



# Strengthening the capacity of the UK standards system

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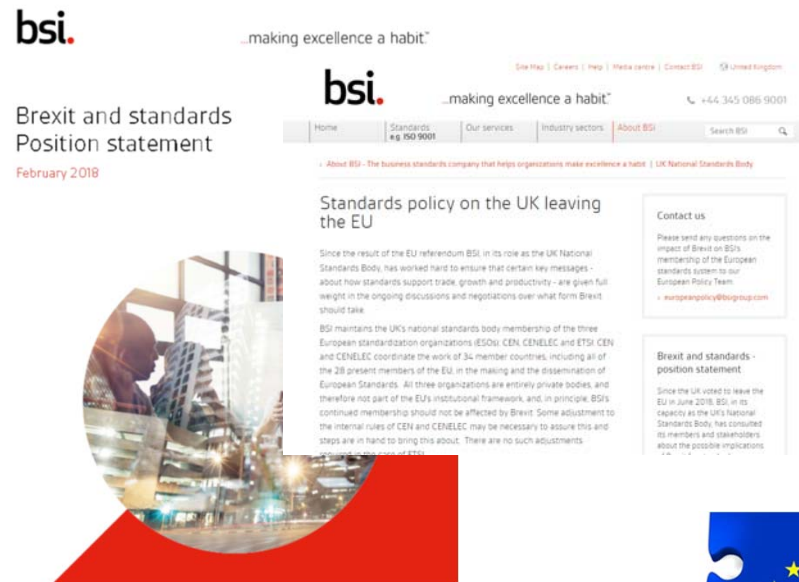
- The NSB in figures
- Future role in European standardization
- Global influence
  - BSI in ISO and IEC
  - International landscape
- Stakeholder engagement
- Supporting the sector needs
- BSI investments and growth



National Standards Body in figures	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Total employees (FTE, April)	345	334	344
Subscribing members	13,507	13,800	13,800
Committee members	11,871	11,500	11,326
Technical and Subcommittees	1,200	1,206	1,200
New standards published	2,452	2,676	2,877
Standards withdrawn	1,754	1,336	1,735
International/European secretariats	204	202	199
AITS take up (number of claims)	2,021	2,401	2,335
Standards Forums attendance	276	267	283

# Delivering UK influence in European Standardization post-Brexit

## BSI's continuing membership of CEN and CENELEC



The screenshot shows the BSI website with the headline "Brexit and standards Position statement" dated February 2018. The main content area is titled "Standards policy on the UK leaving the EU". The text explains that BSI, as the UK National Standards Body, has worked to ensure key messages about standards support trade, growth, and productivity. It states that BSI maintains the UK's national standards body membership of the three European standardization organizations (ISO, CEN, CENELEC and ETSI). The text also mentions that BSI's continued membership should not be affected by Brexit, but some adjustments to the internal rules of CEN and CENELEC may be necessary. A "Contact us" box and a "Brexit and standards - position statement" box are also visible.

- Proactive messaging and positive media coverage,
- Strong support from stakeholders,
- Active engagement across government – APPGs, Select Committees, secondments,
- Broad support from European partners,
- Ongoing discussions over changes to CEN/CENELEC statutes.



## UK leadership and global influence

### Maintaining influential role in CEN and CENELEC

- BSI hosted the CEN/CENELEC Annual Meeting in Edinburgh in June 2017,
- Over 300 senior leaders attended from 50+ countries, plus stakeholders from across UK,
- The 'Standards Matter' event demonstrated UK thought leadership on the role of standards in the digital economy, the relationship between standards and regulations and on the circular economy.



## UK leadership and global influence

### Maintaining influential role in ISO and IEC



- SS re-elected ISO Vice President (policy), David Bell BSI member on ISO Council and FIN,
- Launched new strategic committee ESSAC for the UK electrotechnical sector, reporting to SPSC,
- Working with National Committees of France and Germany to support governance improvement in the IEC, Rodney Turtle chair of AUDIT committee,
- BSI awarded new ISO committee secretariats on Vulnerable Consumers and Privacy by Design,
- Support from the BSI Group Board to host 2021 ISO General Assembly in UK.

