## Welcome to the World of Standards



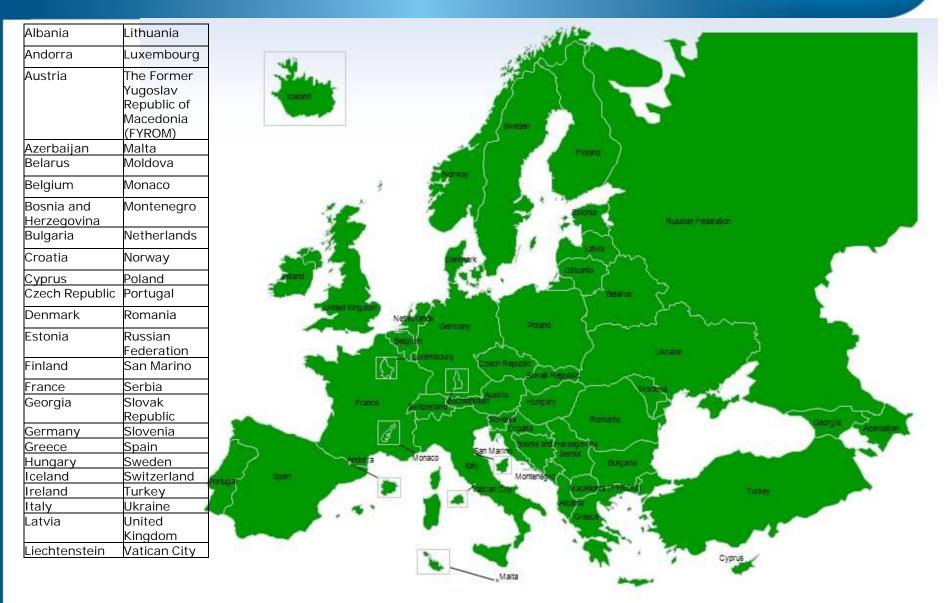
World Class Standards

#### HARMONISED STANDARDS AND R&TTE DIRECTIVE

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#### ETSI – Part of the European Regulatory System





#### Directives and Regulations (equipment)

Radio & Telecommunications Terminal Equipment (RTTE) Directive 1999/5/EC ETS

(under revision)

Radio Spectrum Decision 676/2002/EC

ElectroMagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive 2004/108/EC (updates 89/336/EEC)

# Directives and Regulations (networks & services)

Framework Directive (2002/21/EC)

Authorisation Directive (2002/20/EC)

Access Directive (2002/19/EC)

Universal Service Directive (2002/22/EC)

> Privacy Directive (2002/58/EC)

Amended by Directives 2009/136/EC ("Better regulation") and 2009/140/EC ("Citizen's Rights")

#### **Directives & regulations (safety)**



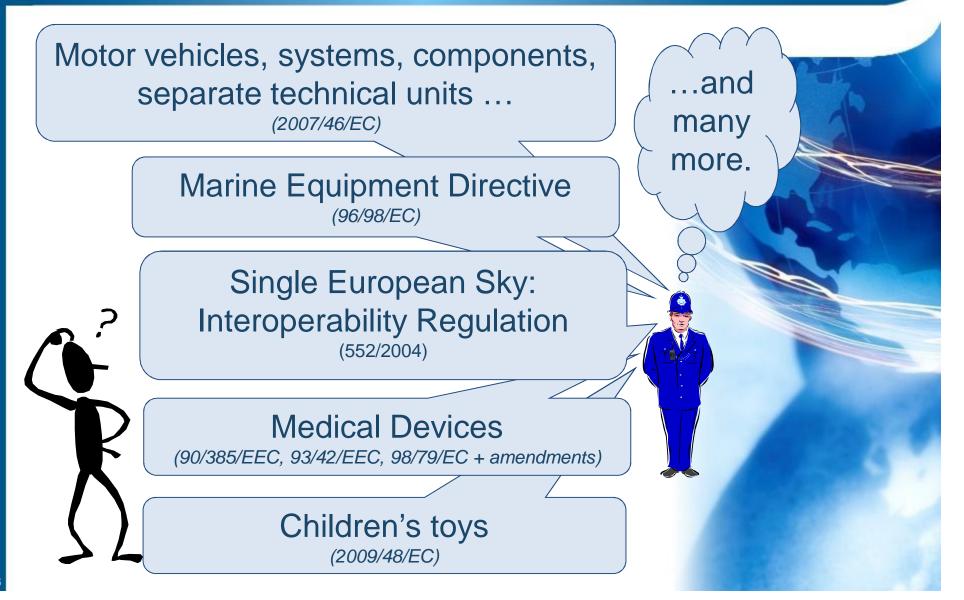
Low Voltage Directive (2006/95/EC) (codification of 73/23/EEC)

Council Recommendation on limitation of EM Field exposure of General Public (1999/519/EC)

« Physical Agents Directive » protects workers (2008/46/EC) (amends 2004/40/EC)



#### **Directives & regulations** (sector-specific)







## European regulations on radio equipment and spectrum



Commission

Policy positions Legal certainty Political support

THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT How does it work?

