

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES

The advisory Committee of SIST for Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) operates within SIST, which gathers chambers of commerce and associations representing SMEs in Slovenia. Till 31st December 2025, the Committee carried out the following tasks:

- monitoring the state of the art,
- ensuring the availability of abstracts of new Slovenian standards,
- monitoring the work of SIST technical boards in areas of interest to SMEs,
- promoting the video *“Standards – a Business Tool for SMEs”*,
- promoting the participation of Slovenian experts in CEN/TCs, CLC/TCs and ETSI/TCs, and represent interests of SME in the standards development processes,
- providing relevant information on the activities of European organizations with impact on small and micro companies,
- distribution of relevant circulars.

Promotion of standard use among SMEs and active participation in standardization

At SIST, we recognize that SMEs are a very important part of the economy. Since the use of standards among representatives of these companies is not satisfactory and they are rarely involved in standardization processes, we organize free training courses for them, often in cooperation with chambers of commerce.

In 2025, the SIST Contact Point organized four seminars. The interest was high. Two seminars were prepared in cooperation with the Slovenian Chamber of Architecture and Spatial Planning, gathering 42 participants from companies operating in the field of architecture. The other two seminars were organized for all users of standards and SME representatives and gathered 40 participants from SMEs altogether. One seminar was organized also for entrepreneurs from the construction sector, which was attended by 7 participants.

Work of the SIST Contact Point for SMEs

In line with Regulation (EU) 2019/515 on mutual recognition, Regulation (EU) 305/2011 on construction products, and the WTO/TBT Agreement, the SIST Contact Point also provides micro, small and medium-sized enterprises with free information on applicable standards and regulations, as well as other requirements that they must meet to place safe and quality products on the market.

Throughout 2025, SIST received 256 written inquiries from Slovenian and foreign users. Mostly, the questions were related to existing standards and regulations, mutual recognition, and conformity assessment procedures.

Also in 2025, the SIST Contact Point provided 60 written responses related to requirements for placing construction products on the EU market. The inquiring entities were mostly domestic companies.

Section for SMEs at SIST website

There is a special section on SIST website (<http://www.sist.si>), dedicated to SMEs, where these entities can follow information on the activities of various organizations and associations that impact SMEs (CEN/CLC SME Helpdesk, SBS Newsletter, European Small Business Portal), either via links or through articles.

SMEs can also follow information on current SIST training courses and other relevant documents.

We updated the content on the webpage <http://www.sist.si/standardizacija/skrb-za-mala-in-srednjevelika-podjetja>, which is dedicated specifically to SMEs. The report in English is available at <https://www.sist.si/standardization/care-for-smes/current-news-for-smes>.

Identification of new projects in international and European standardization

On the webpage <https://www.sist.si/standardizacija/programi-dela/Pobude-za-delo-v-mednarodni-in-evropski-standardizaciji-NWI>, we publish new standardization projects of IEC, ISO, CEN and CENELEC. The information is intended for all those who wish to participate in the development of international and European standards and who need information on new areas of standardization work within IEC, ISO, CEN and CENELEC.

Information on new draft standards

Free access to draft standards under public enquiry, where interested parties can submit their comments on the content of the standards is also available at SIST website.

Abstracts of published standards and information on new documents in Slovenian

SIST's website also provides free access to abstracts of Slovenian standards issued in the current month, and available in Slovenian. To raise awareness and facilitate the understanding standards' application, descriptions of the scope of each standard are provided.