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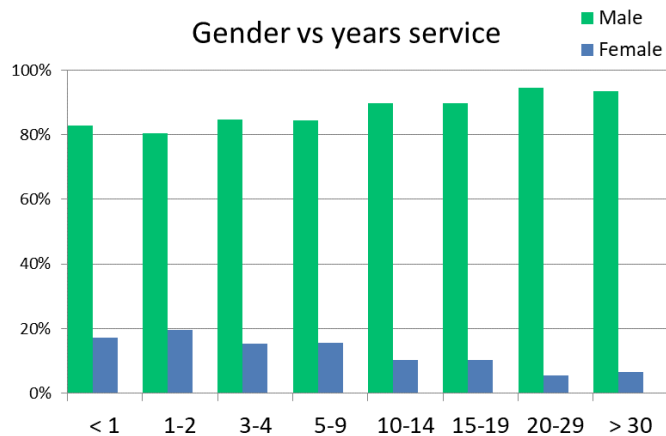
### Bilateral and multilateral relations



- International projects worked in Morocco, Zimbabwe, Georgia, Tanzania, Mongolia and central America for WHO, TMEA, UNIDO, ADB, EU and delivered TBT projects in China for FCO,
- China: Standardization Cooperation Commission (SCC) working groups on smart cities, civil nuclear energy, graphene,
- Japan: increased cooperation with JISC/JSA,
- Secured government support for a new Commonwealth Standards Network to drive intra-Commonwealth trade, improve product quality and help alleviate poverty.

## Strengthening the role of BSI's stakeholders

### Maintain a strong expert base and societal relevance



- Refreshed BSI's Consumer and Public Interest Network
- Growth of expert base
- Focus on diversity of committee members, with tangible results
- Strengthen connections with consumer organizations
- Provision of standards platform to support Trading Standards Officers



Consumer & Public Interest Network (CPIN)





## Providing standards to manage UK challenges - social

### Circular Economy, Occupational Health and Safety, Ageing Societies

**BS ISO 45001:2018**

Occupational health and safety  
management systems  
Requirements with guidance for use



- ISO 45001 Occupational health and safety management system adopted,
- Circular Economy standard is world first,
- BSI leadership of ISO work on ageing societies.

The rise of the circular economy

**BS 8001: 2017**

A new standard for  
the Circular Economy



## Providing standards to manage UK challenges - economic

### BIM, Smart cities, Digital manufacturing, Blockchain



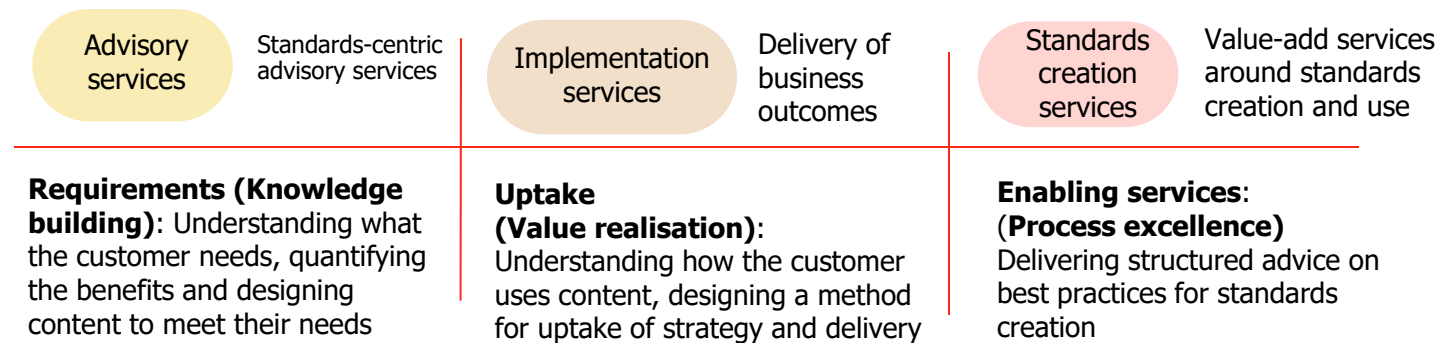
- Developed further BIM standards, incl. health and safety,
- Published three new PAS for Smart Cities,
- Research report on Blockchain Standards; support APPGs,
- Supported the Made Smarter Review on digital manufacturing for government; engaged in ISCF.



## Continuing investment and growth

### Focus on services to support use and implementation of standards

- Develop (or augment our existing) capability to deliver standards-centric services,
- Support the use and implementation of standards,
- Grow BSI's digital platforms and products – BSOL, Compliance Navigator,
- Focus on communities in IOT and BIM, and agile standards development.



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