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What's happening in CASCO?

Join us at the 39th CASCO Plenary and workshop

The 39th CASCO Plenary week is just around the corner. This year's event is being hosted by the Deutsches Institut für Normung (DIN) and will take place in Berlin, Germany, from 8 to 11 April 2025.

The week will begin on Tuesday, 8 April with sessions focussing on CASCO's technical work, including how CASCO collaborates with other ISO technical committees on key subjects such as sustainability and AI. The day will also include a sneak peek at a new e-learning course on conformity assessment (You can find more information on this below.).

The Plenary will take place on 9 and 10 April. As usual, participation in this statutory session is restricted to delegations representing CASCO members and A-liaison organizations. Plenary participants were invited to a virtual preparatory session on 18 March, hosted by ISO's Capacity Building Unit, to help them prepare for and understand how to make the most of the meeting.

The week will close on Friday, 11 April, with a workshop titled *EU conformity assessment today and tomorrow*. The workshop will offer a deep dive into the EU legislative framework, highlighting key requirements for market access and compliance. Through a series of panel discussions, participants will be able to explore the role of conformity assessment, the CASCO Toolbox and best practices for successfully navigating the EU Single Market. The aim is to delve into how the CASCO Toolbox supports compliance with EU regulations, promotes mutual recognition and reduces trade barriers, paving the way for smoother market access.

The events on 8 and 11 April are open to the public, and you still have time to sign up! To view the programme and register, visit: <https://www.iso.org/events/casco/plenary-2025>.

What's new in CASCO's working groups?

WG 29 (to amend [ISO/IEC 17065](#), *Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services*)

The proposal to amend ISO/IEC 17065 was approved by CASCO resolution 25/2024. Kotaro Yoshida (JISC, Japan) and Dandan Zheng (SAC, China) have been appointed as the co-convenors and WG 29, which has previously worked on the standard, has been reinstated. The group will hold its first meeting from 6 to 8 May. Experts who would like to contribute to this work are invited to contact their national members bodies (NSBs).

WG 30 (to revise [ISO/IEC 17024](#), *General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons*)

The WG met in January and finalized the review of the comments received during the Committee Draft (CD) consultation, and agreed to move the document to the Draft International Standard (DIS) stage. In addition, the WG discussed ISO/IEC TS 17027:2012, *Vocabulary related to competence of persons used for certification of persons*, which will undergo a systematic review (SR) in April 2025; in line with the decision of the CPCG, a recommendation from WG 30 will accompany the SR ballot. The next meeting of WG 30 will take place from 7 to 9 October 2025, to review the DIS comments.

WG 31 (to revise [ISO/IEC 17020](#), *Requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection*)

A Draft International Standard (DIS) ballot is open until 2 May. A drafting group will meet after the ballot closes, to predispose the collated comment, in preparation for the next WG meeting, which will be held from 1 to 3 September.

An information session was held on 18 March, to coincide with the DIS ballot. If you would like to receive a copy of the presentation from the session, please contact your national standards body or Liaison organization.

WG 64 (to revise [ISO/IEC 17007](#), *Guidance for drafting normative documents suitable for use for conformity assessment*)

A DIS ballot ran from October 2024 to January 2025, during which the document was approved. The WG will meet again from 1 to 3 April, to address the comments received. The document is expected to move to the Final Draft International Standard (FDIS) stage in May.

WG 65 (to revise [ISO/IEC 17067](#), *Fundamentals of product certification and guidelines for product certification schemes*)

A CD consultation was open from 20 December 2024 to 22 February 2025. The next meeting of WG 65 will take place from 23 to 25 April, to review the CD comments from the consultation and decide on next stage.

ISO/TC 207/SC2-CASCO JWG 1 (to develop [ISO 14019-1](#), *Sustainability information — Part 1: General principles and requirements for validation and verification*, [ISO 14019-2](#), *Sustainability information — Part 2: Principles and requirements for verification processes* and [ISO 14019-4](#), *Sustainability information — Part 4: Principles and requirements for bodies validating and verifying sustainability information*)

The JWG met from 24 to 28 March to address the collated comments from the DIS ballot, which closed in January for parts 1 and 2, and in February for part 4. During the meeting, the group agreed to move the document to FDIS stage, which is expected to take place in mid-May.

