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# THE EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP ON METROLOGY (EPM) & VAMAS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRE-STANDARDISATION ACTIVITIES

On-line workshop on Harmonisation & Standardisation of Test Methods for Nanomaterials and Advanced Materials

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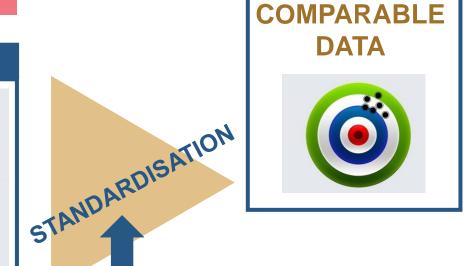
# ADVANCED MATERIALS, INNOVATIVE MATERIALS, NANOMATERIALS.... A PATH TO BE SOUGHT

STARTING POINT

**REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS** 

RISK **ASSESSMENT** 



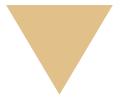




DATA IN WHICH WE **CAN HAVE** CONFIDENCE



**TRUST IN REGULATION AND** RISK **ASSESSMENT** 

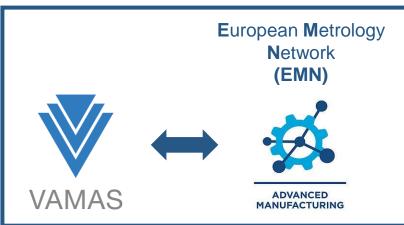


**EASIER ACCEPTANCE FOR INNOVATION** 

## UNDER-EXPLOITED OPPORTUNITIES AND FRAMEWORK

FOR A PLACE TO HOST THESE ACTIONS

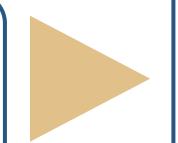








**ACCESS TO FUNDING TO** PRE-STANDARDISE **CHARACTERISATION & TESTING METHODS** 

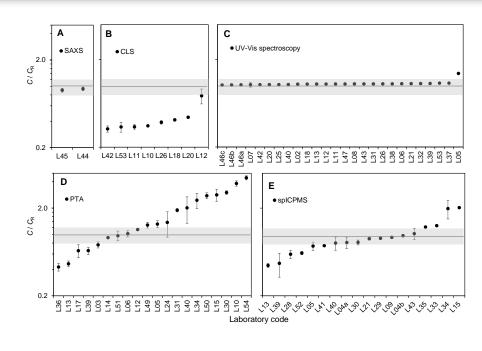


European Partnership on Metrology / EPM **METROLOGY EURAME PARTNERSHIP** 

# VAMAS: WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?



Versailles Project on Advanced Materials and Standards



VAMAS ILCs is the ideal framework to develop and test best practice ahead of standardisation











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# **VAMAS**: VERSAILLES PROJECT ON ADVANCED MATERIALS AND STANDARDS

1982 Versailles
8th - G7 Economic Summit of the GATT\*





**Versailles Project on Advanced Materials and Standards:** Formed as one of 18 cooperative projects to VAMAS stimulate world trade in new technologies using advanced materials through pre-standards research

- only one surviving and growing

\* GATT – Global Agreement on Tariffs and Trade



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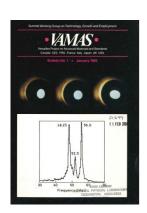
Ronald Reagan

## VAMAS - SCOPE

Versailles Project on Advanced Materials and Standards: To promote world trade by innovation and adoption of advanced materials through international collaborations that provide the technical basis for harmonization of measurement methods, leading to best practice, reference materials and standards

Canada . France . Germany . Italy . Japan . UK . USA . EC . Brazil . Mexico . Chinese Taipei . South Africa . Australia . Korea . India . China 1982 2007 2008 2013





1985

## 1987:

Results reported from first round-robin test (Wear test methods)

## ...celebrating 40+ years

### First VAMAS technical groups:

- Wear Test Methods
- Surface Chemical Analysis
- Polymer Blends
- Ceramics

# CURRENTLY ACTIVE TECHNICAL WORK AREAS (TWA)

		<u>WWW</u>	<u>.vam</u>	as.org
	Surface Chemical Analysis	Quantitative Microstructural Analysis		
	Polymer Composites	Solid Sorbents		
	Superconducting Materials	Synthetic Biomaterials		
	Properties of Electroceramics	<b>Graphene and Related 2D Materials</b>		
	Creep, Crack and Fatigue Growth in Weldments	Raman Spectroscopy and Microscopy		
	Polymer Nanocomposites	Thermal Properties		
	Nanoparticle Populations	Self Healing Ceramics		
	Printed, flexible and stretchable electronics	Micro and Nano Plastics in the Environment		

## **VAMAS – KEY ACTIVITIES**

- 1. Foresighting bringing together experts to understand stakeholder needs and requirements for advanced materials
- **2. Global collaboration** organising global collaborative projects to establish best practice, share information and accelerate standardisation
- **3. Dissemination** disseminating trends, best practice and reference materials to support standardisation, innovation and world trade of advanced materials.

