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## European foreword

This document (EN 12665:2024) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 169 "Light and lighting", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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### Introduction

This document specifies a basic framework intended to be used for the specification of lighting requirements.

Where a term is contained in CIE Publication CIE S 017:2020 ILV, *International Lighting Vocabulary* or IEC 60050-845, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary, Part 845: Lighting*, a reference is given to the equivalent term where the terms in both documents are, for all practical purposes, identical.

NOTE Definitions from CIE S 017:2020 and IEC 60050-845:2020 contain notes providing information on the numbering in previous versions of both documents. These notes were generally omitted as they are not necessary for application in European standards.

For some terms, additional explanation is given in informative Annex A.

The lighting requirements for a space are determined by the need to provide:

- adequate illumination for safety and movement;
- conditions that will facilitate visual performance and colour perception;
- acceptable visual comfort for the occupants in the space.

The relative importance of these factors will vary for different applications. This basic framework covers aspects in the field of vision, photometry and colourimetry, involving natural and man-made optical radiation over the UV, the visible and the IR regions of the spectrum, and application subjects covering all usages of light, indoors and outdoors, including environmental, energy and sustainability requirements and aesthetics and non- image forming biological aspects.

Peculiar and specific terms can be defined in application standards.

Considerations should also be given to the energy used by lighting and to maintenance.

The parameters that need to be specified to ensure good visual conditions and an efficient lighting installation are common to many applications. These are dealt with in Clause 4 of this document.

LED terms and definitions already existing within EN 62504 have not been included in this document.

For terms and definitions concerning daylight openings within a building envelope the following standards may also be consulted:

- EN 12216, *Shutters, external blinds, internal blinds — Terminology, glossary and definitions*
- EN 12519, *Windows and pedestrian doors — Terminology*

## 1 Scope

This document defines basic terms and definitions for use in all lighting applications. This document also sets out a framework for the specification of lighting requirements, giving details of aspects that are to be considered when setting those requirements.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

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