



Letter of Intent for Collaboration between
ANEC – The European consumer voice in standardisation
and
Kommission Arbeitsschutz und Normung (KAN)

ANEC is the European consumer voice in standardisation, defending consumer interests in the process of technical standardisation and the use of standards, as well as related legislation and public policies. ANEC was established in 1995 as an international non-profit association under Belgian law and is open to the representation of national consumer organisations in 34 countries. ANEC receives its core funding from the EU and EFTA, with national consumer organisations contributing in kind. Its Secretariat is based in Brussels.

KAN is the German Commission for Occupational Health and Safety and Standardization. Founded in 1994, KAN has the purpose of observing the standardisation process and ensuring that standards makers devote sufficient attention to occupational health and safety (OHS). In KAN, the German representatives of employers, employees, the federal and state governments and the German Accident Insurance Institutions channel their interests and discuss them with the German Institute for Standardization (DIN). KAN addresses standards and other outcomes of the work of standards organisations, and where applicable other bodies developing standards, that have a direct or indirect impact upon safety and health at work. The KAN secretariat is based in Sankt Augustin, Germany but also maintains a European Representation in Brussels.

The purpose of this Letter of Intent is to establish an understanding between the parties and to define potential areas of collaboration and support functions. ANEC and KAN wish this document not to constitute a formal agreement in any form or manner, but rather an agreement to promote a genuine spirit of collaboration in support of a successful and productive partnership.

ANEC offers to:

- Share information on consumer-relevant activities and policy developments at European level that may also impact OHS interests in Germany,
- Inform about ANEC technical studies, position papers and other publications that may be of interest to KAN.

KAN offers to:

- Share information on OHS-relevant standardisation activities and policy developments in Germany that may also have an impact on consumers at the European level,
- Inform about KAN position papers and project-based studies and reports that may be of interest to ANEC.

ANEC and KAN propose the following activities:

- Periodic exchange of views on European standardisation policy and relevant European legislation,
- Address points of common interest in European standardisation work and in relevant European legislation,
- Case-by-case exchanges on particular standardisation activities where the interests of both ANEC and KAN are key,
- Discuss possible ways for mutually supporting consumer and OHS-interests in national and European standardisation.


ANEC and KAN agree to invite DIN (with a focus on the DIN Consumer Council), and the German member of ANEC, to join these discussions and/or activities ad hoc if it is believed to be in the common interest.

This Letter of Intent is valid from the date of signing.

22.05.2025

Date

Stephen Russell
Director-General of ANEC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Adalbert v. der Osten".

Adalbert von der Osten
Deputy Director of KAN