



International Institute of Welding

Use of ASME BPVC Globally

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The International Institute of Welding

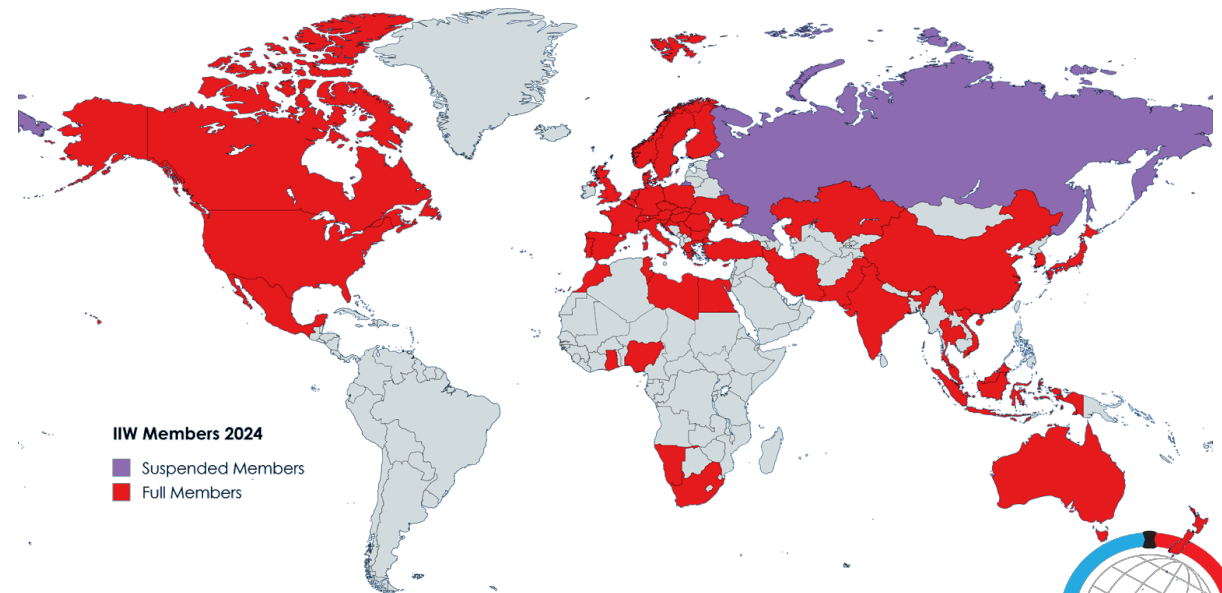
- The International Institute of Welding is an international association focused on the exchange of knowledge in the field of welding and allied technologies.
- IIW is a not-for-profit organization, and our members are the associations representing the sectors of welding and allied processes in their countries
- Currently 53 countries from all continents are represented

Vision

The leading global welding community linking industry, research and education

Mission

Advance welding and joining through a worldwide network





The IIW at a glance

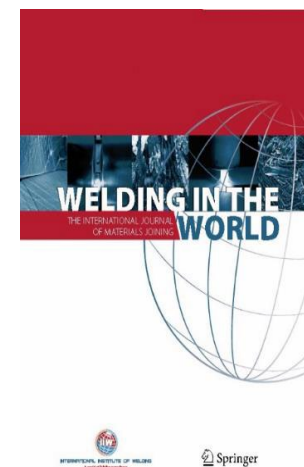
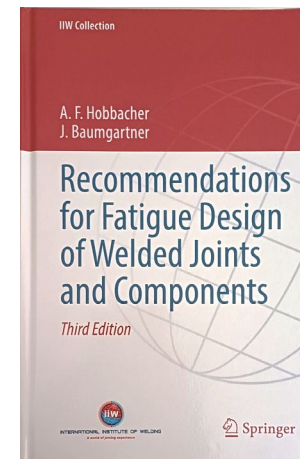
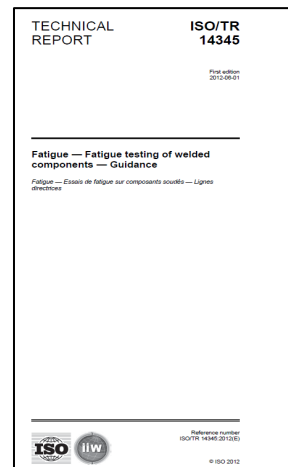
- **Researchers, industry practitioners and educators, students and young professionals** take part to our **collaborative working platform**
- **International cooperation** is achieved through annual and intermediate meetings of IIW working units and boards, **technical networking**, shared projects, events, publications and web-based communications.
- The outcomes are shared worldwide – promoting optimum use and **innovation** in joining technologies, **international standardisation**, and quality through **education, training, qualification and certification** of individuals and companies.





