National Standardization – what stays, what changes?
(future) role in international standardization

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Standardization

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About NEN

NEN = Netherlands Standardization Institute (since 1916)
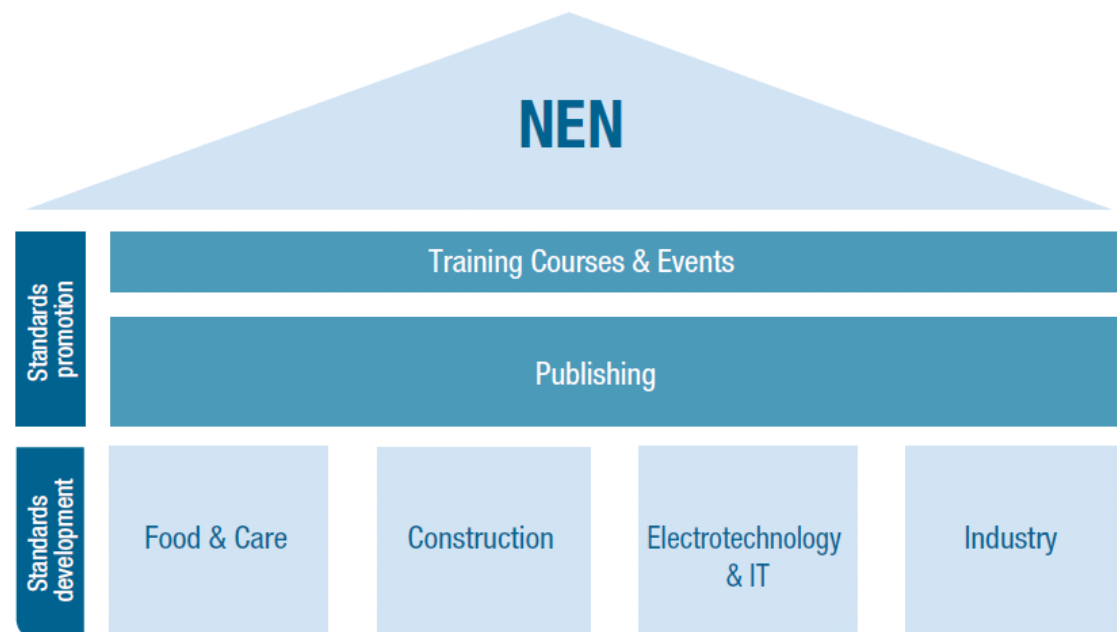Acknowledged as National Standardization Body

The Dutch platform of knowledge in the world of standards and regulations

Non-profit and non-governmental institution

€ 33 million turnover
300 fte personnel
> 800 committees
> 8000 comm. members

>29.400 Standards in NL
>18.500 ISO standards
>13.000 EN standards

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The (future) role of national standardization?

NEN and the gas sector

[Between square brackets secretariats by NEN, Chair Netherlands]

- natural gas [ISO/TC 193 and WGs]

- Gas infra [ISO/TC 234]

- Oil & gas exploration, transportation and analysis

  [ISO/TC 67 and WGs, ISO/TC 118/SC 1, ISO/TC 158, CEN/TC 234/WGs]

- gaseous and liquid (bio)fuels [CEN/TC 19 and WGs, ISO/TC 28]

- LNG/CNG filling stations [ISO/PC 252]

Content

- Why standards?
- Value of standards?
- Role of national standardization, what changes?
- Standards and national regulation?
- Future role of national standardization (bodies)?

Why standards?

