

Annex 3: Priority topics

SBS have identified a number of sectors and topics which are particularly relevant to SMEs from a standardisation point of view. This list is based on input from the SBS members and on the [SBS study on key areas for standardisation for SMEs](#). The topics are categorised into sectors in alphabetical order for readability reasons. **Please note that the list is not exhaustive, and candidates may apply for TCs/SCs/WGs dealing with any other topics than those listed below. A justification of the relevance of the specific TC/SC/WG for SMEs should always accompany the application.**

Please don't forget to indicate at least one WG under each TC you apply for.

Construction

- Sustainability of construction and circular economy aspects
- Assessment of release of dangerous substances
- Energy efficiency and thermal performance of buildings
- Structural Eurocodes
- Building Information Modelling (BIM)
- Fire safety in buildings
- Welding and allied processes
- Design, execution and conformity assessment of metal (steel, aluminium) structures
- Adaptation of the built environment including aspects such as accessibility, access to data, open interfaces
- Timber structures
- Performance and safety of construction products

Electrotechnical

- Electrical installations
- Light, lighting, luminaires and lamps

Food safety

- Sustainable food and traceable food
- Food contact materials and utensils
- Residues and pesticides for food
- Food safety management

ICT and Digitalisation

- Security and privacy
 - Cybersecurity
 - Information security

- Data protection
- Privacy
- Electronic identification and trust services
- Data (data interoperability, etc.)
- Digital skills/competences
- Blockchain and distributed ledger technologies (DLT)
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- Artificial intelligence
- Smart cities, smart houses and domotics
- Quantum computing
- Cloud and edge computing
- Platforms (interoperability, open-source implementation)
- Standardisation in support of the Radio Equipment Directive (RED)
- Software and systems engineering
- Sustainable digitalisation of industries

Personal protective equipment, textiles, consumers and occupational health and safety

- Respiratory protective devices
- Protective clothing
- Smart textiles
- Textiles and clothing
- Occupational health and safety management systems
- Packaging safety

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Machinery and machinery components

- Lifts and Smart lifts
- Tractors and agricultural machinery
- Earthmoving machinery (safety of electrical and electronic components and operating systems)

Manufacturing

- Additive manufacturing
- Industrial Automation
- Robotics
- Machinery components



Sustainability and circular economy

- Eco-design and resource efficiency including assessment methods for reparability of products (electric devices, textiles, furniture...), re-manufacturing, recyclability, recoverability, declaration of use of critical raw materials...
- Environmental management systems
- Digital product passport
- Circular economy
- Due diligence and Chain of Custody
- Adaptation to climate change
- Waste and packaging

Tourism/platforms and leisure

- Online accommodation booking platform services
- Sport, training and leisure

Transport

- Electric vehicles and infrastructure in general
- Logistics and services
- Intelligent transport systems