IIW Technical Production

- High quality scientific papers, best practice documents, position statements and monographic videos are delivered by the worldwide recognized leading experts on different topics.
- The **IIW Knowledge center** is a global view of welding and allied processes and defines the future direction of manufacturing



Over 30 ISO standards



IIW Journal *Welding in the world*
White Paper, vision documents
and reports



145 Books Published
(industrial best practices)





IIW Scientific Commissions

C-I	Additive Manufacturing, Surfacing, and Thermal Cutting
C-II	Arc Welding and Filler Metals
C-III	Resistance Welding, Solid State Welding, and Allied Joining Process
C-IV	Power Beam Processes
C-V	NDT and Quality Assurance of Welded Products
C-VI	Terminology
C-VII	Micro joining and Nanojoining
C-VIII	Health, Safety, and Environment
C-IX	Behavior of Metals Subjected to Welding
C-X	Structural Performances of Welded Joints - Fracture Avoidance

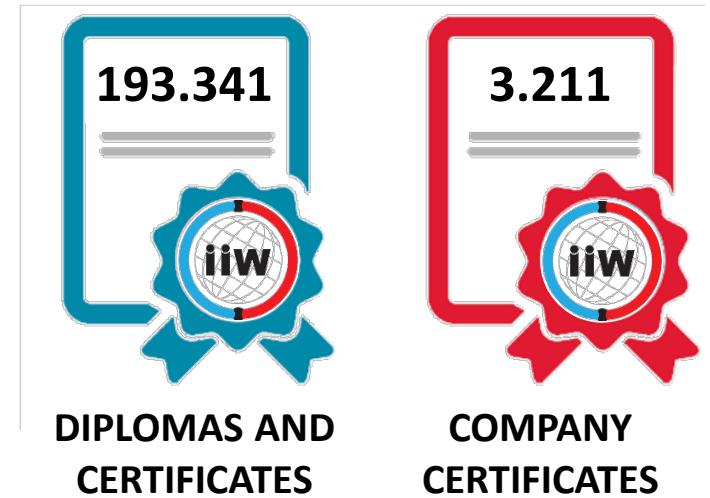
C-XI	Pressure Vessels, Boilers and Pipelines
C-XII	Arc Welding Processes and Production Systems
C-XIII	Fatigue of Welded Components and Structures
C-XIV	Education and Training
C-XV	Design, Analysis, and Fabrication of Welded Structures
C-XVI	Polymer Joining and Adhesive Technology
C-XVII	Brazing, Soldering and Diffusion Bonding
C-XVIII	Quality Management in Welding and Allied Processes
C-XIX	Physics of Welding and joining





IIW International System for Qualification and Certification

- Worldwide recognized diplomas
- Centralized management of examinations, in the national language
- Continuously updated guidelines
- Periodical audit of Authorized bodies for examination, certification (ANBs/ANBCCs) and Training (ATBs)
- Partnering with the International Additive Manufacturing Qualification System (IAMQS) to cover qualification of personnel in the field of Additive Manufacturing of Metals and polymers





Survey on Manufacturing standards, globally?

