

# NEW DEVELOPMENTS FOR SMEs IN STANDARDISATION

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# 12 YEARS NORMAPME

- Created 1996
- Partner of UEAPME in standardisation
- Represents 12M SMEs
- Berlin SME conference
- Cost to UEAPME ~ 350 K €
- EC contribution ~ 4.4 M € till 2008
- Two 3-year contracts, new framework contract

# ACTIVITIES

- Participate in the work of 18 TCs, future 25
- Co-ordinate SME positions
- Inform SME organisations
- Co-operate with employers organisations representing SMEs
- Present positions on legislation affecting standardisation

# RESULTS

- Dentistry
- Windows
- Qualification of construction enterprises
- Building anchors
- ISO 22000
- Refrigeration
- Creation of active participation attitude by SMEs

# RECENT ISSUES / RESULTS

- New Approach Revision
- Accreditation of simple certification systems
- Simplification of standards
- CEN strategy document
- Standards abstracts
- CEN / CENELEC BT WG, guidance on SME needs
- EC Study on Access to Standardisation
- CEN/CENELEC Project on Access to Standardisation

# PENDING ISSUES

- Training of SME experts in standardisation
- Balanced Representation in TCs (max 25% for any type of stakeholder)
- Examples of wrong decisions in standardisation because of unbalanced representation:
- Lifts electronic diagnostic systems, Risk analysis for swimming pools, Powder operated tools

