

Q&A for Standardization

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I can see many Working Groups in IEC. They are clearly dominated by Europe. This can create a problem for acceptance of standards in other countries, especially in America. Has IEC done anything to encourage other countries to contribute and to participate in the work?

Mr. Reimer Stubbe

Yes, I think there are lots of attempts. I think in the working groups, you are right, a lot of work is done by Europeans. But one cannot say that IEC is dominated by Europeans, because there is no majority. The rules clearly show, that Europe cannot set up standardization requirements by itself, because of the approval conditions, for example.

Nevertheless, it is our firm aim to invite other regions to take part. We saw in the past years, that a growing number of delegates, especially from China and Japan, made comments, to take a greater influence on the preparation of international standards.

From a more general point of view, one of the activities in IEC, the so-called Global Relevance, is trying to include differences in regions into the International standardization, which will be ready early next year.

Another example, this time from TC 20 (Power Cable), where we have set up a few years ago a Strategic Planning Group, which should more or less do the same as the Sector Boards, which look for the market relevance. Especially, the Asian region as well as North America can join us and contribute. We look for a broad acceptance of the standardization. This is improving now, step by step. I think, we have a right structure to cope with these challenges.

Session chairman **Aldo Bolza** thanks the speakers on behalf of the audience and closes the session.