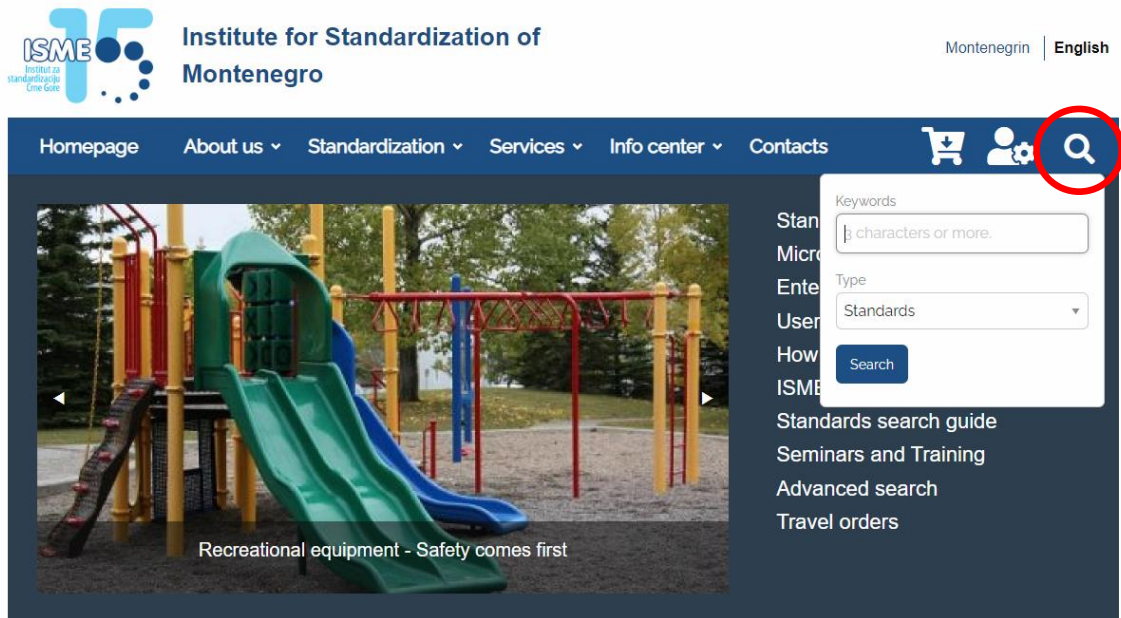# Basic search

At the end of the main menu bar, the basic search is launched via the search icon (🔍). In the upper box, enter a search keyword (reference number, keyword) which must consist of 3 characters minimum. In the lower box, select the search field, Standards - information related to standards or Other - other information available on the website.

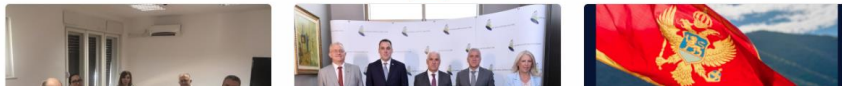The search starts by clicking Search or pressing Enter on the keyboard.
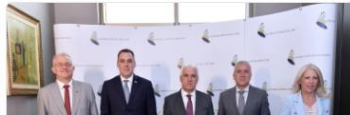
Advanced search

Advanced Search is launched by clicking on the shortcut on the main page or by clicking on "Advanced Standard Search" in the ***Standardization menu***.
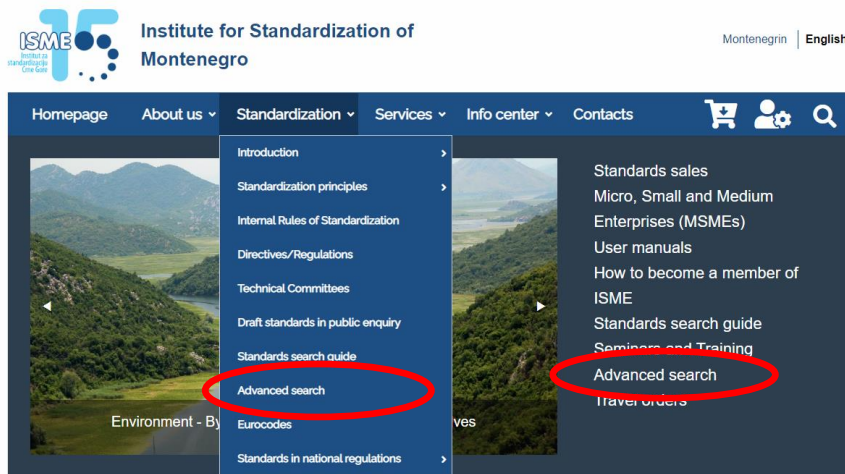
Activating this option opens an advanced search form defining the search criteria. Filling in more fields (criteria) gives a more detailed search. Fields with examples are filled in with bright letters. Some of the fields are: ***Reference*** - Reference number of the standard, ***Originator*** - publisher of the standard, ***ICS*** - international classification of standards (by clicking on Search by ICS, a list for different fields is opened), ***Current stage*** - phase in which standards is currently etc. The field giving ***Status*** - selection option gives the possibility to search by the status of the standard, published standard, withdrawn standard, etc.