Safe and reliable gas infrastructure

Safe (off)loading of LNG!
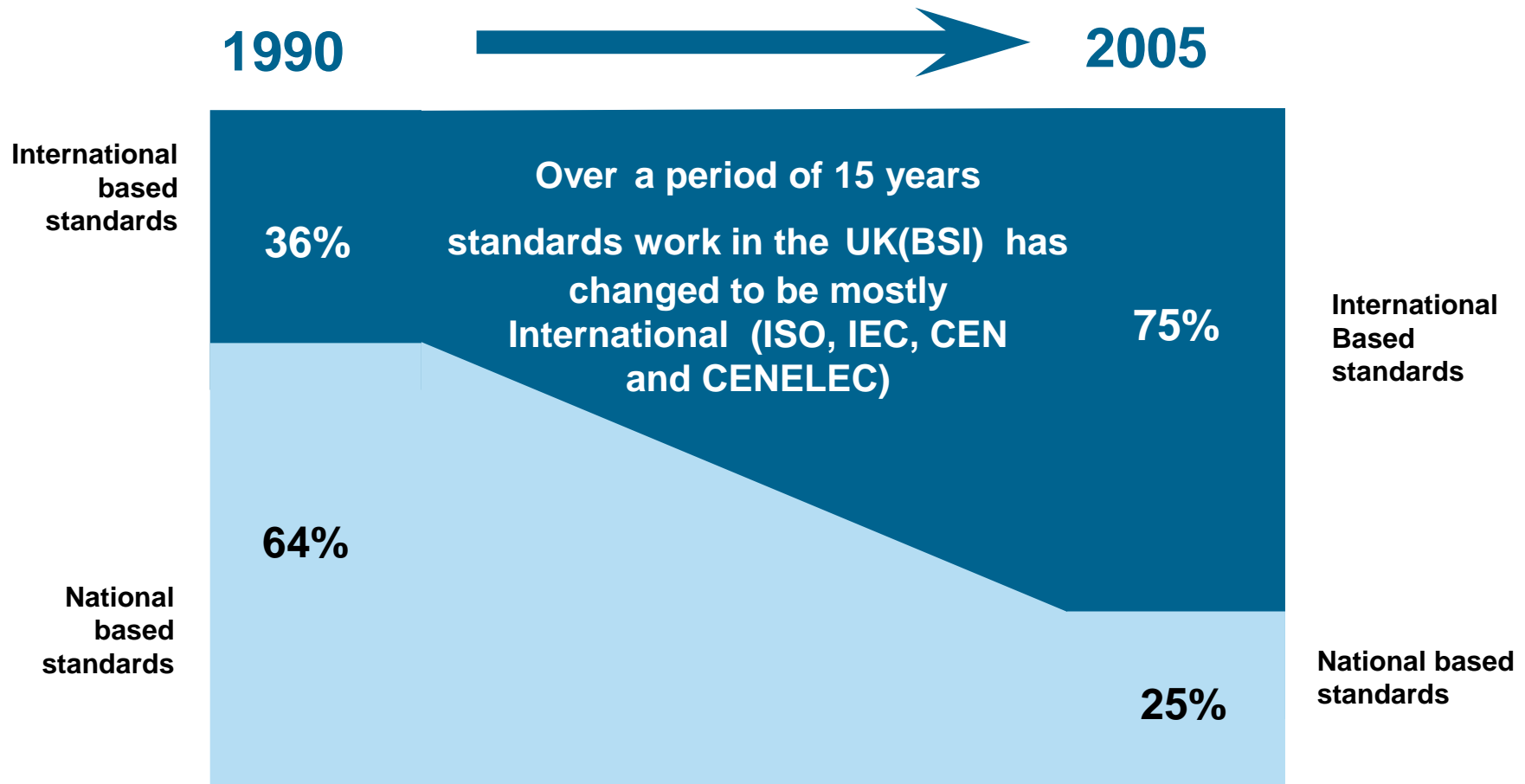
Value of standards in the energy sector

- Standards are the tools we use to organise our technical world
- Quality improvement
- Ensuring consistent and reliable engineering
- Robust standards and practices are critical to prevention of accidents
- Compatibility and efficiency (cost and time reduction)
- Global trade (promotes trading, facilitates partnership and international operation)
- Sharing and dissemination of the knowledge and experience
- Baseline for industry improvement

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National standardization, what changes?

