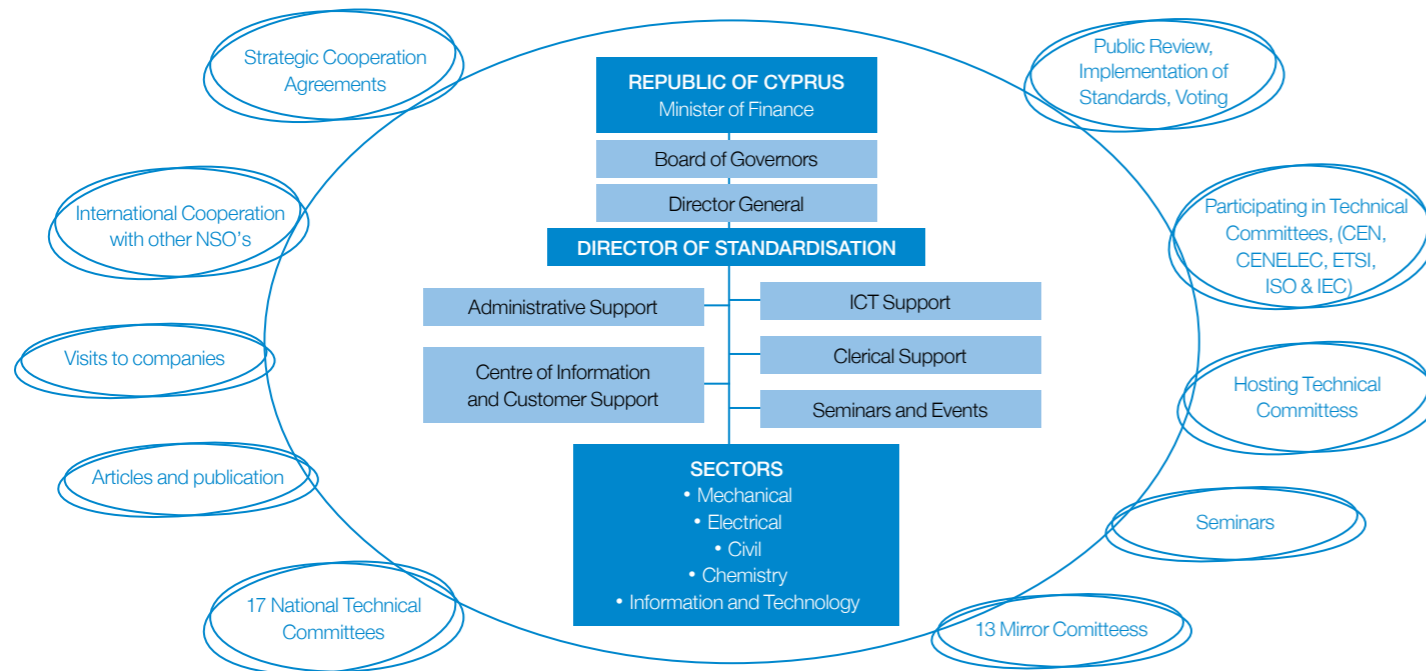


# CYS Contribution to European and International Standardisation

The Organisation's staff are well educated and trained scientists in the fields of mechanical, electrical, civil and chemical engineering, information technology, and chemistry. With the support of a number of external technical experts from the Cyprus industry and businesses, the Organisation's staff keeps itself well-informed and actively participates in the International and European standardisation systems. CYS cooperates, on an equal basis, with the other national standardisation organisations in the preparation of the draft Standards, public reviews and in the procedures for approving and implementing Standards.

## Cyprus Organisation for Standardisation

### National Standardisation System



To cope with the work of numerous European and International technical committees and to maximize its effectiveness in the process of European and International Standardisation, CYS has set up 13 technical committees known as mirror committees. These mirror committees include representatives from all relevant stakeholders and from every sector of economic activity as well as technical experts. The role of these committees is to monitor standardisation at the international and European levels and to participate where necessary in the work of ISO, IEC, CEN, CENELEC and ETSI Committees. In a spirit of consensus, the CYS mirror technical committees decide and determine the national position during public reviews of draft standards and notify such positions to the appropriate European technical committees.