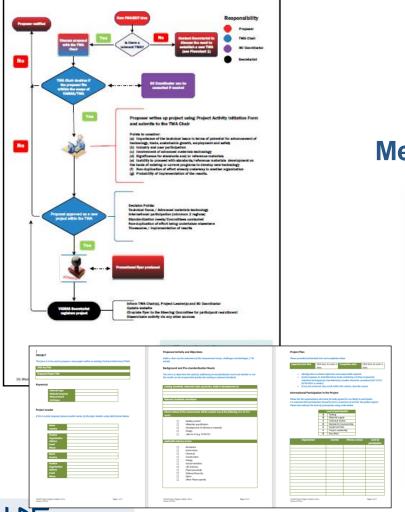
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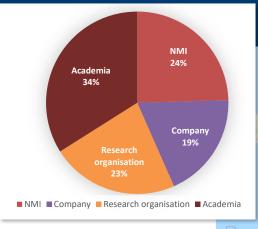




# THE PROCESS

## **Initiation**





## **Measurement protocol**



## Recruitment



## **Sample**



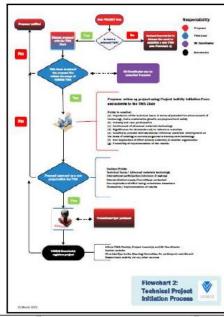


## THE PROCESS

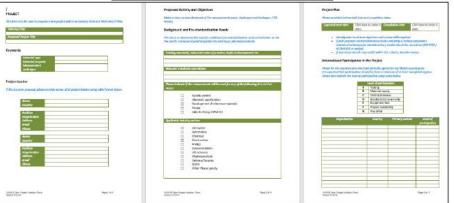
#### Points to consider

- Importance of the technical issue in terms of potential for advancement of technology, trade, sustainable growth, employment and safety
- 2. industry and end-user participation
- 3. Involvement of advanced materials technology
- 4. significance for standards and/or reference materials
- 5. non-duplication of effort already underway in another organization
- 6. probability of implementation of the results
- New projects
   approved by TWA Chair
- New TWA
   presentation to the SC
   approved by the SC (voting 1 per member region)

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## BENEFITS TO STAKEHOLDERS



- Insights into new standards for materials
- Insights into novel materials technologies
- Access to a global network of experts



- Opportunity to define and learn best practice
- Develops skilled workforce and benchmark capability
- International agreement on testing and characterisation before standards are available



- Reduces risks of adopting advanced materials
- Accelerates the standardisation process
- Facilitates world trade in materials

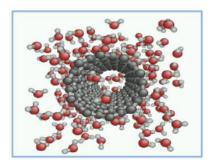


## CODATA-VAMAS WORKING GROUP

"How do we know which nanomaterial is under discussion? Which of its features are important?"

"How to determine if two nanomaterials are equivalent?"

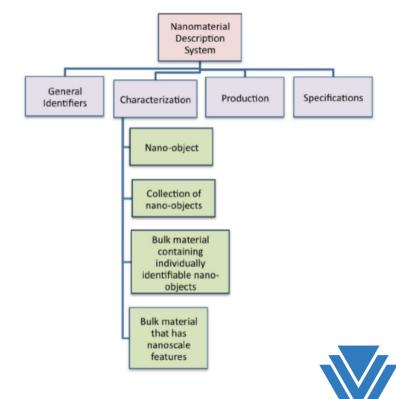
**Uniform Description System for** Materials on the Nanoscale



Prepared by the CODATA-VAMAS Working Group On the Description of Nanomaterials www.codata.org/nanomaterials

> Version 2.0 25 May 2016

Using the UDS: Major Information Categories Used to Describe a Nanomaterial					
Title	Part	Description			
Introduction, Use, Definitions, and Framework	1	Introductory material about the UDS including general definitions and the overall framework			
Characterization of an individual nano-object	2	A set of measurement results that taken together uniquely characterizes the physical, chemical, structural and other characteristics of a nano-object			
Characterization of a collection of nano- objects	3	A set of measurement results that taken together uniquely characterizes the physical, chemical, structural and other characteristics of a collection of nano-objects			
Description of bulk materials	4	The description of the bulk materials either containing nano-objects or having features on the nanoscale			
Production of nanomaterials	5	A set of general and specific data information that describes the production of a nanomaterial. The production of a nanomaterial is assumed to have a distinct initial phase followed by one or more post-production phases			
Specification of nanomaterials	6	A set of detailed information about specification documentation according to which a nanomaterial has been produced or documented			
General identifiers for nanomaterials	7	The general terms used to name and classify a nanomaterial			
References					
Appendix A	8	Information about the descriptors used for a measurement			