- From a National to an International focus
- Rapid development processes - CWA, TS, PAS
- Coordination tasks (gateway to CEN/ISO)
- Implementation of European and int. Standards
- National standardization strategies

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National to International

1990 ──────────────▶ 2005

International based standards

36%

National based standards

64%

Over a period of 15 years

standards work in the UK(BSI) has changed to be mostly International (ISO, IEC, CEN and CENELEC)

75%

International Based standards

25%

National based standards

Source: UK DTI Report The Empirical Economics of Standards, June 2005

The standards pyramid

Goal: One standard – one test – accepted worldwide

Formal
Standards

International Standards: Voluntary use

ISO   IEC

European Standards: Harmonized & implemented

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National Standards: Voluntary, B2B, ref. by law

DIN, NEN, NTA NPR

Company standards: market driven & competing

Informal standards

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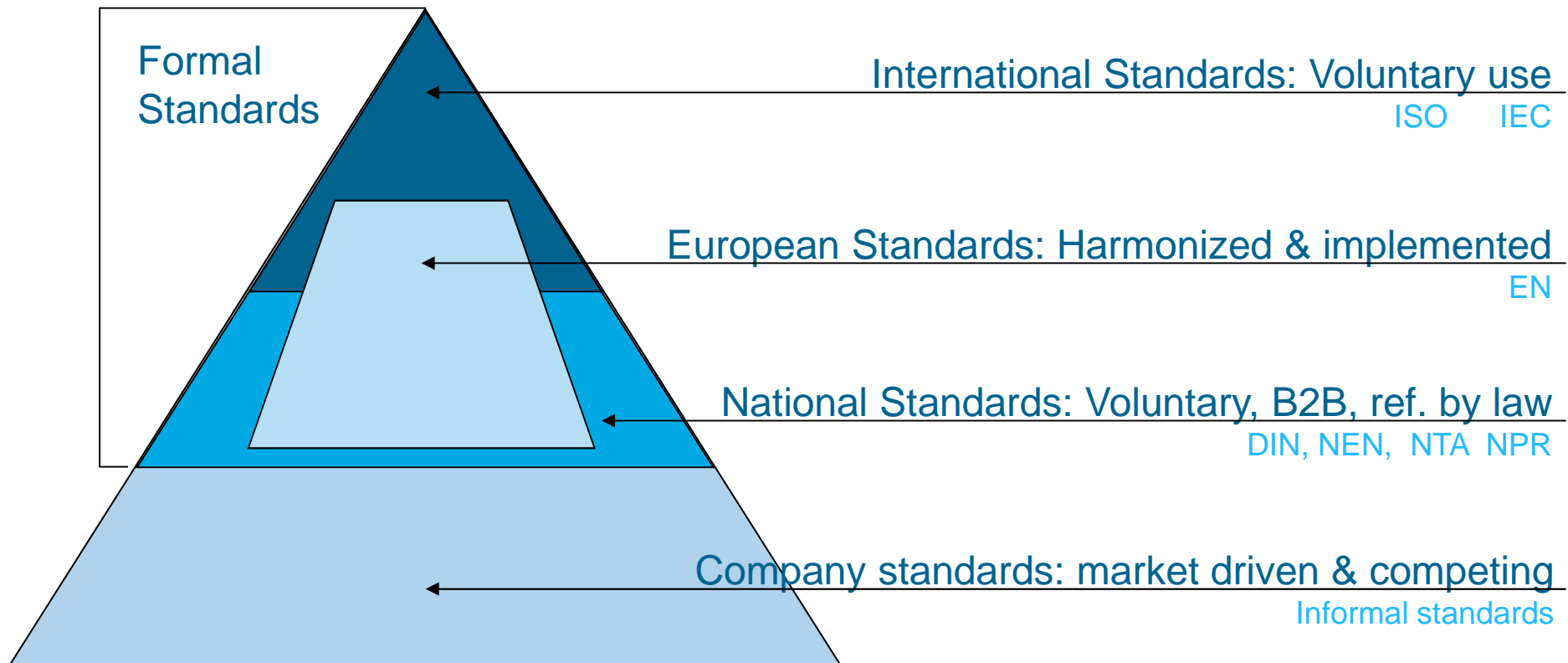- National standardization strategies

Rapid development needed

Fast Sector agreements, codes of conduct and covenants (NTA, CWA, ITA)

– Agreements within or between sectors
– Number of representation of interested parties varies
– Decision making process at the parties' discretion
– Public consultation optional

Standards (NEN, EN and ISO)

– agreement based on requirements
– broad representation of interested parties
– achieved through consensus
– a period of public consultation (3 months)
– completion (1-3 years)

The result is a widely recognized and authoritative standard.