ISO/PC 302-CASCO JWG 1 (to revise [ISO 19011](#), *Guidelines for auditing management systems*)

At its last meeting, in January, the JWG 1 agreed to move the document to the DIS stage. A ballot opened on 17 March and will close on 9 June. A meeting will subsequently take place, to address the comments from the ballot.

ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 42-CASCO JWG 6 (to develop [ISO 42007](#), *Information technology — Artificial intelligence — High-level framework and guidance for the development of conformity assessment schemes for AI systems*)

The group held its first meeting in January and has since had two additional meetings. Members were invited to submit comments on the original document prepared and included in the New Work Item Proposal (NWIP). Drafting notes, highlighting specific issues and the views of various experts who worked on the document at that time, other content and the structure of the guidance document were also discussed. The group's next meeting will be from 31 March to 4 April.

Post-working group information sessions

The Secretariat continues to run post-working group (WG) meeting information sessions, as of the CD stages for key CASCO standards, which usually coincide with ballots. Chaired by the relevant convenors, the objective of these sessions is to report on the key outcomes and explain the main decisions taken at the WG meetings, to give everyone, including experts who are not members of the WG, an opportunity to interact with the convenors and ask questions while ballots are open.

The details of these information sessions are shared with CASCO members and A-liaison organizations for dissemination to interested colleagues.

If you would like to participate in any future sessions, please contact your national standards body or Liaison organization.

Upcoming eLearning course on conformity assessment and the CASCO Toolbox

As mentioned in the section on the upcoming CASCO plenary, an eLearning course on the fundamentals of conformity assessment and the CASCO toolbox is currently being developed. It aims to provide users with a basic understanding of the CASCO toolbox and the role of conformity assessment in facilitating trade, improving product safety and protecting consumers. The course will be made available to ISO members via the ISO Digital Learning Platform in September 2025. If you are

interested in finding out more about the course, we strongly recommend that you sign up for the session on it, which will take place on 8 April, and which is open to all. To sign up for the session, please visit: <https://www.iso.org/events/casco/plenary-2025>.

QI in the digital era at the 2025 International Metrology Congress



The **22nd International Metrology Congress (CIM2025)** took place from 11 to 14 March 2025, and brought together around 650 participants from 45 countries to explore how digital transformation is reshaping the science of measurement. Experts from industry, research, and regulatory bodies convened to discuss the critical role of metrology and Quality Infrastructure (QI) in ensuring sustainability, trust, and safety amid rapid technological change.

One of the highlights of the congress was a high-level **roundtable on the future of QI in the digital era**, moderated by ISO's Director of Conformity Assessment and Consumer Matters and the Secretary of CASCO, Cristina Draghici. In the context of industries going digital and increasingly complex global supply chains, the panellists exchanged insights on the key factors for maintaining trust in a fast-changing digital landscape, and discussed whether quality infrastructure is evolving quickly enough to keep pace with emerging market demands.

Other news

Invitation to join the QI-Digital Forum 2025

We are pleased to share the following invitation from Deutsches Institut für Normung (DIN):

Join the QI-Digital Forum 2025 – Shaping the Future of Digital Quality Infrastructure!

Save the date! The QI-Digital Forum is back in Berlin at the Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB), on 8–9 October 2025. This event brings together industry leaders, policymakers, and international experts to explore the latest developments in digital quality infrastructure (QI).

Focusing on innovation, collaboration, and transformation, the QI-Digital Forum 2025 offers a unique opportunity to discover the latest advancements in digital tools and processes that are revolutionizing QI. Learn how digitalization is driving greater efficiency, transparency, and sustainability across various industries.

Event Details:

 *Dates:* 8–9 October 2025

 *Location:* Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB), Berlin

 *Format:* Hybrid – sign up to join in person or online!

 *Language:* Day 1 will be held in English; day 2 will be in German.

The QI-Digital is a joint initiative of Germany's key QI organizations: BAM, DAkkS, DIN, DKE, and PTB.

More information will be available soon at: qi-digital.de/en/forum/qi-digital-forum-2025.

2025 Calendar of CASCO meetings

- 39th CASCO Plenary and workshop: 8-11 April
- WG 65, 6th meeting: 23-25 April
- WG 29, 1st meeting: 6-8 May
- TIG, 35th meeting: 17 June
- STAR, 38th meeting: 18 June
- CPCG, 43rd meeting: 19 June
- WG 31, 7th meeting: 2-4 September
- WG 30, 7th meeting: 7-9 October
- CASCO-TC 207/SC 2 JWG 1, 8th meeting: 25 October-2 November.