- ISO 16528 provides limited information (framework standard)
- Often, the manufacturing standards are a requirement of **local regulations or directives** (referred to at the place of installation):
 - a) Referring to National Standards and codes (e.g. USA, Canada, China)
 - b) Referring to Essential Safety Requirements (e.g. PED in Europe)
 - c) Referring to Standards from other Countries (e.g. Pressure Equipment in India requires ASME BPV)
- In case of **no requirement**, it's up to the Manufacturer or the main contractor (e.g. Republic of Korea)



Survey on the use of Standards and codes

- By manufacturers of equipment (Globally, normalised data)

Manufacturer	ASME BPV	Other 1	Other 2
Manufacturer A (I)	90%	10% (various)	-
Westinghouse	80%	18% (EN 13445)	2% (various)
Larsen&Toubro	100%	-	-
Manufacturer B (JP)	30%	65% (Denki-Jigyohou)	5%

- By Country (Europe, source: Notified Bodies for CE-marked products)

Country	EN 13445	ASME BPV	Other
Germany	10%	10%	80% (AD 2000)
Italy	19%	80%	1%
Spain	50%	50%	-



Survey on ASME's certificate holders in ITALY

Estimanted average ASME Certificate Holders EXPORT to ASME Code mandatory by Customers requirements.			BPV Oil & GAS Typical Sec. VIII	BPV Miscellaneous Typical Sec. I and IV	BPV Nuclear Typical Sec. III
Nord America	USA - CND	44%	75%	16%	9%
Middle East	Emirates Arab United - Saudi Arabia	33%	88%	12%	0%
North Africa	Egypt - Libya - Algeria- Tunisia	17%	85%	15%	0%
Far East	Indonesia- Malesia - Australia, Others	6%	84%	16%	0%

Averaged results from a survey, performed on 10 key stakeholders, representing*:

3 Authorized Inspection Agencies.

3 Independent Consultants.

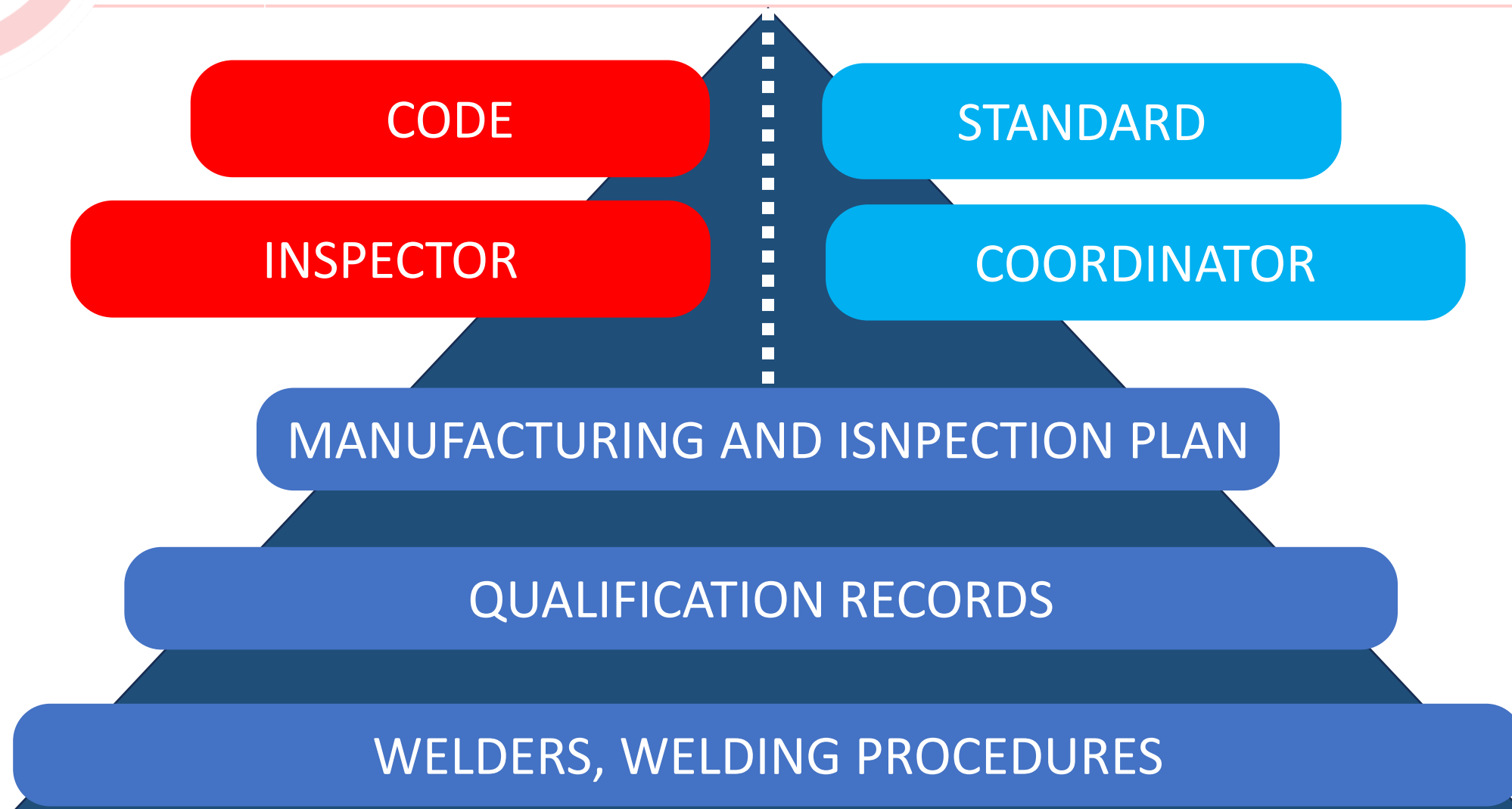
4 BPV key manufacturers.