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Gateway to the world of Standardization

CEN
European Committee for Standardization

CENELEC
European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization

ETSI
European Telecommunications Standards Institute

ISO
International Organization for Standardization

IEC
International Electrotechnical Commission

ITU
International Telecommunication Union

- Point of contact in the Netherlands for standards committees (=market)
- Coordinates the Dutch contribution
- Inform the Dutch market about new standards development projects
- Promote active Dutch participation
- Enabling Dutch stakeholders to achieve their (international) objectives

'NEN informs the Dutch market and provides opportunities through active participation in new international standards development projects.'

cen   **CENELEC**   **ETSI** World Class Standards   **ISO**   **IEC**
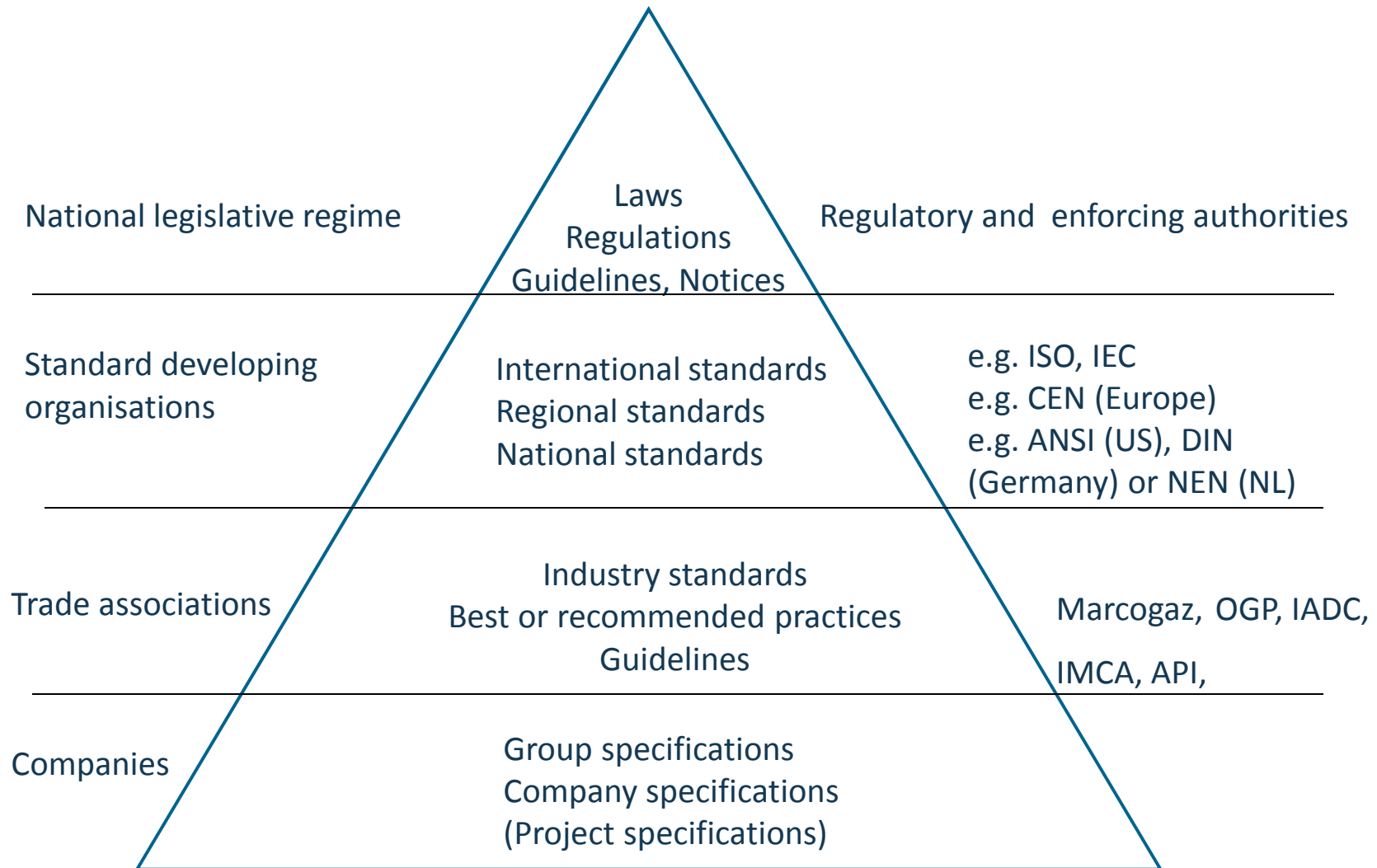
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Implementation role