Harmonized Standards and other standards & specifications to support EU legislation & market development



ETSI European Telecommunications Standards Institute



ECC Electronic Communications Committee

Harmonizing National Frequency Allocations Harmonizing NRA activities Coordinating Internat-I Negotiations

#### **Directives & regulations (equipment)**

"New Legislative Framework"

- Replaces "New Approach"
- Radio & Telecommunications Terminal Equipment (RTTE)
- Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)
- Low Voltage Directive (LVD)
- Sential requirements
- Harmonised Standards
- Conformity Assessment modules
- Notified Bodies
- Declaration of conformity & "CE" mark

(EP/Council Decision 768/2008/EC; EP/Council Regulations 764/2008 & 765/2008)



### What does a manufacturer need to do? (RTTE Directive)

#### Meet "essential requirements"

- Health & safety
- Electromagnetic compatibility
- Avoidance of harmful interference
  - Radio equipment only
- Possibly others, if invoked by the EC
- Carry out "essential radio test suites"
- Meet National radio interface regulations
- Inform member state before placing on the market
  - If using non-harmonised radio spectrum
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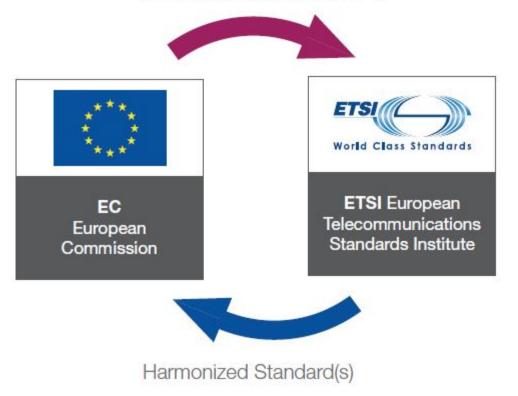


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#### How can ETSI help (1)?

A manufacturer can show that he meets essential requirements by applying ETSI Harmonized Standards

Mandate under the R&TTED





#### **Harmonised Standards**

"Where apparatus meets the relevant harmonised standards or parts thereof whose reference numbers have been published in the Official Journal of the European Communities, Member States shall presume compliance with those of the essential requirements referred to in Article 3 as are covered by the said harmonised standards or parts thereof." [RTTED: Article 5.1]

#### **Harmonised Standards**



- European Standards (EN)
- Produced under a mandate from the European Commission
  - And adopted by Member States (98/34 committee)
- Implement essential requirements
- Adopted by National Standards Organisations
- Cited in the Official Journal of the European Union
- Member states required to presume conformity

#### Harmonised Standards (RTTE)

Mandate M/284 (& specific mandates)

> Only the part of the standard relevant to the Directive is cited in the OJEU

Identify technical requirements necessary to meet regulatory objective (essential requirements) Identify « essential radio test suites » necessary before placing on the market ETS

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#### But ...??!!

- How can Administrations be sure that standards protect the spectrum adequately?
  - Technical requirements are set by consensus of Administrations and Industry, in co-operation with CEPT
- What to do with non-compliant equipment?
  - Effective market-surveillance is key
  - Members States shall take steps to remove noncompliant equipment from the market
- But what is there's a mistake in the standard?
  - Revisions can be initiated quickly
  - Safeguards can be invoked in worst cases

#### But...??!!

Compliant equipment can be sold in all EU/EFTA, but...