**VAMAS** 

The International Council for Science: Committee on Data for Science and Technology (www.codata.org) VAMAS (www.vamas.org)





## **Nanoparticle Populations**

Technical Work Area 34

Project 16

Measurement of (relative) number concentration of bimodal silica nanoparticles including deposition from liquid suspension

#### Objectives

- Validate the performance of imaging methods electron microscopy (SEM, TEM) and atomic force microscopy (AFM) to measure the relative number concentration of two modes of bimodal (30 and 60 nm) silica nanoparticles (NP)
- Validate the performance of small angle X-ray scattering (SAXS) for the traceable measurement of the number concentration of the two modes.

#### Background

The recently published standard ISO 21363: 2020 "Nanotechnologies — Measurements of particle size and shape distributions by transmission electron microscopy" specifies how to capture, measure and analyse TEM images to obtain NP size and shape distributions. Case study C refers to the analysis of bimodal silica NPs, but the number concentration of the two modes (even if relative) is not considered. In this Interlaboratory Comparison (ILC) the relative number concentration of the bimodal silica NPs shall be measured. Two different relative number concentrations of the two modes were prepared. Various standardisation activities on NP size and shape distribution and number concentration are currently in progress, e.g. ISO 19749 "Nanotechnologies — Measurements of particle size and shape distributions by scanning electron

microscopy", the ILC "Guidelines for Shape and Size Analysis of Nanoparticles by AFM" on spherical silica NPs in TWA 2, or ISO 17867 "Particle size analysis — Small angle X -ray scattering (SAXS)" in ISO/TC 24. In the frame of CCQM/IAWG, a pilot study and a key comparison are in progress, both on measurement of the NP concentration of monomodal gold.

#### Standardisation needs

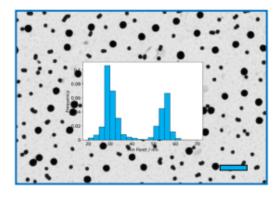
There is a need for standardized measurements of particle size and shape distribution for NPs which are non-monodisperse. There are no standardized procedures for the preparation from liquid suspension of non-overlapped particles on a substrate suitable for accurate image analysis. Only the TEM standard ISO 21363 treats the analysis of bimodal silica NPs with its challenges in detail, however, without touching the number concentration. The present ILC is intended to complete the entire sequence of NP analysis also with the evaluation of the (relative) NP number concentration step.

#### **Work Programme**

Ampoules with 1 mL liquid suspension are prepared within the EMPIR project 17NRM04 nPSize and will be provided to participants together with protocols for sample preparation on a substrate, and analysis.

#### **CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**





Ampoules with the 1 mL liquid suspension of bi-modal SiO₂ nanoparticles and an electron micrograph (STEM-in-SEM) with the particles deposited on a carbon TEM grid according to the protocol.

Final data compilation and analysis will be carried out by BAM.

#### **Deliverables and Dissemination**

This interlaboratory study will be disseminated at scientific conferences and in a peer-reviewed scientific journal. Further, the ISO 21363 (Nanotechnologies — Measurements of particle size and shape distributions by TEM) will be completed with measurement of concentration of bimodal NPs for bimodal from liquid suspension, including deposition protocols for imaging methods.

#### International Participation

Current participation includes volunteers from countries from all continents.

Depending on the number of interested participants, more volunteers with methods other than electron microscopy, AFM and SAXS will be also considered.

#### Funding

Participants fund their own involvement in the project.

#### **Project Status**

The project is due to start in January 2022 for a duration of 12 months.

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November 2021





# Nanoparticle Populations Technical Work Area 34

Project 17

#### Line notation and unique identifiers for nanomaterials and groups of nanomaterials

#### Objectives

Clear, unambiguous reporting of the identity of a nanomaterial is a complex and not completely solved task. A standardized line notation encoding important physicochemical characteristics will improve this situation. It could replace other suboptimal unique identifiers and provide better machine readability. Specific objectives are:

- · Identify and agree on a set of characteristics needed to be encoded in the line notation.
- Generate a technical specification and software implementation compatible with the chemical line notation InChI and its extensions endorsed by IUPAC.
- · Test the line notation on a set of diverse nanomaterial classes to guarantee broad applicability but also to define the applicability domain of the identifier.

#### Background

VAMAS and CODATA jointly developed the Uniform Description System (UDS) for materials at the nanoscale to define minimal reporting guidelines for physicochemical characterizations of nanomaterials. This can be used as the basis for a line notation, which encodes all this information (or parts of it) in a compact form that is easy to extract from different documents, enabling comparisons, supporting

searches for specific nanomaterials and corresponding data, and identifying similar materials. A first prototype was published recently as an extension of the InChl.

