



Cooperation Agreement

between

The European Committee for Standardization (“CEN”)

The European Committee for Electrotechnical
Standardization (“CENELEC”)

And

The International Telecommunication Union (“ITU”)

THIS COOPERATION AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between:

The International Telecommunication Union (“ITU”), an intergovernmental organization and the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies, having its seat at Place des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, represented by Dr Chaesub Lee, Director of ITU’s Telecommunication Standardization Bureau;

and

The European Committee for Standardization (“CEN”) and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (“CENELEC”), European standardization organizations, having their seat at avenue Marnix 17, 1000 Brussels, Belgium, jointly represented by Mrs Elena Santiago Cid, Director General of CEN and CENELEC.

For the purpose of this Agreement, ITU, CEN, and CENELEC are hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Signatories” and each as a “Signatory”.

WHEREAS, ITU’s Telecommunication Standardization Sector (“ITU-T”) assembles experts from around the world to develop international standards known as ITU-T Recommendations, which act as defining elements in the global infrastructure of information and communication technologies (ICTs);

WHEREAS, CEN and CENELEC produce European Standards to remove trade barriers for European industry and consumers and to foster the European economy in global trading by also promoting the international harmonization of standards in the framework of the International Organization for Standardization (“ISO”) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (“IEC”). They have the institutional authority to provide a platform for the development of European Standards in application to European Union’s Regulation (EU) 1025/2012. The CEN and CENELEC General Assemblies have defined the principles covering the CEN-CENELEC policy of partnership with all stakeholders in the CEN-CENELEC Guide 25 “The concept of partnership with European organizations and other stakeholders”. This Agreement is set under clause 6 of Guide 25 “Other Partners Organisations not covered by this Guide”.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Signatories intend to cooperate with each other as follows:

ARTICLE 1

PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT; IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COLLABORATION

- 1.1 The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a high-level, non-exclusive framework for the cooperation (hereinafter, the “Cooperation”) that CEN, CENELEC, and ITU (notably, ITU-T) mutually intend to undertake in areas of mutual interest, as identified under Article 2.
- 1.2 The relevant specific terms and conditions concerning implementation activities under this Agreement that the Signatories may agree to jointly undertake (including, without limitation, those relating to financial, legal and operational matters, as well as to the respective rights, roles and responsibilities of the Signatories, if any) will be set forth in one or more legally binding written agreements and/or other instruments, which will be

separately negotiated, agreed to, and signed by both of the Signatories following the execution of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2

AREAS OF COOPERATION

Subject to provision 1.2 of this Agreement, and in accordance with the respective mandates, rules, regulations and procedures, the Signatories hereby intend to cooperate in one or more of the following areas:

- 2.1 Identification of thematic areas and objectives of mutual interest in standardization activities for CEN, CENELEC and ITU-T, such as:
 - IoT and Smart Sustainable Cities
 - Trust
 - Privacy by design in technical standards
 - Cybersecurity
 - Mobility and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) communication standards.
- 2.2 Exchange, when deemed relevant, information on programmes of work in the areas of mutual interest of CEN, CENELEC, and ITU-T.
- 2.3 Exchange, as appropriate, information on promotional activities (e.g. conferences, workshops, etc.) in areas of mutual interest of CEN, CENELEC, and ITU-T.
- 2.4 To be invited to contribute to the standardization activities of CEN, CENELEC and ITU-T, at the discretion of and in accordance with the inviting Signatory's established rules and regulations for participation and exchange of information, including Recommendation ITU-T A.6.
- 2.5 To jointly organize topic-relevant events in the future to enhance standards development activities in areas of mutual interest falling under the scope of the present Cooperation.
- 2.6 To raise awareness regarding standardization activities of mutual interest falling under the scope of the present Cooperation.
- 2.7 To promote the collaboration through outreach to each Signatory's constituencies and through press releases.

ARTICLE 3

NATURE OF THIS AGREEMENT; FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 3.1 This Agreement is not intended as, and will not be deemed or construed as, a binding agreement between the Signatories. Nothing contained in this Agreement will give rise to any form of fiduciary or legal obligations or responsibilities by any Signatory.
- 3.2 This Agreement does not constitute, and will not be deemed or construed as, any obligation or commitment of any type, whether express or implied, by any Signatory in respect of the provision of funds or financing; and any activities that may be conducted hereunder will be subject to and contingent upon the availability of sufficient staff, funds and other resources.

ARTICLE 4

EFFECTIVENESS; AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

- 4.1 This Agreement will become effective on the date of its signature by all Signatories, and its provisions will remain applicable until this Agreement is terminated in accordance with clause 4.3.
- 4.2 This Agreement may only be modified or supplemented pursuant to a written amendment mutually agreed to and signed by the Signatories. Any such amendment will be annexed to this Agreement and will form an integral part hereof.
- 4.3 This Agreement may be terminated by any Signatory by providing written notice thereof to the other Signatories at least 30 (thirty) days prior to the effective date of such termination.

ARTICLE 5

CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES

- 5.1 For purposes of facilitating the implementation of the Cooperation and other arrangements, which may be established by the Signatories under the framework of this Agreement, the channel of formal communication for the Signatories will be as follows:

For ITU:

International Telecommunication Union

Place des Nations

CH-1211 Geneva

Switzerland

Attention: Mr Reinhard Scholl

Telephone: +41 22 730 5860. E-mail: reinhard.scholl@itu.int

For CEN and CENELEC

CEN - European Committee for Standardization and CENELEC - European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization

Avenue Marnix 17 - 1000 Brussels, Belgium

Attention: Director Standard

Telephone: +32 2 550 09 44. E-mail: jpvetsuypens@cencenelec.eu

- 5.2 Each Signatory may, by written notice to the other Signatories, designate additional or substitute representatives.

ARTICLE 6

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute between the Signatories arising from this Agreement will be resolved by amicable direct negotiations between the Signatories, or by any other means to which the Signatories mutually agree in writing.

ARTICLE 7

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Nothing contained in or relating to this Agreement will constitute or be deemed or construed a waiver, whether express or implied, of any of the privileges, immunities or facilities which ITU or

any of its officials enjoys by virtue of the international agreements and national laws applicable to ITU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Signatories have caused their duly authorized representatives to sign this Agreement in three (3) originals in the English language, as of the date(s) set forth below.

<p style="text-align: center;">For the International Telecommunication Union</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr Chaesub Lee Director Telecommunication Standardization Bureau</p> <p>Place: <u>Geneva, Swiss</u>..... Date: <u>21.03.2017</u>.....</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">For the European Committee for Standardization and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Elena Santiago Cid Director General CEN and CENELEC</p> <p>Place: <u>Brussels</u>..... Date: <u>2017-03-24</u>.....</p>
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