* Source: 3HCSI



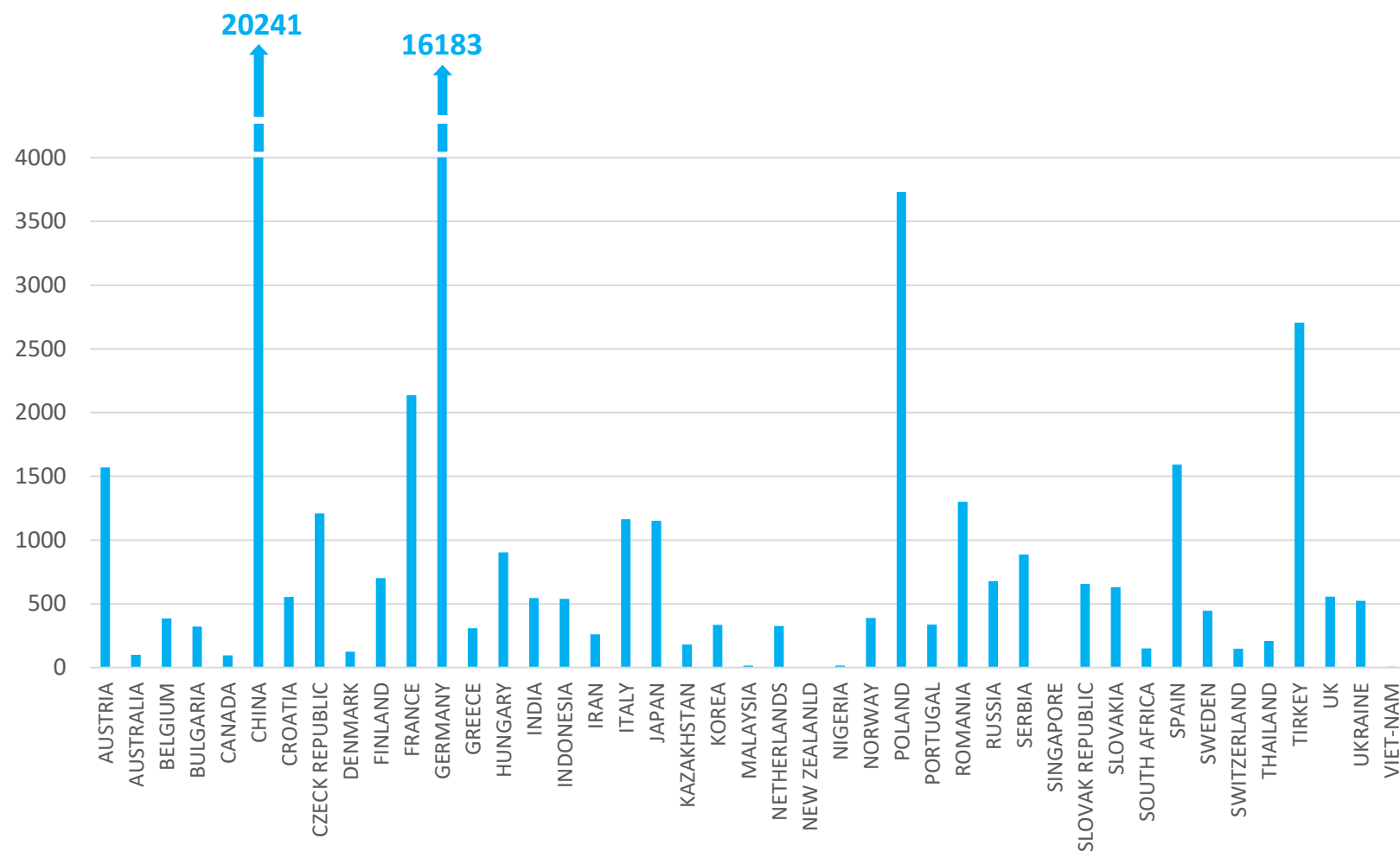


Different philosophies in managing welding applications



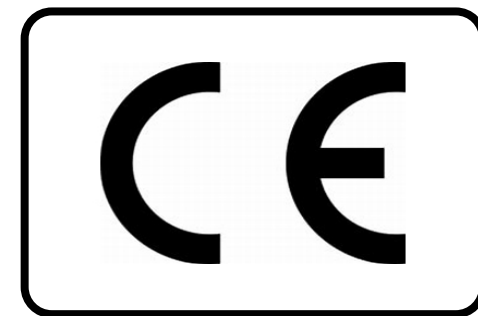


Total IWEs by Country (2022)



ASME BPV in Europe?

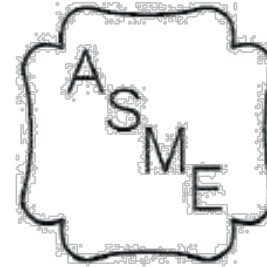
- The **Pressure Equipment Directive** (2014/68/EN, **P.E.D.**) is a European Union regulation that governs the design, manufacture, and conformity assessment of pressure equipment and assemblies with a maximum allowable pressure greater than 0.5 bar.
- Requires manufacturers to undergo conformity assessments from **Notified Bodies** to ensure compliance with the directive.
- Requires conformity to **Essential Safety Requirements (ESR)** are designed to ensure the safety of pressure equipment throughout its lifecycle.
 - **Harmonised standards** guarantee the “presumption of conformity”
 - **Other standards** may be used, provided the manufacturer demonstrates compliance with ESR