#### Standardization Needs

The new line notation (NInChI) will improve the UDS by providing a unique identifier for a material or group of materials and, at the same time, a summary of the major characteristics of the material and its provenance. Standards based on the UDS should be updated accordingly.

#### **Work Programme**

- Dataset curation to develop sets of real-world nanomaterials libraries to challenge the implementation and coding of the NInChI as much as possible.
- · Monthly virtual hackathons with nanomaterials experts and IUPAC NIn-ChI working group experts to develop workable suggestions for how to encode different aspects of nanomaterials descriptors.
- Face-to-face workshops.

#### Deliverables and Dissemination

· Specification of a line notation for nanomaterials (NInChI, multiple development cycles) as extension to the IUPAC International Chemical Identifier (InChI).

#### **Call for Participation**

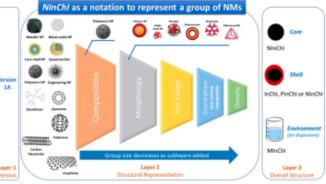


Illustration of the NInChI as a notation to represent a particular group of NMs (reproduced from Lynch at al., https:// doi.org/10.3390/ nano10122493)

- Standard implementation to be used in data management and reporting tools
- Update(s) of the UDS to integrate the NInChI and additional reporting requirements identified during the development of the NInChI.
- Update of ASTM E3144-19 and other standards based on UDS to include NInChIs and other reporting requirements.

#### International Participation

Current participants include volunteers from countries on all continents. More volunteers with expertise is specific nanomaterial classes (composition, coating,...), standards for nanomaterial characterization. and machine-readable identifiers and representations are welcome.

#### Funding

Participants fund their own involvement in the project. Organization of workshops can be financially support-

#### Project Status

The project started in June 2022 and will continue for a duration of 24 months.

#### For more information on participation, please contact:

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#### Dr. Thomas Exner

Project lead Seven Past Nine, Slovenia thomas.exner@sevenpastnine.com

Dr. Jeffrey Fagan Chair VAMAS TWA 34 NIST, USA jeffrey.fagan@nist.gov

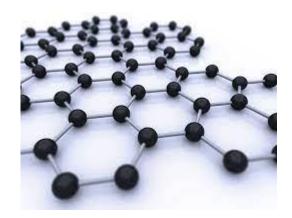


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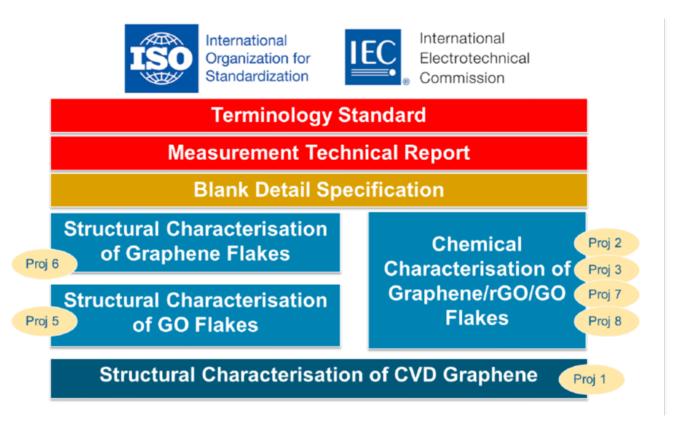
## TWA41 GRAPHENE AND RELATED 2D MATERIALS





MORE DETAILS WITH THE PRESENTATION GIVEN TOMORRW (10:50 – 11:10) BY CHARLES CLIFFORD





## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Any organisation, with expertise and capability in the area of study can participate and there is no fee
- Participants can be from either VAMAS member or non-member regions
- Participants fund their own involvement in the study
- Test materials for the interlaboratory exercises are supplied free of charge
- The VAMAS website lists studies that are open for participation
- Contact the Project Leaders, TWA Chair or the region Steering Committee Representative for more information.



# EUROPEAN METROLOGY NETWORKS (EMNs)

#### **EURAMET'S EUROPEAN METROLOGY NETWORKS**

Close collaboration in measurement science with a new sustainable structure

The vision of EURAMET and its members is to ensure Europe has a world-leading metrology capability, based on high-quality scientific research and an effective and inclusive infrastructure, that meets the rapidly advancing needs of end users. EURAMET's European Metrology Networks (EMNs) help realising this aim.

Currently there are eleven EMNs: Advanced Manufacturing, Climate and Ocean Observation, Energy Gases, Laboratory Medicine, Mathematics and Statistics, Pollution Monitoring, Quantum Technologies, Radiation Protection, Safe and Sustainable Food, Smart Electricity Grids and Smart Specialisation in Northern Europe.