- The role of the national mirror committees becomes more and more important in relation to the implementation of international standards.

- Complex system
  - From one level to Multilevel approach
  - Increasing number of standards

- Discuss the way of implementation
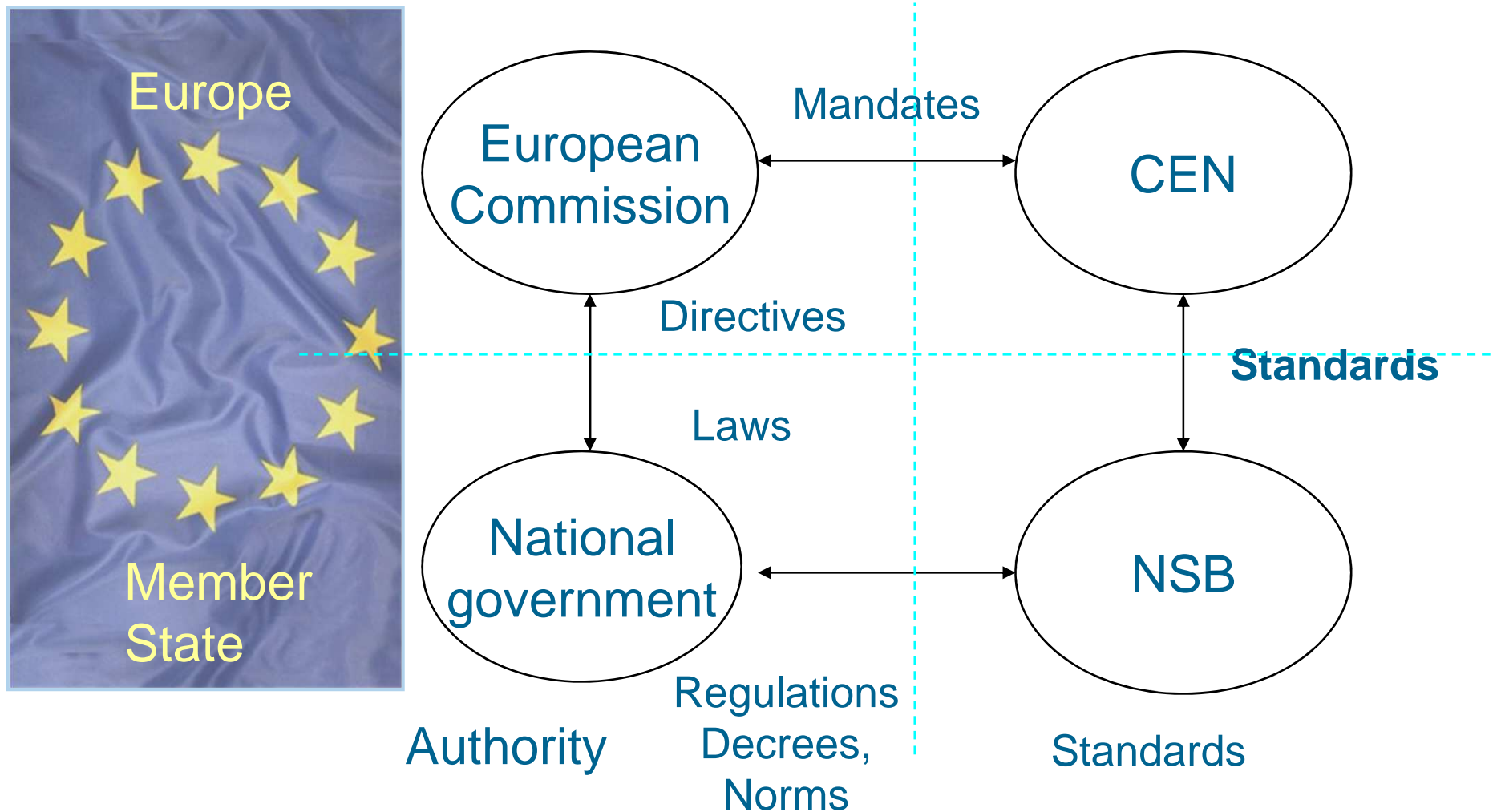 - Avoid conflicts – barriers - overlap