## Strategic Partnerships

In order to promote the implementation of international and European standards in Cyprus and in the neighbouring countries, CYS enters into strategic partnerships. Nationally, CYS has signed memoranda of understanding and cooperation agreements with public and private stakeholders. Overseas CYS has signed cooperation agreements with national standards bodies from European and other neighbouring countries, with which Cyprus traditionally maintains excellent relations.

Such strategic partnerships widen and promote the activities of CYS and the implementation of the International and European standards within the economy, targeting the upgrading of quality of products and services within and outside Cyprus.

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## CYS and its Strategic Objectives

The Cyprus Organisation for Standardisation (CYS) is the National Standards Body of Cyprus in compliance with the Law for Standardisation, Accreditation and Technical Regulation. It has been established and operates as a limited private company registered under the law having the Republic of Cyprus as its sole shareholder. It is managed by 7-member Board of Directors representing the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, and Organisations from the private sector, such as the Employers & Industrialists Federation, the Consumers Association, the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Technical Chamber of Cyprus, as well as the academic community. CYS mission is the promotion of standardisation for the development of quality both in the private and public sectors, in order to ensure a stable improvement of quality of life within the society. CYS participates actively in International and European standardisation promoting national interests and supporting the implementation of European and International Standards in the Cyprus economy.

The strategic objectives of CYS are:

- Active involvement in the European and International standardisation systems
- Promotion and implementation of European and International standards among Cypriot organisations and businesses so as to enhance their competitiveness, the safeguarding consumer's, health and safety and the protection of environment. A further strategic objective is the strengthening of the reputation and image of CYS as the most influential quality infrastructure in Cyprus.

CYS is a full member of the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC). Moreover, CYS as the National Standards Organisation of Cyprus, is a full member of the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN), the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation (CENELEC) and the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI).

## CYS Activities

### Preparation and Approval of the Cyprus Standards

By virtue of the law pertaining to the establishment of CYS, the Organisation is responsible for the management of the national standardisation system.

In this capacity CYS:

- participates in the relevant technical committees drafting the European standards, takes an active part in the public review and finally adopts them as Cyprus Standards.
- approves or adopts any international standard as national standard.
- monitors the preparation of Cyprus standards for products and services that are not covered by EN standards with a view of avoiding any conflicts with European standards in compliance with the Technical Information Procedure required by the European Directive 98/34/EC.

### Information/Assistance

CYS provides information services on issues relating to international, European and Cyprus standards and other technical specifications. The relevant database is updated regularly on a monthly basis. To improve customer service, apart from the electronic standards database that features on its website, CYS also operates the Perinorm bibliographical database. Perinorm is the largest standards database worldwide and provides information on International, European and national standards of 21 countries, covering more than a million standards.

### Sale of Standards

International and European standards and in certain cases Greek translations of European standards are available for sale. All European standards include all amendments incorporated in the text, are regularly updated and are user friendly. International ISO and IEC standards, as well as British standards are also available for sale. Standards of other National Standards Bodies can also be supplied on order.

### CE Marking

CYS is the competent body for providing relevant information on harmonized European standards facilitating the implementation of the New Approach Directives and of the corresponding national legislation. Compliance with the harmonized European standards, is a presumption of conformity to the New Approach Directives which ultimately qualifies products for the CE marking.

### Seminars

CYS offers a wide range of educational services by organizing open seminars for training on matters relating to European standardisation. Workshops are also organized for specific sectors of the industry.

### Public Tenders

CYS provides assistance to authorities who announce public tenders in order to include in their documents the updated International, European and national standards where necessary.

## Center of Information and Customer Service

CYS Centre has a library and a reading room for those interested in furthering their knowledge on standards and standardisation matters.

The following are available for reading room reference or for sale:

- European standards CEN/CENELEC/ETSI
- International standards ISO/IEC
- National standards CYS, BSI/ELOT, DIN etc.

The centre also provides information and facilities (e.g. perinorm) for probing deeper into issues of standardisation of products and services. A member scheme is also available for companies and individuals on a yearly subscription basis.