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- Individual Member States can restrict it being put into service!
  - For reasons relating to the effective and appropriate use of the radio spectrum
  - For avoidance of harmful interference
  - Matters relating to public health
- The manufacturer is required to alert the user of such restrictions

#### How can ETSI help (2)?

Co-ordinate with European Radio Regulators to develop and align National frequency regulations





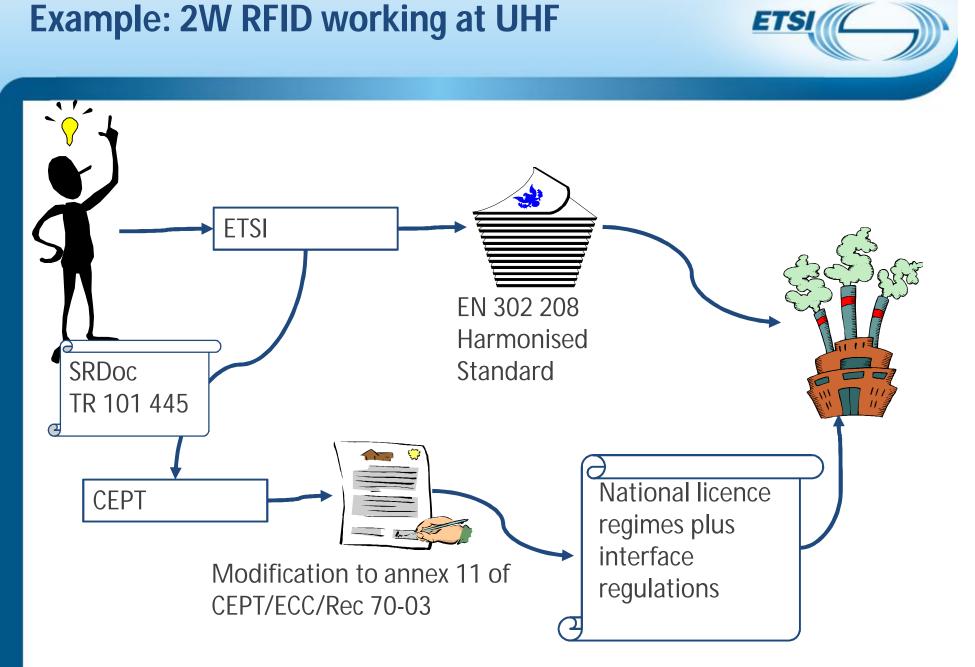
#### **CEPT-ETSI Memorandum of Understanding**

- ETSI develops "System Reference Documents" to accompany requests for aligned radio frequencies in CEPT countries
- CEPT/ECC studies compatibility and develops conditions for spectrum sharing
- ETSI members may participate in studies and the drafting of spectrum measures
- ETSI is a permanent observer in CEPT/ECC groups that adopt Decisions & Recommendations on spectrum allocations
- Individual National Administrations may commit themselves to implement CEPT/ECC Decisions



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#### But...??!!

- The implementation of CEPT/ECC deliverables is subject to the decision of National governments
- If use of frequencies is not harmonised in all EU Member States, the manufacturer is required to inform the National authorities 4 weeks before placing his equipment on the market!



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#### How can ETSI help (3)?

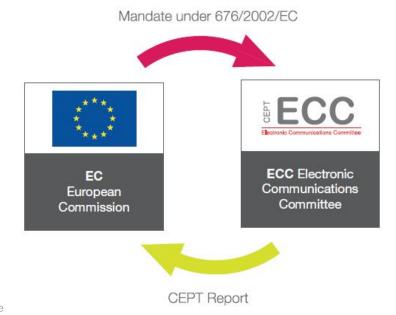
- ETSI and CEPT assist the European Commission to develop spectrum measures which are binding on National governments.
- Commission Decisions provide legal certainty in:
  - EU Member States
  - EEA Countries
  - Bilaterally "associated" countries
  - Accession countries



#### Co-ordination with EC on spectrum mandates

European Commission consults Member States in the Radio Spectrum Committee:

- Before sending mandates to CEPT
- Before enacting Commission Decisions on spectrum
- ETSI and CEPT/ECC are permanent observers





#### Legal certainty in EU/EFTA!

ETSI Harmonized Standard and EC Spectrum Decision: access to market and right to use spectrum with legal certainty





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#### **New challenges**

- Oigital dividend
- Software defined radio
- Revision of the R&TTE Directive

A standard is only as good as those who participate in its development

The best way to influence standards, is to make them





#### **HOW DO I TAKE PART?**

#### **Direct membership of organisations**



#### **ETSI** is its members!

Over 700 companies, big and small, from more than 60 countries on 5 continents! 27% SMEs!



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- Manufacturers
- Network operators
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- Service/content providers
- Research bodies
- Oniversities
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- Onsultancies

#### Find yourself in good company

Whether your company is large or small, and wherever it's based, there's a place waiting for you in ETSI!

# Thank you for your attention!

