



TECHNICAL BOARD

CEN/BT by correspondence

For vote *according to IR2, clause 6.1.4*

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SUBJECT

Establishment of a new TC on professionals in the field of naturopathy

BACKGROUND

On 2017-10-30, CCMC received a proposal from UNI for the creation of a new Technical Committee in the area of professionals in the field of naturopathy (see Annex).

The new proposed technical committee will be responsible for developing a European Standard on the knowledge, skills and competence requirements of naturopathy professionals, with the aim of clarifying the range of the profession.

Future European Standards can be developed on treatment techniques as well as related tools and devices used in the professional practice of naturopaths.

By Resolution BT 65/2017, BT decided that the following criteria are to be met for acceptance of such a proposal for new work (in a new area):

- Vote according to Internal Regulations Part 2 clause 6.1.4;
- At least 5 members express commitment to participate.

As a consequence, BT Members are requested to state explicitly, by means of the commenting field provided in the BT-balloting tool, whether or not they are committed to participate in the work.

PROPOSAL(S)

BT,

- having considered the proposal for a new field of technical activity submitted by UNI to CCMC on 2017-10-30 as included in Annex to BT N 10978;
- having considered that the following members have expressed commitment to participate:
 - <members>
- decides to create a new CEN/TC **XXX** with the following preliminary title and scope:

Title:

CEN/TC XXX 'Professionals in the field of naturopathy'

Scope:

'Standardization in the field of non-regulated profession of naturopathy with a focus on the

qualification and the related knowledge, skills and competence requirements of the professionals of naturopathy. The scope of the standardization work is to clarify the range of activity of the naturopathy profession. Moreover, the Technical Committee will in the future address the treatment techniques and related tools and devices used by professionals in the field of naturopathy.'

- allocates the Secretariat of CEN/TC XXX to UNI;
- asks the new CEN/TC XXX to submit its final title and scope for BT approval after its first meeting.

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PROPOSAL for a NEW FIELD OF TECHNICAL ACTIVITY	
Date of circulation	CEN/TC / SC N (where appropriate)
Secretariat	CENELEC/TC / SC (Sec) (where appropriate)
Type of technical body proposed (TC / SC / BTF)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Incomplete proposals risk rejection or referral to originator.

The proposer has considered the guidance given in Annexes 1 and 2 during the preparation

Proposal (to be completed by the proposer)

<p>Title of the proposed new subject (The title shall indicate clearly and unambiguously, yet concisely, the new field of technical activity which the proposal is intended to cover.)</p> <p>Professionals in the field of Naturopathy</p>
<p>Scope statement of the proposed new subject (The scope shall precisely define the limits of the new field of technical activity. Scopes shall not repeat general aims and principles governing the work of the organization but shall indicate the specific area concerned.)</p> <p>The new proposed technical committee will be responsible for the study of the qualification and the related knowledge, skills and competence requirements of the professionals of Naturopathy.</p> <p>The Naturopath is the professional who, in relation to his cultural humanistic traditions, operates for supporting and recovering human health by means of the natural self-regulation of the person, his education to well-being and development of his own vital sources. The knowledge, skills and competence requirements are expressed in accordance with the European Qualifications Framework, EQF, in such a way to assist the processes of assessment and validation of learning outcomes.</p> <p>The committee could also address the treatment techniques of the Naturopath, and the typical tools and devices that are used in the professional practice.</p> <p>The professional activity of the Naturopath is not an healthcare profession. Therefore, the scope of this activity also aims to clarify the range of activity of this profession.</p>
<p>Purpose and justification for the proposal.</p> <p>Naturopathy is a humanistic discipline with an already established and increasing global market relevance, in support to the well-being of population. In fact, the WHO has already issued document "Benchmarks for Training in Naturopathy" which already provide a sound basis for the qualification of the professionals of Naturopathy, while more than twenty thousand professionals are currently operating as "naturopaths" in Europe.</p> <p>Therefore, the need to technically identify the characteristic of Naturopath becomes urgent and important in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - define and qualify this professional activity with the aim to provide confidence and quality assurance to users/customers; - enhance the recognition of the professionals of Naturopathy in their relevant market; - provide a useful normative document, in the light of the synergy/support between voluntary standardization and legislation, as appropriate.

Is the proposed new subject actively, or probably, in support of European legislation or established public policy?

Yes No

If Yes, indicate if the proposal is

- in relation to EC mandate(s):(which one(s))
- in relation to EC Directive(s)/Regulation(s):(which one(s))
- in relation to other legislation or established public policy:(give details)

Proposed initial programme of work

The proposed programme of work shall correspond to and clearly reflect the aims of the standardization activities and shall therefore show the relationship between the subject proposed.

