

After a fruitful discussion and experience sharing the SME Envoy proposes the following policy actions -that represent his own views- on the "Patents and Standards" consultation:

a) **Implementation of the "SME Test" procedure in the standardisation involving patents legislation**, in order to assess the impact of these regulations to small and medium-sized enterprises, and implement -if necessary- mitigating measures. The "SME Test" should follow a systemic approach and take into account the impact of standardisation legislation on related legislation domains, such as public procurement and competition rules (Proposal relevant to 2nd key issue on standardisation rules and practices).

b) **Official participation of the Patent Offices in the standards' development process that relates with intellectual property rights, and strengthening of the cooperation of Standard Setting Organizations with Patent Offices.** The official participation of Patent Offices in standardisation process will enhance patent transparency, openness and quality, and reduce administrative and economic burden to enterprises, especially the SMEs, as described in detail in the contribution remarks of the Hellenic Industrial Property Organization (Proposal relevant to 3rd key issue on patent transparency).

c) **Launch of a communication campaign aiming at positioning in the minds of entrepreneurs, the concepts of standardisation and intellectual property rights, as critical success factors for their businesses.** In many cases, entrepreneurs of small enterprises conceptualize standardisation and intellectual property rights as exotic-non relevant issues, due to lack of knowledge and practical experience, with major consequences on their internationalization and innovation potential (General proposal).

We encourage all the stakeholders to participate autonomously to the public consultation, in order to express their specific views, and in this context we enclose the contributions of the Hellenic Industrial Property Organization (OBI), and the Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen & Merchants (GSEVEE).

We remain at your disposal for any question or clarification.

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Attachments

- Consultation document from OBI
- Consultation document from GSEVEE

Internal Distribution

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