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## **European foreword**

This document (EN 16836-1:2016) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 294 “Communication systems for meters and remote reading of meters”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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## EN 16836-1:2016 (E)

### Introduction

The EN 16836 series of standards details requirements for gas meters, water meters and heat meters that can interoperate with products in a mesh network that conform to this standard through a smart energy profile application layer. This standard refers to documents made freely available by the ZigBee Alliance, an organization that manages a mesh network specification (see [www.zigbee.org/about/centc294](http://www.zigbee.org/about/centc294)).

This series of standards specifies how a mesh networking radio specification applies within the scope of European standards at the application layer, networking layer and also medium access control/physical layer (MAC/PHY). All parts are intended to be used in conjunction.

The scope of this series is in line with the scope of CEN/TC 294, "Communication systems for meters and remote reading of meters", and allows data produced by utility meters to be read by a WAN communications hub, another meter, a separate meter display unit or any other device implementing this smart energy profile standard. Within the wider smart energy profile and referenced documents, there are also clusters and data objects that relate to other devices, such as programmable thermostats, but these clusters are outside the scope of CEN/TC 294 and as such are omitted from this standard. However, details of these data items can be found in the same documents that are referenced in this standard.

EN 16836 consists of the following parts:

- EN 16836-1, *Communication systems for meters — Wireless mesh networking for meter data exchange — Part 1: Introduction and standardization framework*
- EN 16836-2, *Communication systems for meters — Wireless mesh networking for meter data exchange — Part 2: Networking layer and stack specification*
- EN 16836-3, *Communication systems for meters— Wireless mesh networking for meter data exchange — Part 3: Energy profile specification dedicated application layer*

This standard series is created in compliance with the terms of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between CEN/CELELEC and the ZigBee Alliance. The principles underpinning the relationship between CEN/CENELEC and the ZigBee Alliance are described in the Consortium Bridge procedure. A copy of the MOU and the Consortium Bridge can be obtained from CEN/CENELEC.

In a similar way to the FLAG Association providing registration services for manufacturer codes used in DLMS/COSEM and MBus for meter reading, the ZigBee Alliance acts as a Registration Authority for manufacturer identifiers so that there is a guarantee of no clash between manufacturers.

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard gives provisions on the standardization framework of communication systems applicable to the exchange of data from metering devices to other devices within a mesh network. It includes information on the application process functions, layered protocols and metering architecture.

This European Standard also specifies how to interpret Parts 2 and 3 of EN 16836 which give a list of references to the ZigBee documents. This standard is applicable to communications systems that involve messages and networking between a meter or multiple meters and other devices in a mesh network, such as in home displays (IHDs) and communications hubs. This standard allows routing between devices and also allows channel agility to avoid contention with other networks of the same type, or networks of other types operating in the same frequency bands.

This standard is designed to support low power communications for devices such as gas and water meters which can make data from such devices available on the mesh network at any time through a proxy capability within a permanently powered device

NOTE 1 This standard specifies a communication protocol that can embrace a multitude of smart metering architectures from a variety of countries. This standard is not designed to limit, or indeed imply a choice or preference to any one of the many possible architectures, but more over provide information on how devices can use this communications standard to publish and receive information from meters over a network.

NOTE 2 This standard defines a protocol that can be used for either a type M interface, or a type H1 interface, however H1 interfaces are not within the scope of CEN/TC 294.

## 2 Normative references

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CEN/CLC/ETSI/TR 50572:2011, *Functional Reference Architecture for Communications in Smart Metering Systems*

IEEE 802.15.4, *IEEE Standard for Information technology — Telecommunications and information exchange between systems — Local and metropolitan area networks — Specific requirements Part 15.4: Wireless Medium Access Control (MAC) and Physical Layer (PHY) Specifications for Low Rate Wireless Personal Area Networks (LR-WPANs)*

ZigBee Specification – 05-3474 Rev 20, September 7, 2012

ZigBee Pro Stack Profile – 07-4855 Rev 05, January 2008

ZigBee Cluster Library – 07-5123 Rev 04, April 26, 2010

ZigBee Smart Energy Standard 07-5356 Rev 19, December 3, 2014

OTA Cluster Specification 09-5264 Rev 23, March 12, 2014

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