

→ The Vienna Agreement – CEN as an International Partner

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→ Agreement on technical cooperation between ISO and CEN

- Signed in 1991
- ‘Codified version’ approved in 2001
- Guidelines (5th edition) made available in May 2004

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→ Primary aim

Avoid duplication between standardization at international and European levels, for the benefit of contributors to, and users of, standards

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→ Vienna Agreement: Why (in 1991)?

- From a CEN perspective
- From an ISO perspective

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→ Some basic principles (1)

- The agreement recognises the primacy of international standards
- The agreement recognises also that there might be particular needs for standards (e.g. in EU) for which a need has not been recognised at the international level
- ISO recognizes and respects that CEN operates within, and must respect, a political environment (EEA and cooperation with the other ESO's)

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→ Some basic principles (2)

- Transfer of work from CEN to ISO is the preferred route but is not automatic
- When expected results are not attained, the party which is not satisfied can decide to proceed separately
- CEN commit to respond adequately to comments from non-CEN ISO members

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→ Types of cooperation between ISO and CEN

- Correspondence
- Mutual representation at meetings and coordination meetings
- Adoption of the same text, both as ISO and European Standard

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- Same text as ISO and European Standard

- Adoption by CEN of an available ISO Standard
- Adoption by ISO of an available European Standard
- Elaboration of a standard in one organization, parallel ISO/CEN approval procedure

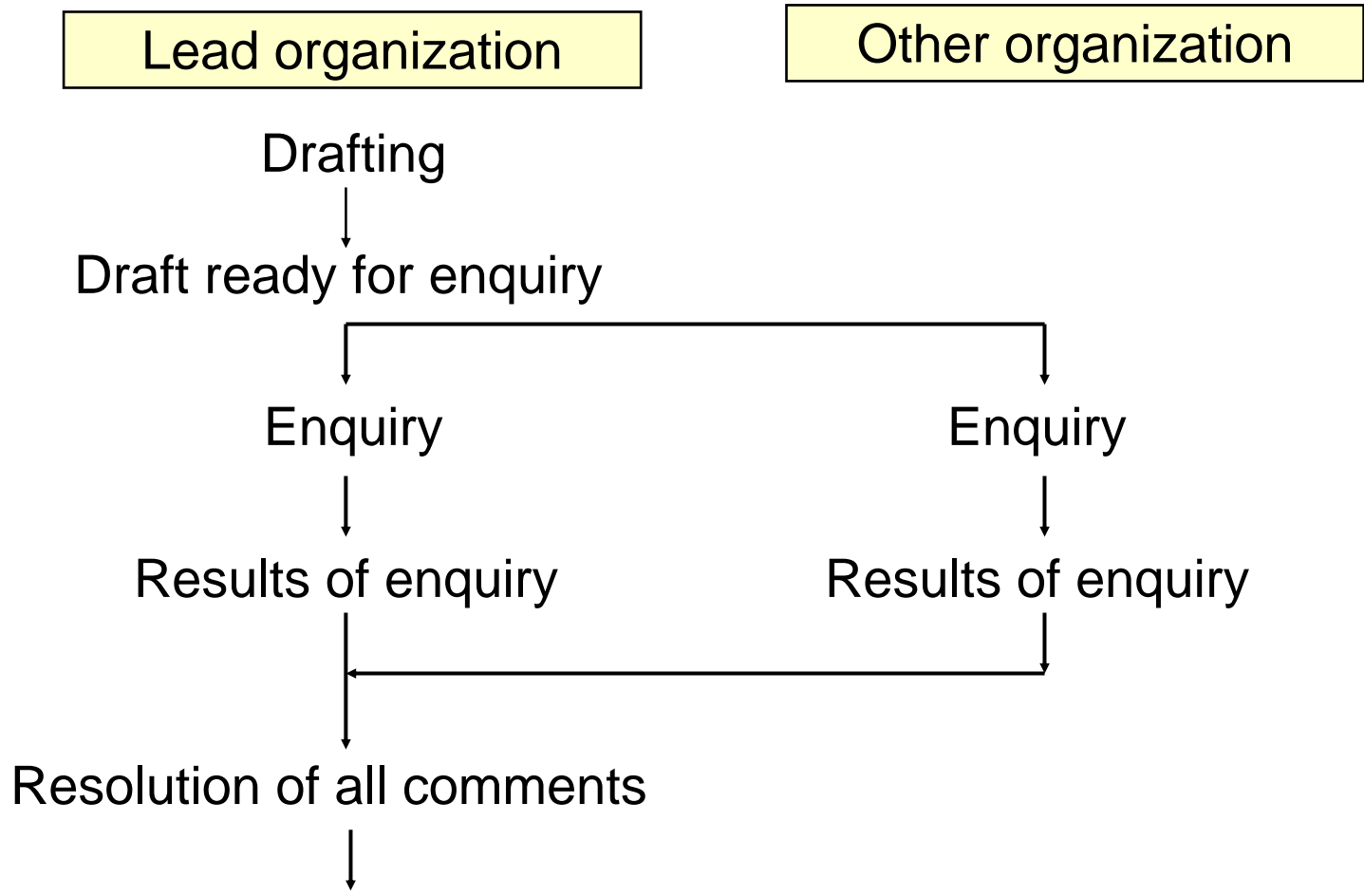
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- Elaboration of a standard in one organization; parallel ISO/CEN approval procedure; one common EN ISO standard
 - Why is this (easily) feasible?
 - Implications for ISO and CEN, respectively.

