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European Committee for Standardisation CEN TC 395
« ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY SERVICES »
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Recap :

A mandate from the European Commission to investigate standardisation opportunities in services sector

A feasibility study made by AFNOR, NEN, EFCA .

CEN decides to establish CEN/TC 395.

Aim: to develop a standard terminology starting from the national practices

Kick-off meeting: 19 June 2009.

Two expert groups : design services for buildings, design services for industrial products

Shadow committees in all EU and EFTA countries

Aims = To clarify the relations (common understanding of activities and responsibilities) and facilitate cross-border services in the Internal Market.

They will encourage the inter-professional dialogue at European level

AN EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE RECOGNITION OF ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY BY ALL ACTORS IN THE CONSTRUCTION CHAIN AND BY INDUSTRIAL CLIENTS



RECOGNITION OF ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY IN EUROPEAN POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- The implementation of European Directives: **health & safety, public procurement, PPPs** Their implications on public assignments
- The « **Services** » and « **Qualifications** » directives are being transposed. Implications in the areas of insurance, liability, regulated professions
- European policies: sustainable construction, Lead Market Initiative, Research & Development.
Their implications on the positioning of the engineering consultancy

**A major challenge:
the role of engineering consultancy in Europe,
its recognition by other actors in the chain and stakeholders, its practices**