CE marking of
Pressure Equipment is
compulsory in EU

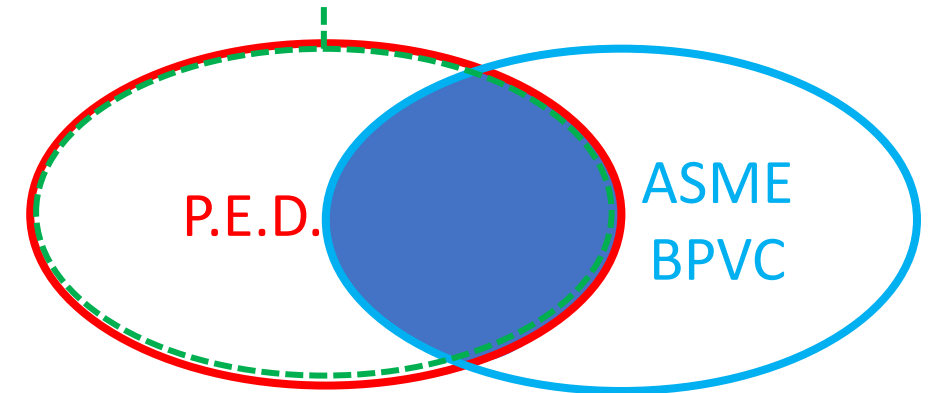
ASME BPV in Europe – Specific requirements

- The ASME BPV Code requirements are not recognized:
 - There is no market for the “ASME Stamp”.
 - The ASME BPVC can still be used under the conformity assessment rules of Europe
- Examples of ESR applicable to ASME BPVC users:
 - Chemical composition of Base Materials
 - Hot temperature properties of materials
 - Impact Testing
 - Period of validity of Welders’ Qualifications
 - Issuance of PQRs and WPQs
- This may result in severe restrictions on applications, **nevertheless....**