The EMNs will analyse the European and global metrology needs and address these needs in a coordinated manner. EMN members will then formulate common metrology strategies including aspects such as research, infrastructure, knowledge transfer and services. The members will be committed to contributing to the EMN, helping to establish sustainable structures that are strategically planned from the outset.

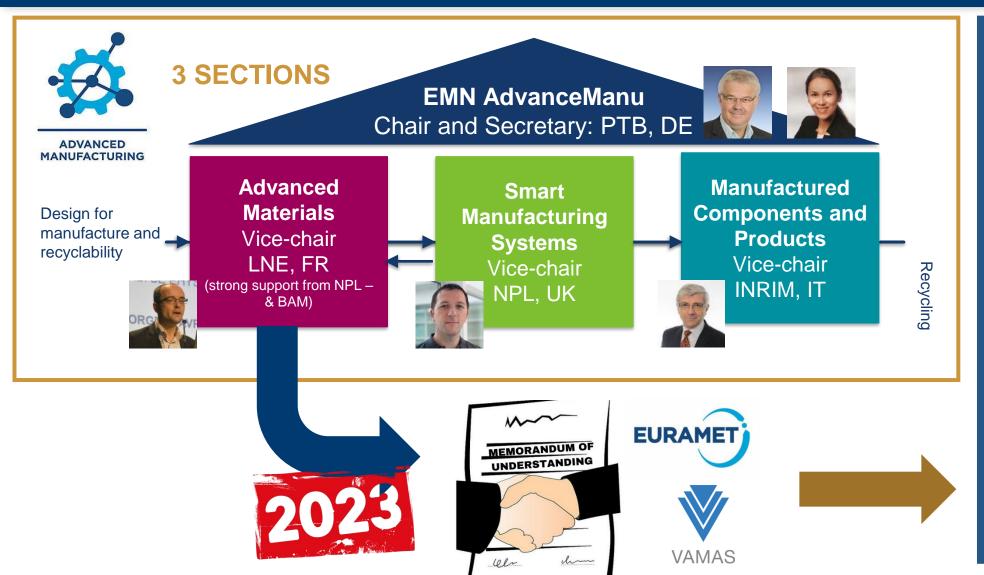




By providing a single point of contact for information, underpinning regulation and standardisation, promoting best practice and establishing a comprehensive, longer-term infrastructure, the EMNs aim to create and disseminate knowledge, gain international leadership and recognition, and build collaboration across the measurement science community.

https://www.euramet.org/european-metrology-networks

## EMN FOR ADVANCED MANUFACTURING: OFFER METROLOGY COORDINATED ANSWERS TO KEY INDUSTRY SECTORS



- **STRENGTHENING** PRE-**NORMALISATION ACTIONS** IN THE FIELD OF **ADVANCED** MATERIALS WITHIN EURAMET,
- **SETTING UP COLLABORATIONS** WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS; AND
- **IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES**

## THE EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP ON METROLOGY

- The European Partnership on Metrology EPM is about improving measurement to drive innovation and competitiveness and to support societal challenges and regulation.
- It enables European metrology institutes, industrial organisations, academia, standardization and regulators to collaborate on Joint Research Projects (JRP).
- EPM is a tool of the European Commission's Horizon Europe, the research and innovation programme running from 2021 to 2027.
- It is implemented by EURAMET, the European Association of National Metrology Institutes.
- EPM is the successor of EMPIR *European Metrology Programme For Innovation* and Research (2014-2020): it has the same process for the annual calls.











## STANDARDISATION IN PARTNERSHIP

- ☐ 7 ANNUAL CALLS BETWEEN 2021-2027
- ☐ A NORMATIVE CALL IS PLANNED **EVERY YEAR**
- ☐ A DEDICATED CALL RESTRICTED TO REGULATION IS PLANNED IN THE **FUTURE CALLS**
- ☐ 6 PROJECTS FUNDED IN THE NRM CALL 2021 AND 7 IN THE NRM CALL 2022
- ☐ STAIR-EMPIR PROCESS **TO COLLECT THE RESEARCH NEEDS** FROM THE STANDARDISATION GROUPS TO FEED THE EPM NRM **CALLS**

What is the aim of the NRM Projects?