Each item on the programme of work shall be defined by both the subject aspect(s) to be standardized (for products, for example, the items would be the types of products, terminology, characteristics, other requirements, data to be supplied, test methods, performance requirements, etc.). Supplementary justification may be combined with particular items in the programme of work (e.g. output from a research project).

The proposed programme of work shall also suggest priorities, target dates and the most appropriate type of deliverable (e.g. EN, TS) for each item

The proposal is to study an EN standard with following provisional title:

Non regulated professions

Professionals in the field of Naturopathy

Knowledge, skills and competence requirements

Further EN standards can be developed, focusing on treatment techniques and related tools and devices in support of the above mentioned standard.

A statement from the proposer as to how the proposed work may relate to or impact on existing work, especially existing CEN, CENELEC, ISO and IEC deliverables.

The proposer should explain how the work differs from apparently similar work, or explain how duplication and conflict will be minimized. If seemingly similar or related work is already in the scope of other committees of the organization, or in other organizations, the proposed scope shall distinguish between the proposed work and the other work. The proposer shall indicate whether his or her proposal could be dealt with by widening the scope of an existing committee or by establishing a new committee.)

UNI has developed through the years several national standards on non-regulated professions, starting from the experience achieved in the development of CEN Guide 14:2010.

The above mentioned family of standards has been developed on the basis of a novel national framework, which adopts the EQF scheme, recognized as common European reference to make qualifications more readable and understandable across different Countries and systems.

A listing of relevant existing documents at the international, regional and national levels.

Any known relevant documents (such as standards and regulations) shall be listed, regardless of their source, and should be accompanied by an indication of their significance.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 23 April 2008 on the establishment of the European Qualifications Framework for lifelong learning (2008/C111/01)

CEN Guide 14:2010 "Common policy guidance for addressing standardisation on qualification of professions and personnel (2010)"

UNI 11491:2013 "Non-regulated professions - Professionals of naturopathy - Knowledge, skill and competence requirements" (English text will be made available as soon as the proposal is approved)

Law 14th January 2013 n. 4 "Disposizioni in materia di professioni non organizzate" (Provisions regarding unregulated professions)

WHO "Benchmarks for Training in Naturopathy", 2010

Known patented items

Yes No If "Yes", see CEN-CENELEC Guide 8 and provide full information in an annex

A simple and concise statement identifying and describing relevant affected stakeholder categories (including small and medium sized enterprises) in particular those who are immediately affected from the proposal (see Annexes 1 and 2) and how they will each benefit from or be impacted by the proposed deliverable(s)

Citizens/customers, all professionals operating in the field of Naturopathy and related associations, relevant national and regional authorities

Liaisons:

A listing of relevant external European or international organizations or internal parties (other CEN, CENELEC, ETSI, ISO and/or IEC committees) to which a liaison should be established (in the case of ISO and IEC committees via the Vienna or Dresden Agreements).

EU.NAT.A – European Naturopathy Association

Joint/parallel work:

Possible joint/parallel work with:

- CEN (please specify committee ID)
- CENELEC (please specify committee ID)
- ISO (please specify committee ID)
- IEC (please specify committee ID)
- Other (please specify)

Name of the Proposer

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An expression of commitment from the proposer to provide the committee secretariat if the proposal succeeds.



Signature of the proposer

Annex(es) are included with this proposal (give details)

Informative Annex 1 "Principal categories of market needs"

- Consumer protection and welfare
- Environment
- Innovation
- Support to:
 - public policy
 - European legislation/regulation
- Market access/barriers to trade, i.e. enhancing the free movement of:
 - services
 - goods
 - people
- Interoperability
- Health/Safety
- Terminology

Informative Annex 2 "Principal categories of stakeholders"

- Industry and commerce,
 - where particularly appropriate, to be identified separately as
 - Large enterprises (those employing 250 staff or more)
 - Small and medium sized enterprises (SME), (those employing 250 staff or fewer)
- Government
- Consumers
 - including those organizations representing interests of specific societal groups, e.g. people with disabilities or those needing other particular consideration)
- Labour
- Academic and research bodies
- Non-governmental organisations (NGO),
 - including organizations representing broad or specific environmental interests
- Standards application business (e.g. testing laboratories, certification bodies)

Sometimes it is valuable also identify the immediate affected stakeholders from industry and commerce in terms of their position in a product value chain, as follows:

- Supplier
- Manufacturer
- Intermediary (e.g. warehousing, transport, sales)
- Service provider
- User of the product or service
- Maintenance / disposal

NOTE: 'Immediately affected stakeholders' are considered to be those who, within the context of the proposal, would be in a position to implement the provisions of the intended standard(s) into their products, services or management practices.