# Evolution of the Structural Eurocodes

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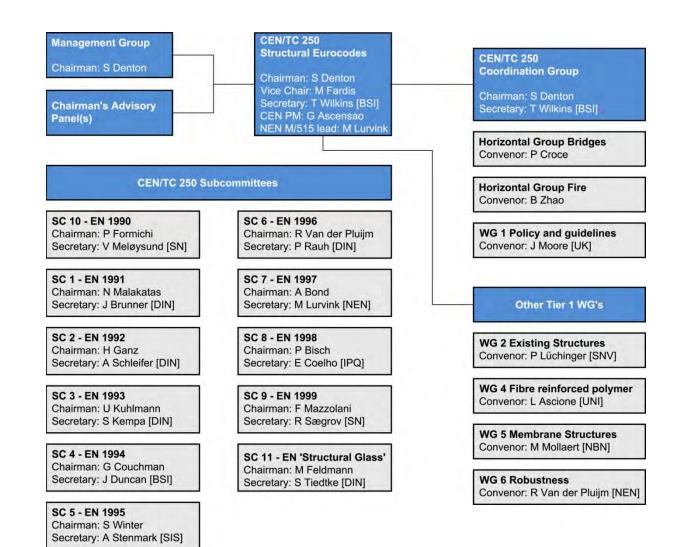
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### My background

- Chairman of CEN/TC 250 Structural Eurocodes
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- Advisor to Clients and Government



#### **CEN/TC 250 Structural Eurocodes**





### Background

"Like life in general our codes seem to get more and more complicated."

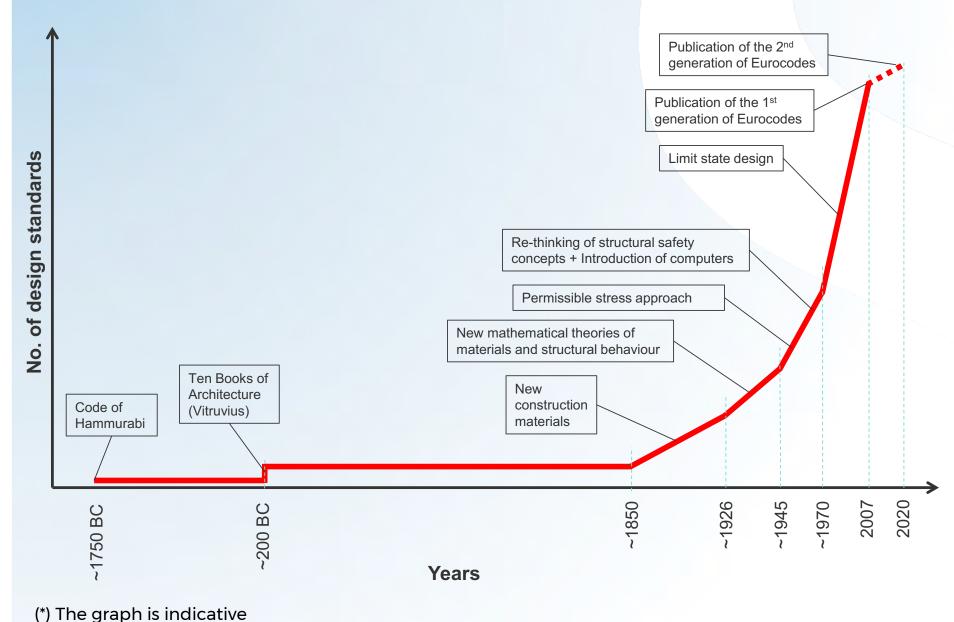


### **Background**

If a designer-builder has designed-built a home for a man and his work is not good, and if the house he has designed-built falls in and kills the householder, that designer-builder shall be slain

Rule 229, Code of Hammurabi

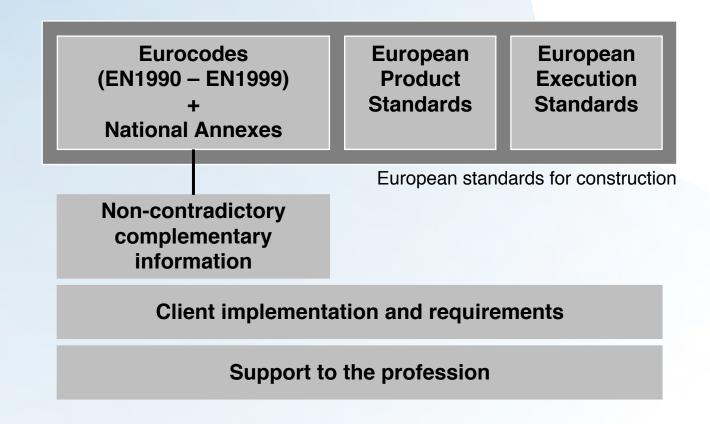






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### **The Structural Eurocodes**





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## International trade



## Verification of adequacy



## **Feedback**



### New societal demands



## Research to application



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## **CEN/TC 250's vision on the second generation of the Structural Eurocodes**

Whilst respecting the achievements of the past, our vision for the second generation of Structural Eurocodes is to create a more user-orientated suite of design standards that are recognised as the most trusted and preferred in the world.