Strategic aim

to develop metrological methods and techniques required for standardisation, regulation and conformity assessment

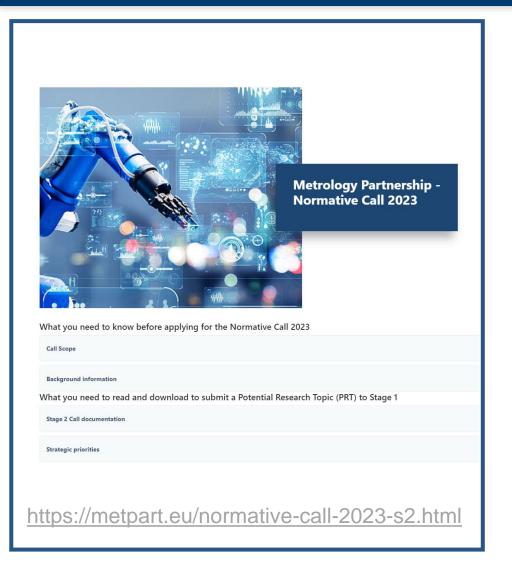
enable collaborative research going beyond the state of art

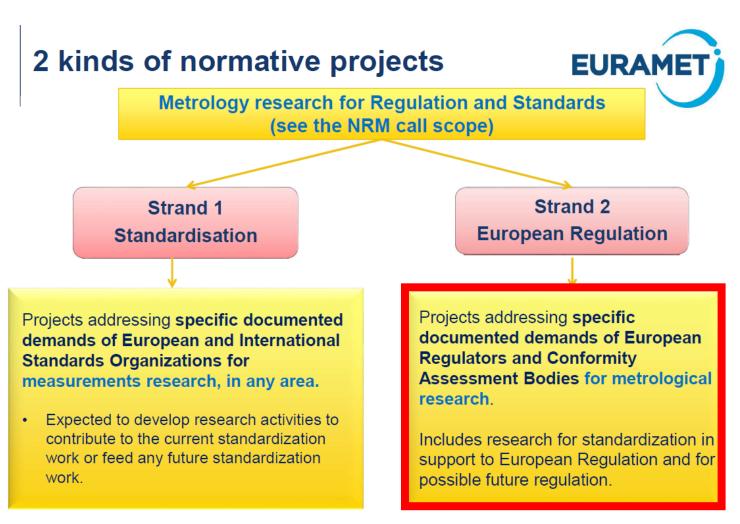
generate benefit for European and International Standards Organisations by exploiting the expertise and unique capabilities of the metrology institutes.



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## STANDARDISATION IN PARTNERSHIP





## OVERVIEW OF THE NRM PROJECTS

 Must include at least 3 National Metrology Institutes or Designated Institutes, each from different countries.



- Must be led by a metrologist coordinator or an external organization :
   Project coordination by an external beneficiary has been permitted in the

   2023 NRM call and is now under consideration for the 2024 NRM Call
- Has a maximum duration of 3 years, can be 2 years
- Expected to include <u>external partners</u> (funded or unfunded): industry, research organizations, standardization, regulators..
- Total budget per project : 1,3 M€ maximum in 2023 (1,2 M€ in 2022) with around 30% dedicated to the external partners.

## THE PROCESS OF THE EPM CALLS



 Input from CEN-CENELEC throught STAIR EMPIR

Stage 1: Submission of ideas PRT = Potential Research Topic

Selection of the best ideas (Euramet)
 SRT = Selected Research Topic

 <u>Stage 2</u>: Call for proposals for the SRT Consortia write the project proposals

Review of proposals (referee)

Start of work

December Year - 1

Jan – Feb

Apr-May

Jun – Sept

Nov

Year+1/1st Semester



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# HOW CAN STANDARDISATION SUBMIT RESEARCH NEEDS FOR THE 2024 EPM CALL?

RESPONSE FORM for Standardisation groups

Available at CEN/CENELEC website "Standards and metrology



All standardization needs will not result in a PRT:

- depending on the metrology institutes interested
- at least 3 for the JRP- their internal strategy,
- their budget....

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#### RESEARCH-AND-STANDARDISATION<sup>1</sup>

#### RESPONSE FORM for Standardisation groups ¶

Opportunity for standardisation to contribute to the European-Partnership on Metrology EPM under Horizon Europe¶

Objective: to collect standardization needs and suggestions to develop research projects in testing and measurements for the upcoming-European-Partnership on Metrology (EMP) calls in 2023

In the frame of the cooperation agreement between CEN-CENELEC and EURAMET, & CEN- and CENELEC beveloped, bacquipules, by the EURAMET Management to put forward their testing; and measurement needs in research for consideration by metrology institutes for future calls under EPM.4

are invited to contribute with:

- a short introduction or an overview paper of their unaddressed standardization needs for testing and measurement, and¶
- a contact-person (secretary, chair, convener, fisison-officer, etc.) whom-proposers for the Potential Research Topics can contact.

by using this Response Form and send it to the STAIR-EMPIR-secretariat hosted by NENat - empir@nen.nl-with a copy to research@cencenelec.au¶