ASME STAMP is not recognized for CE marking

Harmonised Standards with ZA Annexes

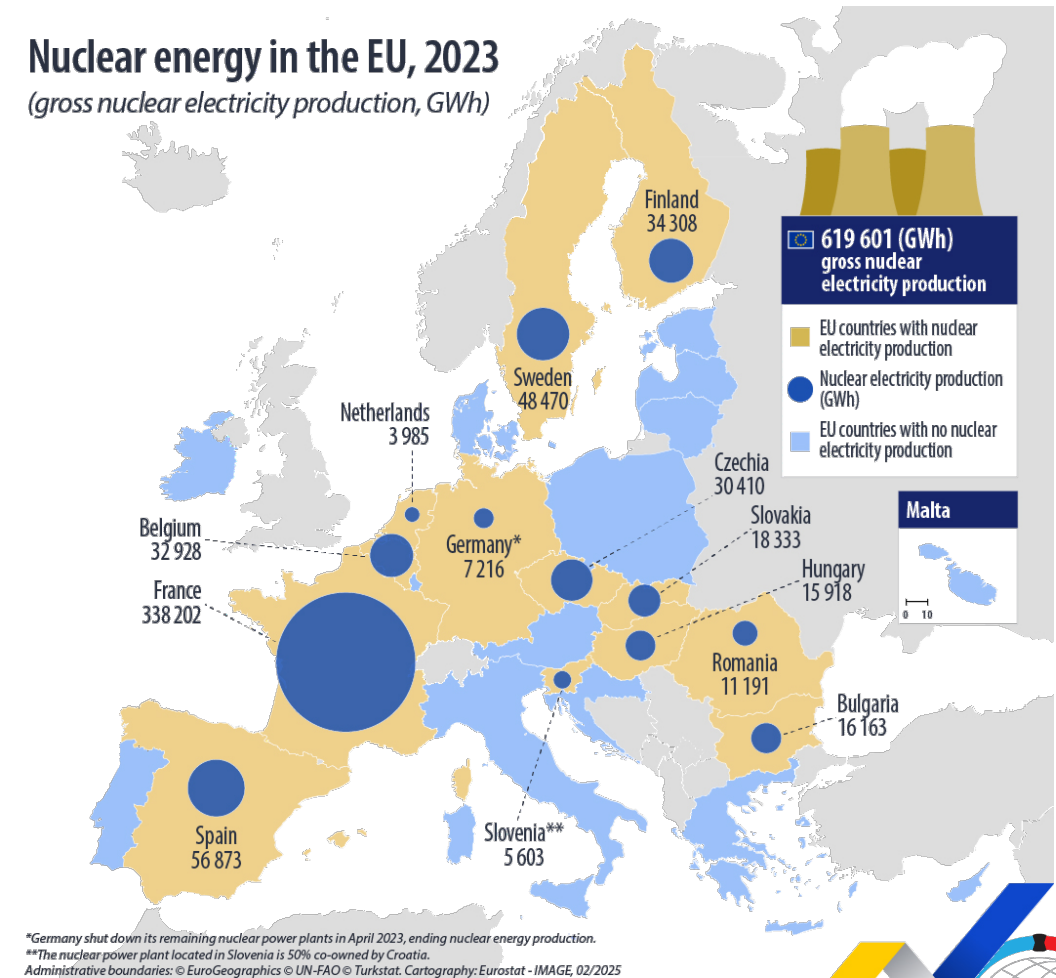


 **REQUIREMENTS FOR BPVC USERS**

ASME BPV in Europe – the nuclear sector

- PED is NOT applicable for “*items specifically designed for nuclear use, failure of which may cause an emission of radioactivity*” (Article 1, item h), i.e Nuclear Power Plants (the **Nuclear Island**)
- Plant owners may consider using **ASME BPVC III in EU**, but without setting the requirement of the ASME Certification Mark

Nuclear energy in the EU, 2023
(gross nuclear electricity production, GWh)





ISO/CEN: a different approach in the development of standards

- **Proposal Stage/Systematic review:** A need for a new standard or a revision (5 Years) is identified, and a proposal is submitted.
- **Preparatory Stage:** A working group of experts is formed to prepare a working draft of the standard. This group includes representatives from different countries and industries, each through their national Standardization Body.