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'The' pyramid - increase

National legislative regime

Laws
Regulations
Guidelines, Notices

Regulatory and enforcing authorities

Standard developing organisations

International standards
Regional standards
National standards

e.g. ISO, IEC
e.g. CEN (Europe)
e.g. ANSI (US), DIN (Germany) or NEN (NL)

Trade associations

Industry standards
Best or recommended practices
Guidelines

Marcogaz, OGP, IADC,

IMCA, API,

Companies

Group specifications
Company specifications
(Project specifications)

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Standards and EU - complex

Europe

Member State

European Commission

— Mandates — CEN

Directives

Laws

Standards

National government

Regulations Decrees, Norms

NSB

Authority

Standards

Standardization a joint responsibility

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Open to everyone

Support

Standards Committee

Consensus

Standards

Implementation organizations

Manufacturers Service providers

Knowledge institutions

Users Customers

Government agencies

Trade organizations

Certifying bodies Inspection

(Engineering) consultants

Suppliers
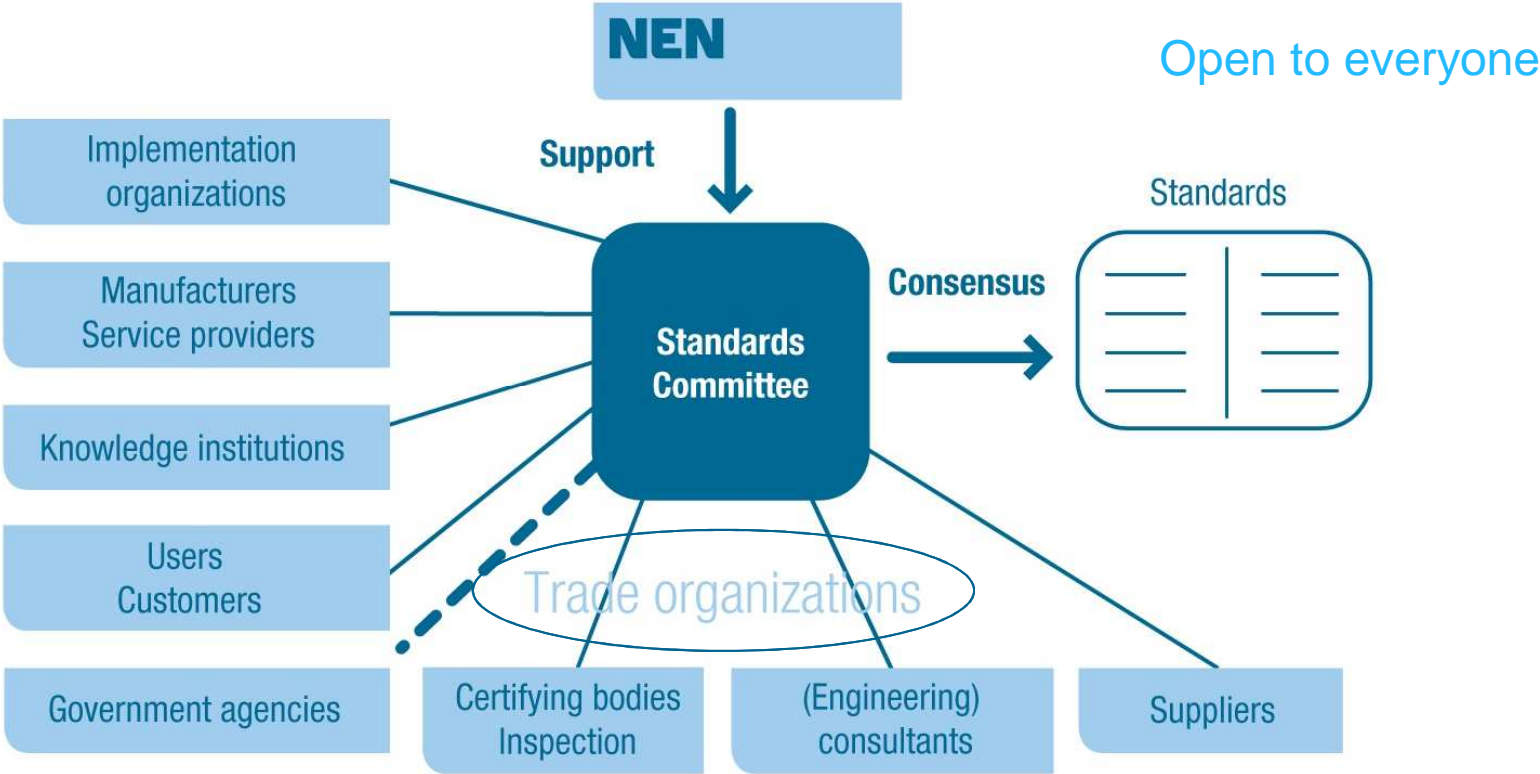
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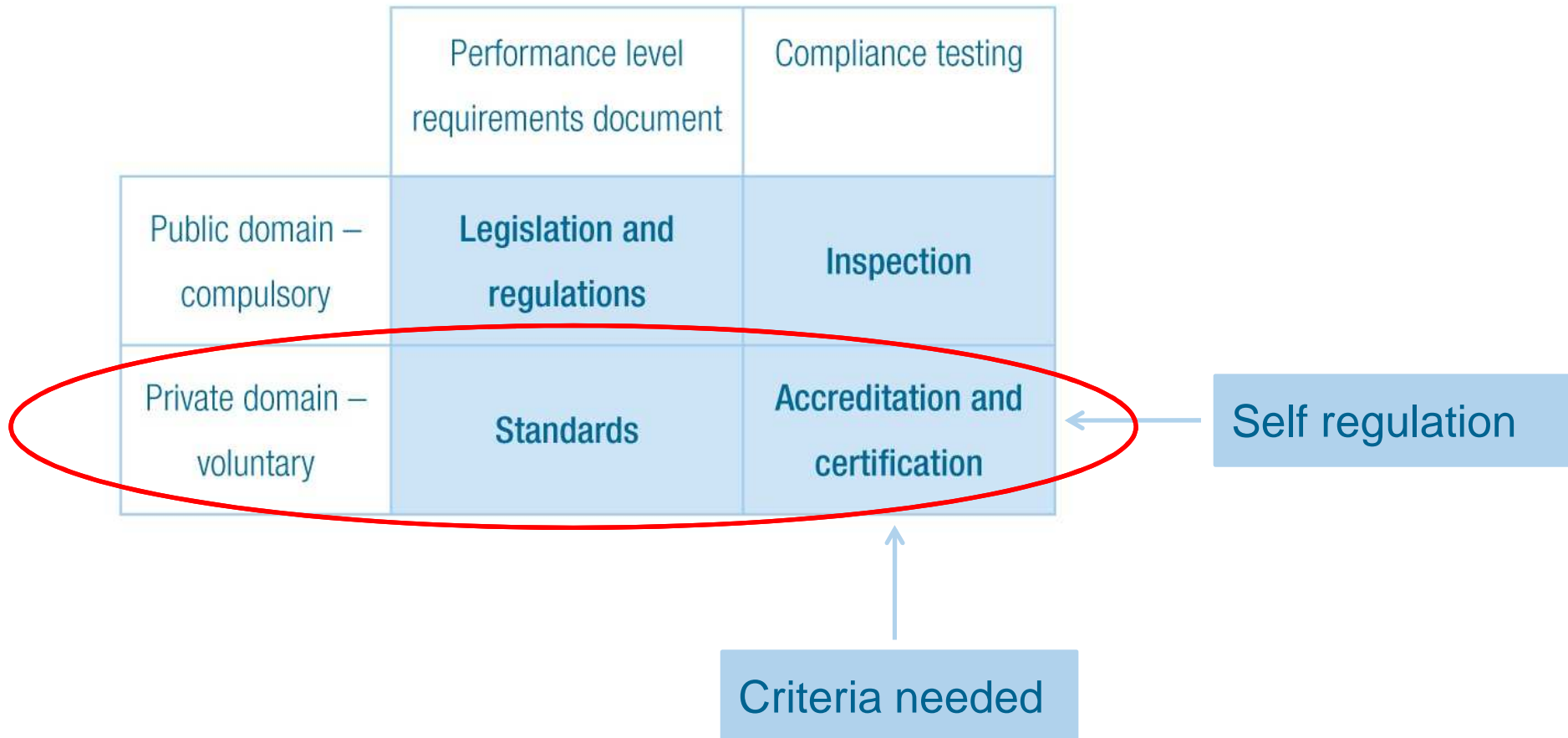
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National Standardization Strategy