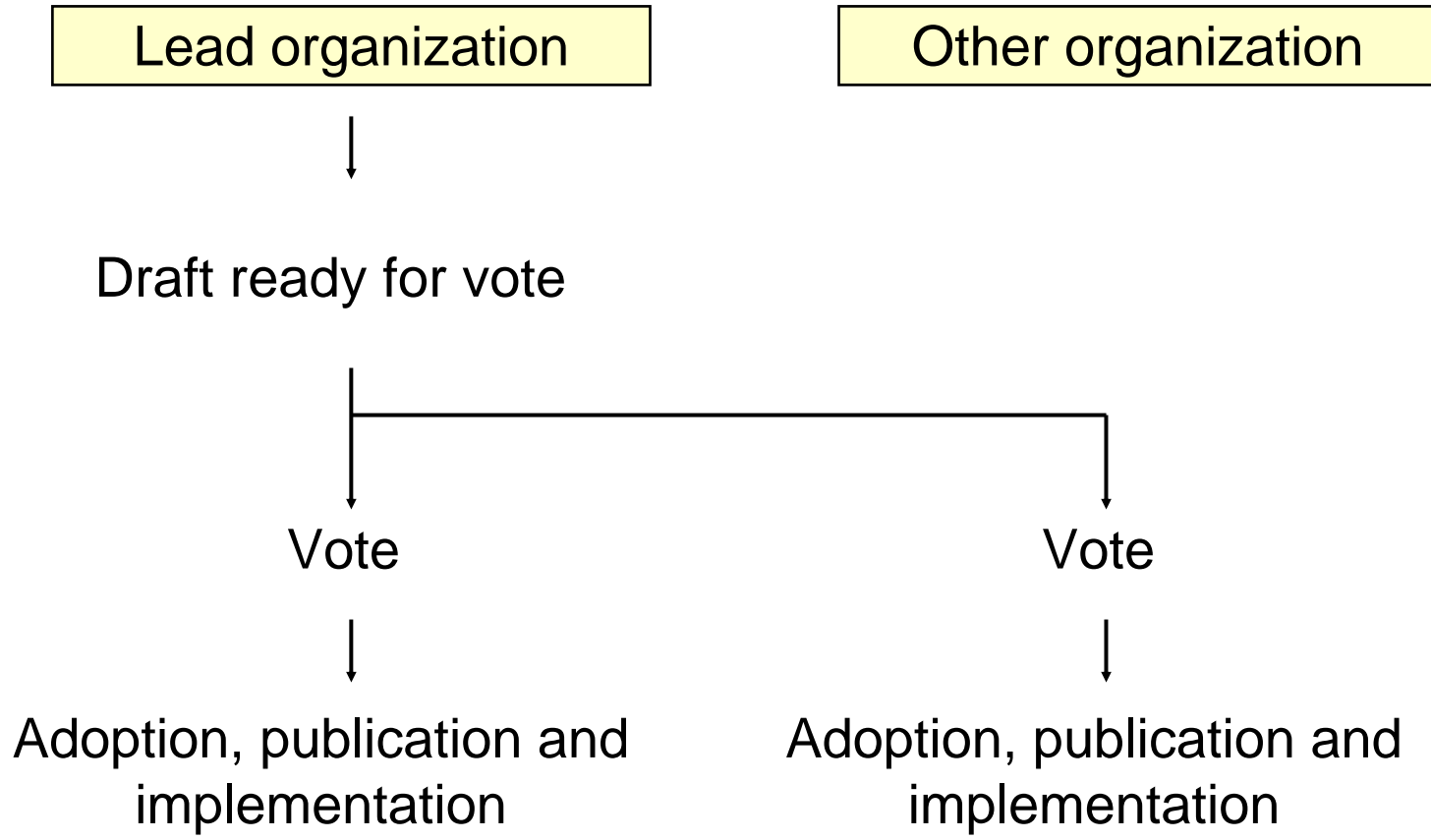


Parallel ISO-CEN approval procedure (1)





Parallel ISO-CEN approval procedure (2)



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→ Adoption of the same publication, both in ISO and CEN

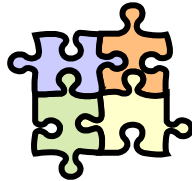
- In which cases?

- Success factors?
 - Clear decisions
 - Clear communication

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and ...

→ Statistics



→ Drafting rules

→ Submission of drafts by TC Secretaries

→ EN ISO Standards in support of New Approach Directives

- Annex Z
- CEN Consultants

➔ EXAMPLE (EN ISO 2867:2006)



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and ...

→ Revision of 'common ISO-CEN' Publications

→ Withdrawal from the Vienna Agreement

➡ **EXAMPLE** (EN 775:1992,
replaced by EN ISO 10218-1:2006
and prEN ISO 10218-2)



→ Evolution – Topics of the day

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Global relevance of ISO Standards

“A required characteristic of an International Standard is that it can be ...

- used and implemented ...
- as broadly as possible ...
- by affected industries and other stakeholders in markets ...
- around the world”

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and information:

- Vienna Agreement (2001): BOSS
- Guidelines (2004): BOSS
- Frequently asked questions: BOSS
- Day to Day Management between ISO/CS and CMC:
www.iso.org/va

→ Questions and Answers