Deadline for the consultation: 14 December 2022¶

Source of the identified need ¶	-CENITO DWG-0	7
title) o	Other, namely identification, Titles	ı
European-entity-responsible for- submission of the need a	CEN/CLC-TC-#, or National Standardization- Organizations	-
Person that can be contacted for more detail a	First name and family name! E-mail Tolephone! Country:	n
Title=	Title and short scope/description of the need as sucho	7:
Unaddressed need •	Short description of the need as such a	7:
Further explanation of need+* (TC-business-plan, road-map, formal decision, work item, etc.) =	Further explanation on the need, why it shall be filled and why specifically related to standard! Estimated time frame that need shall be fulfilled:	
Proof of the need by the TCISCo	Indication by the standardization group of its support to use the effective research result is strongly recommended, Indicate a decision or attached minutes that underline that support o	H
Enclosures	□·Yes¶ □·No□	n

# HOW CAN STANDARDISATION SUBMIT RESEARCH NEEDS FOR THE 2024 EPM CALL?

The Response Form has to be sent to <a href="mailto:empir@nen.nl">empir@nen.nl</a> by 15 December 2023. (please put research@cencenelec.eu in cc)

Response form is available at <a href="CEN/CENELEC website">CEN/CENELEC website</a>\*

- From now, it is recommended to have early exchanges between TC/WG and metrology experts to ensure to collect relevant metrology research topics and a higher quality of the PRT:
  - Discuss with metrology institutes involved in your TC/WG
  - Contact STAIR EMPIR to organize an exchange with EURAMET experts.
- Standardisation needs are published on EURAMET website in January for a wider dissemination.

\* https://www.cencenelec.eu/get-involved/research-and-innovation/cen-and-cenelecactivities/standards-and-metrology/

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## **FUTURE OF METROLOGY**





**EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR RESEARCH & INNOVATION** 

23 November 2023, 10:00 - 17:00, Breydel Auditorium, Avenue d'Auderghem 45, 1000 Brussels

10:00-10:30	Welcome and introduction Peter Dröll, Director Prosperity, DG Research and Innovation Maguelonne Chambon, Chair, European Partnership on Metrology			
	etrology and Industry under the European Partnership on Metrology (EPM)  T: Jürgen Tiedje, Head of Unit Industrial Transformation, DG Research and Innovation			
10:30-11:00	Industrial and European Partnership Perspective  Dr. Yves Gigase, Head of Programmes, Key Digital Technologies Joint Undertaking  (KDT JU) and future Chips Joint Undertaking			
11:00-11:30	A success story from a pre-standardisation research project  Dr. Elsa Batista, Researcher, Instituto Português da Qualidade (IPQ), Central  Metrology Laboratory			
11:30-12:30	Q&A and Discussion			
12:30-13:30	Lunch break			
Metrology, standardisation and certification Moderator: Jürgen Tiedje, Head of Unit Industrial Transformation, DG Research and Innovation				
13:30-13:50	Role of a standardisation body in the EU Single Market to ensure harmonisation Dr. Katrin Sjöberg, Technical Advisor, Volvo Autonomous Solutions, Representative in ETSI, ISO and CEN/CENELEC			
13:50-14:10	How Metrology and standards can contribute to achieve the objectives of the Green Deal: a case of smart electricity grids under CEF Energy  Ona Kostinaitė-Grinkevičienė, Head of Sector Electricity and Smart Grid, Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA)			

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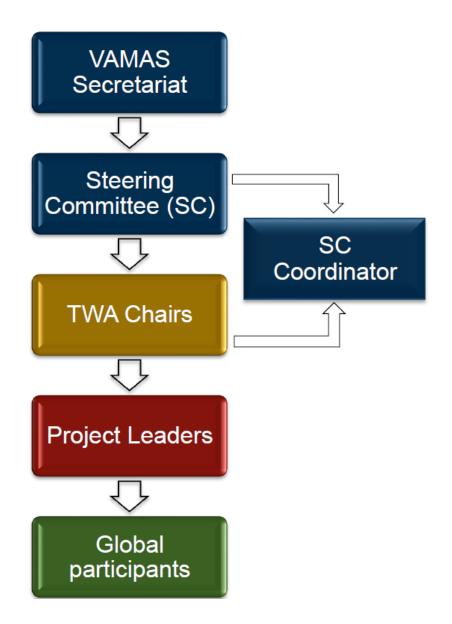
**International Chair and Secretary** 

Three SC representatives from each member region

Appointed by the SC

**Globally based** 

Open to volunteers from both member and non member regions





# INTERLABORATORY COMPARISON - ISO DEFINITION





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**ISO/IEC 17043:2023(en)** Conformity assessment — General requirements for the competence of proficiency testing providers





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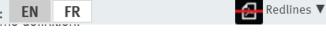
Introduction

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- 2 Normative references

#### 3 Terms and definitions

- ▼ 4 General requirements
  - 4.1 Impartiality
  - 4.2 Confidentiality
  - 5 Structural requirements
- ▼ 6 Resource requirements
  - 6.1 General
  - 6.2 Personnel
  - 6.3 Facilities and environmental cor
  - 6.4 Externally provided products and
- ▼ 7 Process requirements
  - ▶ 7.1 Establishing, contracting and co





#### 3.4

#### interlaboratory comparison

design, performance and evaluation of measurements or tests on the same or similar items by two or more laboratories in accordance with predetermined conditions

Note 1 to entry: The term "laboratories" is used in this document to cover all organizations that provide information on items based on experimental observation, including measurement, testing, calibration, examination, sampling and inspection.