- Standardization secures Germany's position as a leading industrial nation

- Standardization as a strategic instrument supports a successful society and economy

- Standardization is an instrument of deregulation

- Standardization and standards bodies promote technological convergence

- Standards bodies provide efficient procedures and tools

Voluntary and regulatory sector

	Performance level requirements document	Compliance testing
Public domain – compulsory	Legislation and regulations	Inspection
Private domain – voluntary	Standards	Accreditation and certification

Self regulation

Criteria needed

What stays, what changes?

- Consequences for national standardization?

- Future role of your National standards body in the international Standardization?

National standardization in the future

- From a National to an International focus
  - National standards for specific cases
  - National standards as pre-standard for EN/ISO
- Rapid development processes - CWA, TS, PAS
- Coordination tasks (gateway to CEN/ISO)
- Multilevel – impact increases
- Implementation of European and int. Standards
- National standardization strategies

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National role in the future

- Continue development of international formal 'consensus' standards

- Facilitate national and international standards development through a transparent, balanced consensus-based system - multilevel approach – multiple products

- Manage stakeholder representation from industry, government and consumers for standardization in Europe & worldwide (ISO)

- Support stakeholders (government's, Industry, NGOs) strategy

- New media - and web-based products

- Private standards service

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Standards are agreements that …

- lead to the improvement of products, services and processes in terms of safety, health, efficiency, quality and sustainability
- reduce unnecessary diversity and harmonize (i.e. increase the compatibility and interoperability)
- boost the cutting edge and innovative capability of organizations
- standards have an important function in B2B agreements (offering clarity and confidence)
- give organizations access to national, European and global markets
- function as a source of information for users
- increasingly contribute to economic growth: economic benefit amounting to 1% of GNP (making them as important as patents)

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Standards – instrument of deregulation

A standard is a voluntary agreement between interested parties in respect of a product, service or process.   (Use: Referred by Law, B2B)

Standardization is the formal recognised process leading to the establishment of a standard (ISO, CEN principles).

This process is open, transparent and focuses on achieving consensus.

The standardization process results in
 – stable and reviewable
 – broadly supported
 – generally accepted
 – coherent & non-conflicting
 – reference documents with added value

This makes standards and standardization powerful instruments for self-regulation and deregulation.

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