



# Effective participation of Societal Stakeholders in Standardization

Societal Stakeholders Organizations' right to submit an Opinion

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# ***CEN/CA Decision 96/2016*** ***CENELEC/CA Decision 145/26***



CEN and CENELEC CAs agreed:

- **“Opinion”** as of **1 January 2017**
- support at **international level**
- measures to **raise awareness**



# Right to submit Opinion



Implemented from 1 January 2017

## Opinion mechanism

- Societal Stakeholder Organizations, “Annex III” and CEN-CENELEC Partner
- Processing of the Opinion
  - ✓ Timing for submission
  - ✓ Role of TC/SC
- Template for submission



# Right to submit Opinion: General considerations



Opinion is expected to be:

- Used positively
- Used when participating
- Constructive for TC to take on board

Opinion is not part of the ballot:

- outcome vote: not affected
- national delegation principle: not affected
- consensus building: not challenged



## OPINION on prEN/FprEN

Name of submitting organization:	Submission date:
Contact person:	
TC number: <input type="checkbox"/> CEN/TC ... <input type="checkbox"/> CENELEC/TC ... <input type="checkbox"/> Other ...	TC Secretariat:
Procedure: <input type="checkbox"/> Enquiry <sup>1</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Vote	Closing date:

Standard (number & title):

**OPINION:**

Favourable  
 Not favourable

Comments in support of the Opinion:

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Where the Opinion is "Not favourable", the NSE/NC template for comments must be used and attached to this form in order to allow the Technical Body<sup>2</sup> to respond.



Please provide the following information which will help respond to the Opinion.

Is your organization actively participating in the development of the standard?

Yes

No

If yes, name of the expert(s):

During the standard's development phase, did you make comments?

Yes

to the WG

to the TC/SC

No

Were these comments accepted by the technical body?

Yes

Partly

No

Comment: ...

If your Opinion is "Not favourable", is it in line with these earlier comments to the technical body?

Yes

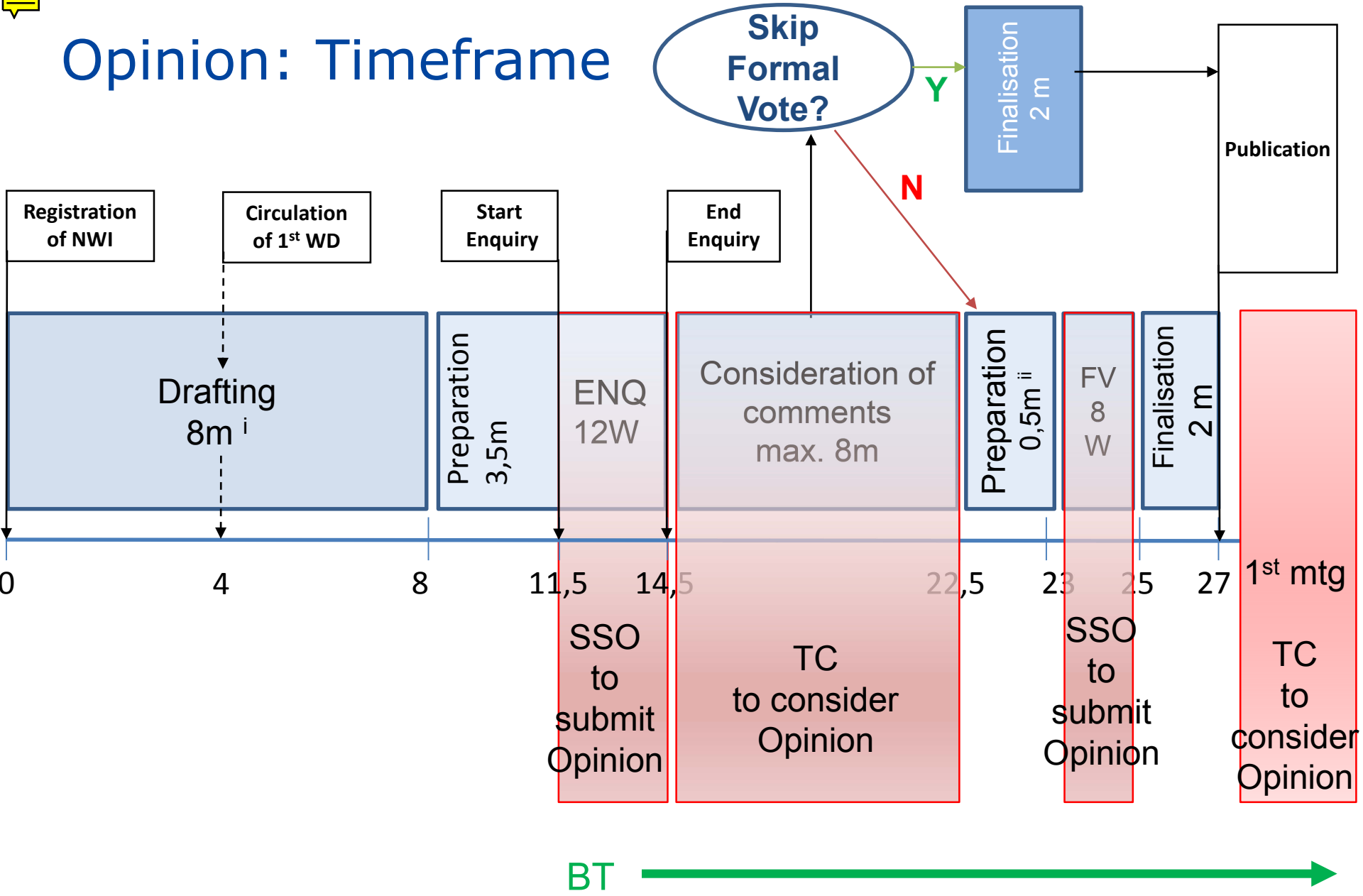
No

If "No", why?: .....

N/A

# Annex(es) Included with this Opinion (give details): ...

# Opinion: Timeframe



<sup>i</sup> Possibility to be extended to 12 months

<sup>ii</sup> Translation previous to Formal vote is optional. If translation is necessary 1,5 months need to be added





# Incorporate in rules and procedures



- CEN BOSS and CENELEC website
- Revise CEN-CENELEC Guide 25 'The concept of Partnership with European Organisations and other stakeholders'

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