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## European foreword

This document (CLC/TR 50600-99-1:2021) has been prepared by CLC/TC 215 “Electrotechnical aspects of telecommunication equipment” in conjunction with the Directorate-General Joint Research Centre (DG JRC) of the European Commission (EC).

This document supersedes CLC/TR 50600-99-1:2020.

CLC/TR 50600-99-1:2021 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to CLC/TR 50600-99-1:2020:

- update to recently agreed energy management practices and align with the 2021 edition of the *EU Code of Conduct for data centres Best Practices* document;
- new practices added in 5.5, 6.5, 7.2.2, 7.2.3 and 7.2.4;
- re-arrangement of some practices and editorial improvements;
- the practices on “Smart Grid” and “Capture Ready infrastructure” have been re-located to CLC/TR 50600-99-2:2021.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this document may be the subject of patent rights. CENELEC shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

This document has been prepared under a Standardization Request given to CENELEC by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association.

This document aligns with the Best Practices document of the Code of Conduct for Data Centre Energy Efficiency (CoC) scheme operated by the DG JRC and continues to be prepared by data centre experts from operators, vendors, consultants, academics, professional and national bodies.

The publication of this document is intended to integrate recommended practices of energy management into the EN 50600 series developed by CLC/TC 215.

Regarding the structure of the EN 50600 series, see the Introduction.

Any feedback and questions on this document should be directed to the users’ national committee. A complete listing of these bodies can be found on the CENELEC website.

## Introduction

The unrestricted access to internet-based information demanded by the information society has led to an exponential growth of both internet traffic and the volume of stored/retrieved data. Data centres are housing and supporting the information technology and network telecommunications equipment for data processing, data storage and data transport. They are required both by network operators (delivering those services to customer premises) and by enterprises within those customer premises.

Data centres usually provide modular, scalable and flexible facilities and infrastructures to easily accommodate the rapidly changing requirements of the market. In addition, energy consumption of data centres has become critical both from an environmental point of view (reduction of environmental footprint) and with respect to economical considerations (cost of energy) for the data centre operator.

The implementation of data centres varies in terms of:

- a) purpose (enterprise, co-location, co-hosting, or network operator facilities);
- b) security level;
- c) physical size;
- d) accommodation (mobile, temporary and permanent constructions).

The needs of data centres also vary in terms of availability of service, the provision of security and the objectives for energy efficiency. These needs and objectives influence the design of data centres in terms of building construction, power distribution, environmental control, telecommunications cabling and physical security as well as the operation of the data centre. Effective management and operational information is important in order to monitor achievement of the defined needs and objectives.

Recognizing the substantial resource consumption, particularly of energy, of larger data centres, it is also important to provide tools for the assessment of that consumption both in terms of overall value and of source mix and to provide Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to evaluate trends and drive performance improvements.

At the time of publication of this document, the EN 50600 series is designed as a framework of standards, technical specifications and technical reports covering the design, the operation and management, the key performance indicators for energy efficient operation of the data centre as well as a data centre maturity model.

The EN 50600-2 series defines the requirements for the data centre design.

The EN 50600-3 series defines the requirements for the operation and the management of the data centre.

The EN 50600-4 series defines the key performance indicators for the data centre.

The CLC/TS 50600-5 series defines the data centre maturity model requirements and recommendations.

The CLC/TR 50600-99-X Technical Reports cover recommended practices and guidance for specific topics around data centre operation and design.

This series of documents specifies requirements and recommendations to support the various parties involved in the design, planning, procurement, integration, installation, operation and maintenance of facilities and infrastructures within data centres. These parties include:

- 1) owners, operators, facility managers, ICT managers, project managers, main contractors;
- 2) consulting engineers, architects, building designers and builders, system and installation designers, auditors, test and commissioning agents;
- 3) facility and infrastructure integrators, suppliers of equipment;
- 4) installers, maintainers.