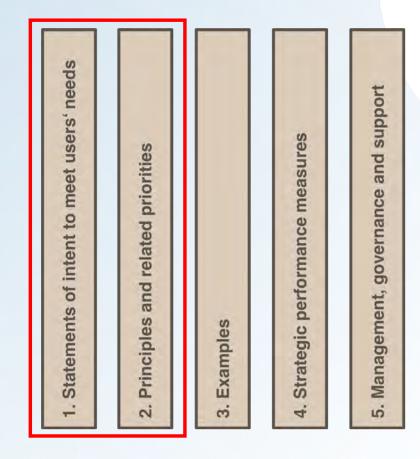
### **CEN/TC 250 Position Paper on Ease of Use**

support meet users' priorities and governance and related Management, Principles

Five pillars to enhance ease of use of the Eurocodes



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### Recommendation 1: Statements of intent to meet users' needs

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#### **DEFINITION**

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Expert specialists	We will aim not to restrict innovation by providing freedom to experts to apply their specialist knowledge and expertise
Product Manufacturers	Working with other CEN/TCs we will aim to eliminate incompatibilities or ambiguities between the Eurocodes and Product Standards
Software developers	We will aim to provide unambiguous and complete design procedures.  Accompanying formulae will be provided for charts and tables where possible
Educators	We will aim to use consistent underlying technical principles irrespective of the intended use of a structure (e.g. bridge, building, etc.) and that facilitate the linkage between physical behaviour and design rules
National regulator	We will endeavour to produce standards that can be referenced or quoted by National Regulations
Private sectors businesses	We will continue to promote technical harmonization across European markets in order to reduce barriers to trade
Clients	We will produce Eurocodes that enable the design of safe, serviceable, robust and durable structures, aiming to promoting cost effectiveness throughout their whole life cycle, including design, construction and maintenance
Other CEN/TCs	We will engage proactively to promote effective collaboration with those other CEN/TCs that have shared interests



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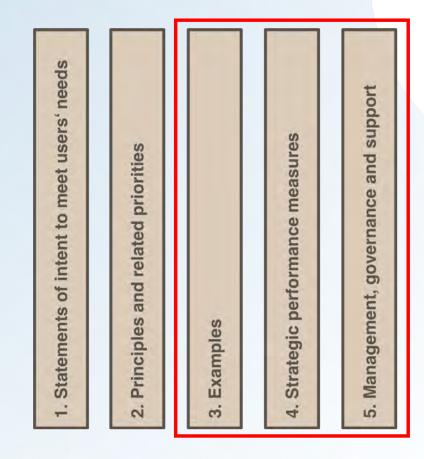


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### **Enhancing Ease of Use**

Document: CEN/TC 250 N 1250

Date: 12 March 2018

#### To the Members of CEN/TC 250 Structural Eurocodes

#### N 1250 POLICY GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES (Version 7)

Note 1 This document provides the policy guidelines and procedures to be followed in preparing EN Eurocode Parts in response to EU Commission Mandate M/515. This dated version provides information relevant to the Project Teams for the work programme for M/515.

Note 2 This document is derived from N 250 and N 600. The structure of N 250 has been simplified while including relevant aspects of N 600. The previous version of N 250 G Rev 2 from 2007, together with N 600, Rev1, gives the substantive policy guidelines and procedures used for the first generation of EN 1990 - EN 1999.

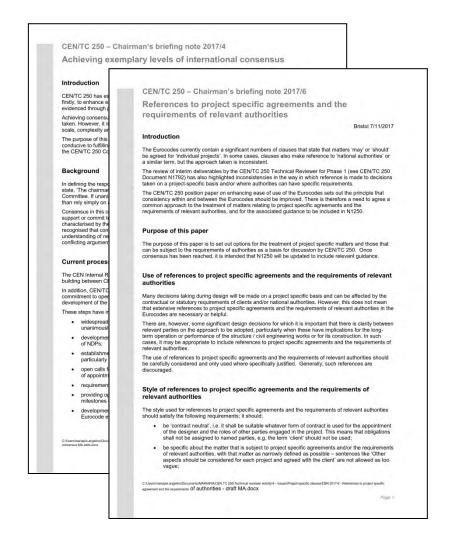
Note 3 This version contains editorial improvements on version V6a as discussed at the CEN/TC 250/WG 1 and Coordination Group meetings on the 28 February – 1 March 2018.