- **Committee Stage:** The working draft is shared with the relevant ISO technical committee for review and comment. (multiple rounds of discussion).
- **Enquiry Stage:** The draft standard is released as a Draft International Standard (DIS) and is circulated to all ISO member bodies for voting and comments.
- **Approval Stage:** Based on comments received, the Final Draft International Standard (FDIS) is submitted for a final vote by ISO member bodies.
- **Publication Stage:** If the FDIS is approved, it is published as an official ISO International Standard.

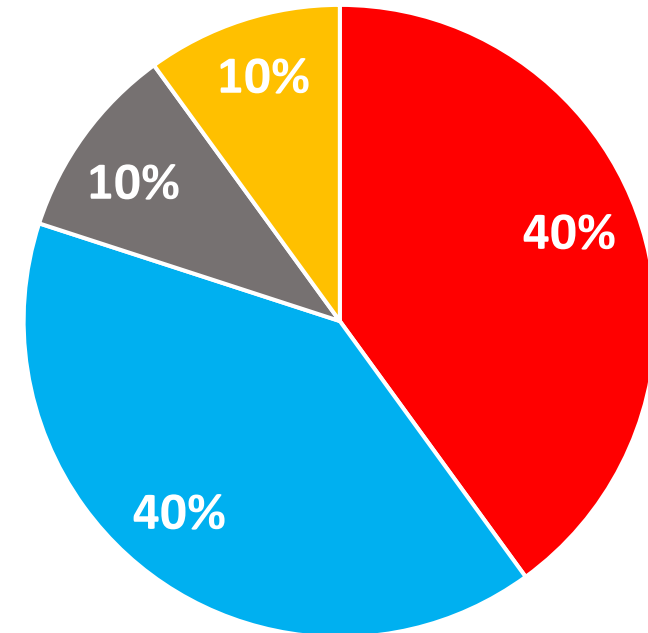




Why is it so widely used?

- History (since 1914)
- Easy Access?
- Coverage
- Update
- **Imposed by regulations, specifications or standard requirements**
- ... and possible technical abuses

Main Drivers for ASME certificate in Italy*



■ Regulatory Compliance ■ Export Capability
■ Business expansions ■ marketing to new regions

* Source: 3HCS





Acknowledgements (sources)

