENELEC with advisory status on difficulties encountered during the standardization process.
3. CER proposals and contributions will be introduced to the CENELEC Technical Board.

4. In consequence of the introduction to the CENELEC Technical Board of the drafts and proposals delivered by CER, the latter may be invited by the CENELEC technical body in charge of the subject to introduce, clarify and where necessary, after discussion, to amend its initial proposals.
5. Should the CENELEC procedures for approval of the CER proposals lead to technical comments, the required follow up will be undertaken in an ad hoc working group set up to that effect under the convenorship of the Chairman of the relevant technical body of CENELEC. CER will be invited to participate in this ad hoc WG.

CER will in due time receive a copy of all the technical comments in question.

6. CER fully recognizes the application to the standards work in its field of competence of the existing and forthcoming agreements between the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and CENELEC.
7. CENELEC keeps all copyright on its publications even if it includes a CER contribution. CER contributions used within the scope of the present agreement remain the property of CER

The Standards resulting from a CER proposal shall identify this fact by the following statement in their introduction:

"This standard has been drafted with the contribution of CER and was adopted by CENELEC after public enquiry and formal vote according to the CENELEC Rules of Procedure".

CER may reproduce parts of ENs with full mention of the origin and references in its publications. Maintenance and alignment will be guaranteed by a suitable procedure.

8. CER Members and their experts will continue as before to contribute fully to all technical consultations and preparation activities, at national level, of the relevant bodies of the National Electrotechnical Committees Members of CENELEC.

9. Both parties agree to consult regularly at secretariat level on the operation and possible improvement/amendment of this agreement.
10. Both parties confirm that this agreement can be terminated after consultation and following the receipt of an official letter stating the reasons for termination with six months' notice.

Both parties, however, shall at such event take the required measures to duly finalize the existing work and contracts.

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For CENELEC,

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