**Proposal for a CEN Workshop on "Good practice recommendations for a common EU methodology for the valuation of ecosystem benefits (monetary and non-monetary)"**

**1 Proposal Form for the Workshop proposer**

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Title of the proposed Workshop:

Good practice recommendations for a common EU methodology for the valuation of ecosystem benefits (monetary and non-monetary)

Background/Objectives:

The objectives of the foreseen standardization activity are to provide **good practice recommendations for the valuation of ecosystem benefits (monetary and non-monetary)**. The standardization methodology will be prepared by researchers taking part in the Horizon Europe-funded research project MARBEFES (grant agreement no. 101060937). The characterisation and related valuation method for the valuation of ecosystem benefits and co-benefits (monetary and non-monetary) will include cultural benefits such as nature watching, social gathering, cultural heritage sites, recreation, and less tangible benefits such as aesthetic stimulation, relaxation, and sense of place, as well as provisioning and regulating ecosystem benefits. It will combine social science and humanities methodologies.

The standardization of such a methodology could provide scientists as well as member states within the EU/EEA to have an overarching coherent and robust, yet flexible methodology that can be used across countries and varying ecosystems. Thereby, the standardization of such a methodology will facilitate both application (through detailed guidelines) and harmonization (through a flexible methodology) of the valuation of ecosystem benefits (monetary and non-monetary). Thereby, this will promote the valuation of ecosystem benefits and allow for comparable results across case study areas.

Scope of the proposed Workshop (planned area of application):

The planned workshop establishes a methodology for the valuation of ecosystem benefits (monetary and non-monetary) that aims to be applicable and adjustable to fit assessments across all European seas.

The planned workshop is intended to be used by scientists, consultants, and other interested parties who wish to assess ecosystem benefits and biodiversity in marine areas. The workshop can be used to produce comparable results from different marine ecosystems and can thereby harmonize and improve ecosystem valuation practices.

Are the following aspects potentially affected?

**YES NO**

Safety matters [[1]](#footnote-2)

Management system aspects [[2]](#footnote-3)

Conformity assessment aspects [[3]](#footnote-4)

Security matters [[4]](#footnote-5)

<Add information/explanations to the points marked „yes“>

Theme related standardization Technical Bodies, standards or regulations, if applicable:

* <Add technical committees, standards, etc. (national, European, international)>

Optional attachments:

Additional information:

Estimated project duration: October 2024 – July 2026

Kick-off meeting: 21. October 2024 in Dublin, Ireland

**2 Proposal Form for the Workshop secretariat**

Choose organisation. Workshop on " Good practice recommendations for a common EU methodology for the valuation of ecosystem benefits (monetary and non-monetary) "

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Finance:

The standardization methodology will be prepared by researchers taking part in the Horizon Europe-funded research project MARBEFES (grant agreement no. 101060937).

Drafting and Dissemination:

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Does the proposed CWA conflict with an EN or an HD?

**YES NO**

EN [[5]](#footnote-6)

HD (CENELEC) 5

<please add information/explanations to the points marked „yes“>

Is the proposed CWA within the domain of an existing CEN and/or CENELEC Technical Body?

* None identified

CEN/CENELEC Management Centre (to be completed by CCMC):

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**Response of identified potentially affected CEN/CENELEC TCs**

**YES NO**

Is there an active work item covering the scope of the planned CWA?

Are there arguments against the topic of the planned CWA?

<Add information/explanations to the points marked „yes“>

**3 Security risk analysis**

3.1 General

Security risk analysis is a process of identifying and analysing the main negative factors that may affect a standardization project’s objectives. The following is targeted at secretariats of CEN/CENELEC Workshop Agreements (CWA) dealing with security issues. Its purpose is to help them identify and mitigate the risks associated with their project. It is structured around two main security threats that can affect the success of the work: major diverging interests among stakeholders and sensitive information.

3.2 Risk analysis on major diverging interest among stakeholders

Diverging interests among stakeholders can impede the process in reaching agreement on the CWA and even lead to failure to deliver the planned CWA. In order to identify and possibly mitigate the risks, the following questions should be reviewed:

* Is the planned CWA expected to have a major impact on the security policy/strategy of the core stakeholders?
* Does the scope of the CWA cover products or services with a clear dual-use purpose (i.e. which can be used for military purposes)?

3.3 Risk analysis on sensitive information

* In light of the scope of the CWA, is it likely that it may deal with sensitive information? If so, what is the information sensitivity level?
* Is there a need for a (non-)disclosure agreement?
* Is there any conflict of interest for stakeholders involved in the CEN/CENELEC Workshop, regarding especially the use they may make of any information they receive during the development of the CWA?
* What steps should be taken to manage information dissemination and storage (e.g. memory stick, emailing, storage) during the development process of the CWA?

We foresee no major impact on the security policy/strategy of the core stakeholders, nor do we foresee any dual-use purpose of the planned CWA.

We foresee no need for the planned CWA to deal with sensitive information nor with a non-disclosure agreement. Neither do we expect any conflict of interest for stakeholders involved in the CWA.

1. For CEN: The CEN/CENELEC Workshop proposal shall be submitted to CEN/BT for decision. For CENELEC: Work on the proposed CEN/CENELEC Workshop shall not be initiated. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. The CEN/CENELEC Workshop proposal shall be submitted to the CEN/CENELEC BT(s) for decision. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations - Part 3, 33 applies. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. For projects dealing with security matters the security risk analysis provided below (item 3) shall be carried out. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Work on the proposed CWA shall not be initiated. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)