At the time of publication of this document, the EN 50600 series will comprise the following standards and documents:

EN 50600-1, *Information technology — Data centre facilities and infrastructures — Part 1: General concepts*

EN 50600-2-1, *Information technology — Data centre facilities and infrastructures — Part 2-1: Building construction*

EN 50600-2-2, *Information technology — Data centre facilities and infrastructures — Part 2-2: Power supply and distribution*

EN 50600-2-3, *Information technology — Data centre facilities and infrastructures — Part 2-3: Environmental control*

EN 50600-2-4, *Information technology — Data centre facilities and infrastructures — Part 2-4: Telecommunications cabling infrastructure*

EN 50600-2-5, *Information technology — Data centre facilities and infrastructures — Part 2-5: Security systems*

EN 50600-3-1, *Information technology — Data centre facilities and infrastructures — Part 3-1: Management and operational information*

EN 50600-4-1, *Information technology — Data centre facilities and infrastructures — Part 4-1: Overview of and general requirements for key performance indicators*

EN 50600-4-2, *Information technology — Data centre facilities and infrastructures — Part 4-2: Power Usage Effectiveness*

EN 50600-4-3, *Information technology — Data centre facilities and infrastructures — Part 4-3: Renewable Energy Factor*

EN 50600-4-6, *Information technology — Data centre facilities and infrastructures — Part 4-6: Energy Reuse Factor*

EN 50600-4-7, *Information technology — Data centre facilities and infrastructures — Part 4-7: Cooling Efficiency Ratio*

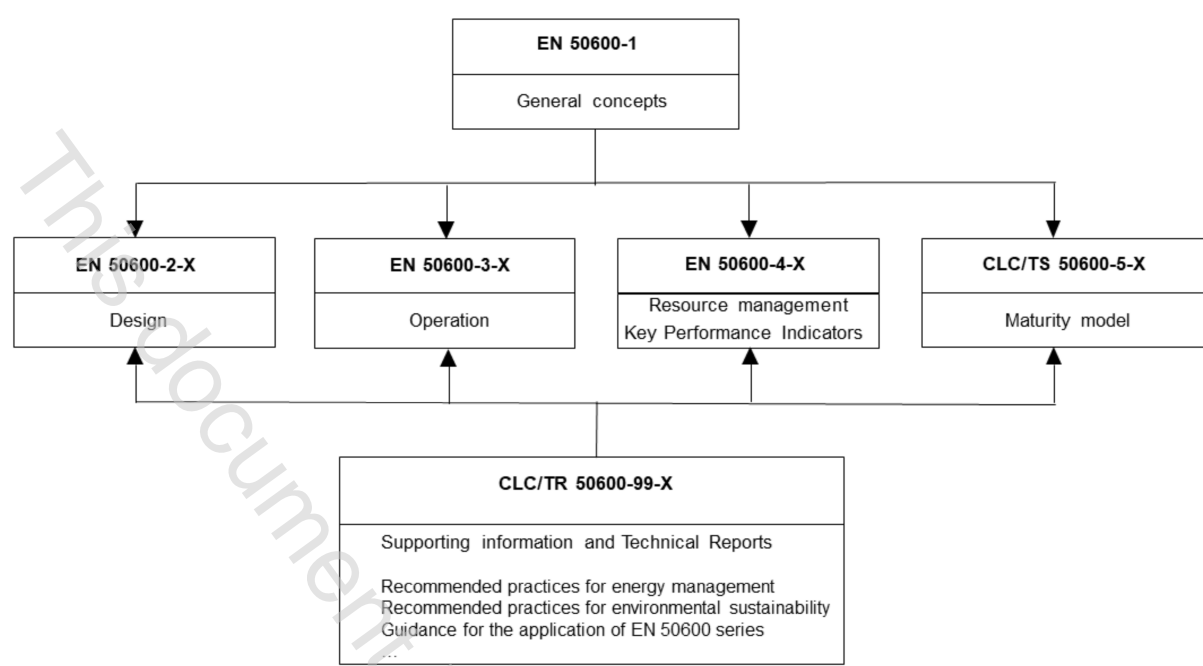
CLC/TS 50600-2-10: *Information technology — Data centre facilities and infrastructures — Part 2-10: Earthquake risk and impact analysis*

