



## **Standardisation, testing and certification experience of SMEs**

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Traditional SMEs and craft enterprises face problems of knowledge of standards they should be using, difficulties to implement them when they know them and proportionately large costs of testing and certification.

The number of health and safety standards, environmental regulations and general requirements of compliance with non-core activities is increasing.

The high level of competence through formal training and work experience (at least in some of the large countries of the EU) among SMEs and craft entrepreneurs is considered by them a sufficient guarantee of safety of working conditions and products.

Other suitable methods include simplified, specialized by sector and company size implementation modules of health and safety standards and regulations that can be easily and economically applied. This would permit small companies to continue operating competitively, reliably and economically.