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Details



Panellist on *“Internalisation of external costs”: is the EU approach right, at this point in time?”*

1974 - 1977 Technical officer, DIN, food and agriculture division

1978 - 1988 Head of the DIN food and agriculture division Secretary of several ISO committees

1989 - 1992 Head of the DIN division for technical coordination and planning

1993 - 1999 Head of the DIN division for international cooperation

Since 2000 DIN Director Technical – International Cooperation

Since 2007 Vice-President Technical of CEN (European Committee for Standardization)

1993 - 1998 Member of the CEN Technical Board; Since 1993 Member of the ISO Technical Management Board; Since 1996 Member of the ISO Information Technology Strategies Implementation

Group - 2000 - 2006 Deputy members of the CEN Administrative Board; Since 2007 Member of the CEN Board.

At the Conference

Mr Ziethen talked about how standardisation can help reduce external costs from standardised rail between countries; standardised electric vehicles; the exchange of data; the standardisation of fuels and engines, particularly in relation to biofuels; and eBusiness standards.

ISO 9001 of the range of 9000 standards has been adopted at the EU level and in transport there are standards in the transport of dangerous goods and also for standards across modes, with containers for example as well as safety standards and road safety European standards.

PowerPoint

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Pre-Conference statement

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- Participants in standards development represent all interests concerned: industry, authorities and civil society, contributing mainly through their national standards bodies;
- Draft standards are made public for consultation at large;
- The final, formal vote is binding on all members;
- The European Standards (ENs) must be transposed into national standards and conflicting standards withdrawn”