CLC/TR 50600-99-1, *Information technology — Data centre facilities and infrastructures — Part 99-1: Recommended practices for energy management*

CLC/TR 50600-99-2, *Information technology — Data centre facilities and infrastructures — Part 99-2: Recommended practices for environmental sustainability*

CLC/TR 50600-99-3, *Information technology — Data centre facilities and infrastructures — Part 99-3: Guidance to the application of EN 50600 series.*

The inter-relationship of the documents within the EN 50600 series is shown in Figure 1.



**Figure 1 — Schematic relationship between the EN 50600 series of documents**

EN 50600-2-X documents specify requirements and recommendations for particular facilities and infrastructures to support the relevant classification for “availability”, “physical security” and “energy efficiency enablement” selected from EN 50600-1.

EN 50600-3-X documents specify requirements and recommendations for data centre operations, processes and management.

EN 50600-4-X documents specify requirements and recommendations for key performance indicators (KPIs) used to assess and improve the resource usage efficiency and effectiveness, respectively, of a data centre.

The Directorate-General Joint Research Centre (DG JRC) of the European Commission operates a Code of Conduct for Data Centre Energy Efficiency (CoC) scheme. In support of the scheme, a “best practices” document has been established by DG JRC. To enhance the visibility, these Best Practices have been converted in this document to create recommended Practices for improving the energy management (i.e. reduction of energy consumption and/or increases in energy efficiency) of data centres.

The areas addressed are:

- physical building;
- mechanical and electrical equipment;
- computer room;
- cabinets/racks;
- ICT equipment;
- operating systems;
- virtualization;
- software;
- business practices.

The Practices are separated into Expected Practices as referenced in the CoC (see Clause 5) and other Practices which can be employed as optional or alternative solutions in particular cases (see Clause 6). Practices under consideration for the next or future revision/amendment of this document are included in Clause 7. During the maintenance of this document, the Practices of Clauses 6 and 7 might be augmented and others might migrate into Clause 5.

The Practices listed in Clauses 5, 6 and 7 are referenced as x.yyy where x is the clause number and yyy is a sequential number starting within each (sub-)clause.

Customers or suppliers of information and communication technology (ICT) services might also find it useful to request or provide a list of the Practices of this document that are implemented in a data centre to assist in procurement of services that meet their environmental or sustainability standards.

This document also:

- acts as an education and reference document to assist data centre operators in identifying and implementing measures to improve the energy management of their data centres;
- provides a common terminology and frame of reference for describing an energy management practice, avoiding doubt or confusion over terminology.



## 1 Scope

This document is a compilation of recommended Practices for improving the energy management (i.e. reduction of energy consumption and/or increases in energy efficiency) of data centres.

NOTE It is historically aligned with the EU Code of Conduct for Data Centre Energy Efficiency (CoC) scheme operated by the Directorate-General Joint Research Centre (DG JRC) of the European Commission (EC), however contains additional practices.

It is recognized that the Practices included might not be universally applicable to all scales and business models of data centres or be undertaken by all parties involved in data centre operation, ownership or use.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 14511 series, *Air conditioners, liquid chilling packages and heat pumps for space heating and cooling and process chillers, with electrically driven compressors*

EN 50600-1:2019, *Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures - Part 1: General concepts*

EN 50600 series, *Information technology — Data centre facilities and infrastructures*

## 3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions in the EN 50600 series and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

#### 3.1.1

##### **airflow pathway**

route taken by air to reach a specific point

#### 3.1.2

##### **albedo**

diffuse reflectivity or reflecting power of a surface

#### 3.1.3

##### **availability**

ability of an item to be in a state to perform a required function under given conditions at a given instant of time or over a given time interval, assuming that the required external resources are provided

[SOURCE: EN 50600-1:2019, 3.1.1]