Note 2 to entry: The term "measurements or tests" is used throughout this document to apply to any activities undertaken by the proficiency testing participants (3.6) that are subject to the proficiency testing (3.7), whether quantitative, qualitative or interpretative, unless otherwise qualified.

Note 3 to entry: Interlaboratory comparisons that involve measurements convey more insight regarding performance when measurement uncertainty is considered.

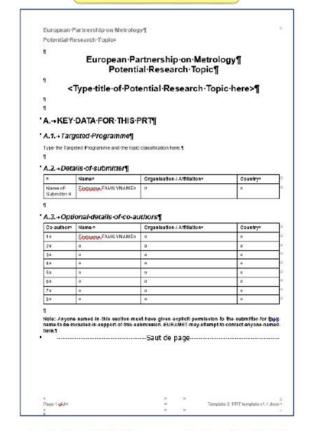
[SOURCE:ISO 13528:2022, 3.1, modified — The word "organization" has been replaced with "design" and the Notes to the entry have been added.]



## STAGE 1: SUBMISSION OF IDEAS IN A PRT

- Anyone can submit a Potential Research Topic (PRT)
- PRT Template: 5 pages maximum: the submitters, the scientific objectives, the stakeholder needs and the potential impact of the proposed research.
- What helps the selection of the PRT:
  - Early discussion between metrologist and standardisation experts
  - CEN-CENELEC co-authoring the PRT
  - Need from the CEN STAIR consultation
  - 3 metrology institutes with a potential budget.
- It does not imply any commitment of submitters even when the PRT is selected.
- Call 2024 : PRT to be submitted by 19 February 2024

#### **PRT Template**





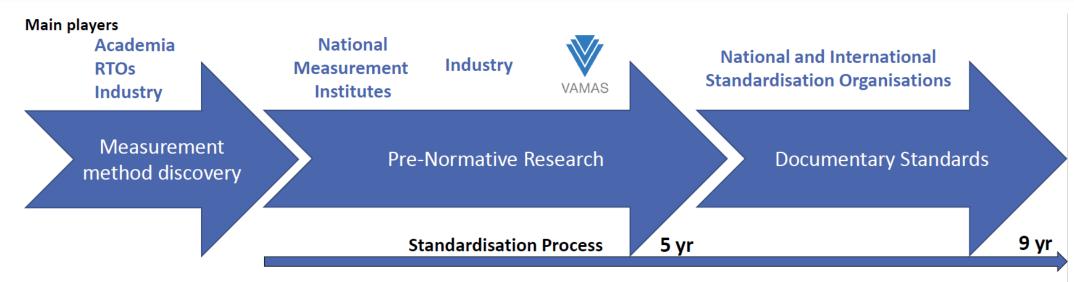


## **STAGE 2**: PREPARING THE PROJECT PROPOSAL

- Selected Research Topics are public Include the objectives
- Forming the consortium, writing and costing the proposal
- Partners and Stakeholders decide how much they want to be involved and contribute to the works :
  - Have valid contributions and deliver tasks that can be funded.
     Standardization representatives can be leaders of the impact Work
     Package. Funded and unfunded partners sign an agreement with EURAMET.
  - Offer guidance/support without any tasks to deliver and don't sign an agreement (collaborator or member of the stakeholder group).
- ➤ The standardisation group generally provides a letter of support joined to the project proposal to demonstrate the support of the standardisation.
- Call 2024 : JRP proposals to be submitted by 30 September 2024.



## **KEY STAGE OF MATERIALS METROLOGY**



#### **Main Outputs**

- Scientific papers
- Patents
- Spin Outs

- Reproducible Measurement Methods
- Robust/Calibrated Measurement Facilities
- Reference Materials

- Best Practice Guides
- Technical Procedures
- Draft Standards

- Publicly Available Specifications (PAS)
- Technical Specification
- Technical Standards

#### Main Impact

- New scientific insights
- New business opportunities
- · Accelerates innovation
- Increases confidence and trust (stakeholders / supply chains)
- Accelerates uptake of advanced materials
- Reduce investment risk

- Supports global trade
- Supports regulatory framework

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