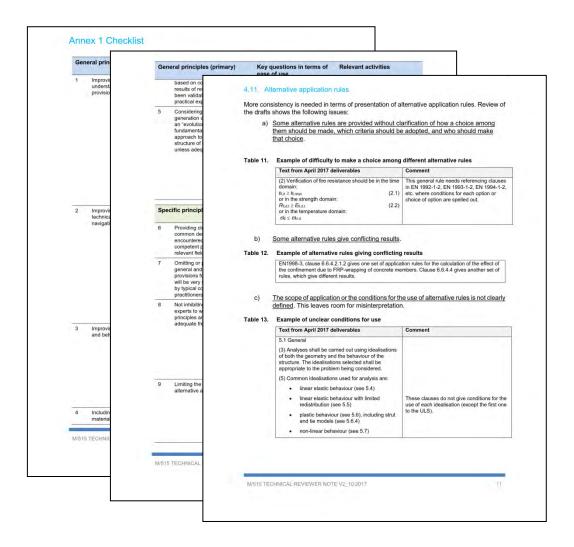
- Appointment of Technical Reviewer
- Detailed review of deliverables
- Development of TC 250 document N1250 'Policy Guidelines and Procedures'
- Provision of examples and advice



### **Enhancing Ease of Use**

Guidance materials, examples and briefings developed







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### CEN/TC 250 – Chairman's briefing note 2017/4 Achieving exemplary levels of international consensus

Bristol 31/10/2017

#### Introduction

CENTC 250 has established two overarching objectives for the evolution of the Structural Eurocodes: firstly, to enhance ease of use; and secondly, to achieve exemplary levels of international consensus, evidenced through positive votes from CEN members.

Achieving consensus is an essential step in our work and clearly a key challenge in the delivery of the CEN/TC 250 work programme, given its scale, complexity and international impact.

The purpose of this Chairman's Briefing Note is to set out a framework, which encourages behaviours conducive to fulfilling CEN/TC 250's objective. It is based on discussions at meetings of CEN/TC 250 and was requested by the CEN/TC 250 Coordination Group. It will be discussed further at the CEN/TC 250 meeting to be held in Berlin in November 2017.

#### Background

In defining the responsibilities of the Chairman of a Technical Committee, the CEN Internal Regulations state, 'The chairman shall do everything possible to obtain a unanimous decision of the Technical Committee. If unanimity on a subject is not obtainable, the chairman shall try to seek consensus rather than rely simply on a majority decision.'

Consensus in this context means that there is general agreement on an outcome that everyone can support or commit to, even if it is not the 'favourite' of each party. Crucially, therefore, it must be recognised that consensus is the outcome of a process of engagement and dialogue during which (i) the understanding of needs and perspectives of all parties concerned builds collectively over time and (ii) any conflicting arguments are reconciled.

#### **Enabling consensus building**

The CEN Internal Regulations establish roles, responsibilities and processes that promote consensus building between CEN members and stakeholders.

In addition, CEN/TC 250 has taken significant steps to support consensus building, aligned with the TC's commitment to openness and transparency throughout the execution of Mandate M/515 and the development of the second generation of EN Eurocodes.

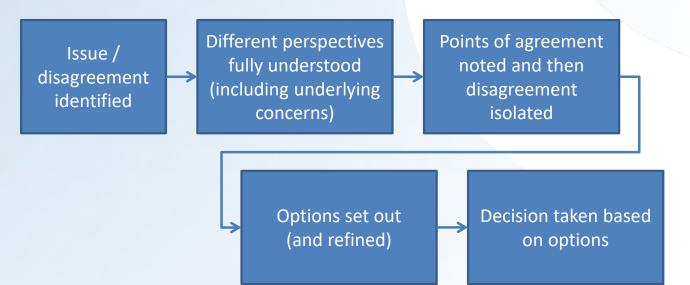
These steps have included:

- widespread consultation on the development of the CEN/TC 250 work programme, that was unanimously endorsed by the TC;
- development of unanimously agreed position papers on enhancing ease of use and the reduction of NDPs:
- establishing ad-hoc groups to examine issues of concern to CEN/TC 250 members, particularly when of a horizontal nature;
- open calls for experts to serve on Project Teams, providing transparency of obligations and terms
  of appointment:
- · requirement for Project Teams to develop background documents;
- providing opportunities for CEN members to comment on draft interim deliverables at multiple milestones during their development by Project Teams;
- development and on-going review of N1250, providing consistent guidance to all those engaged in Eurocode evolution.

CRENTC 250 Management and Administration/Briefing Papers, ToR, etc/CBN15 - Activiting exemplary levels of international consensus/CBN 2017-4 - Activiting exemplary levels of international consensus - Issue dots docx.

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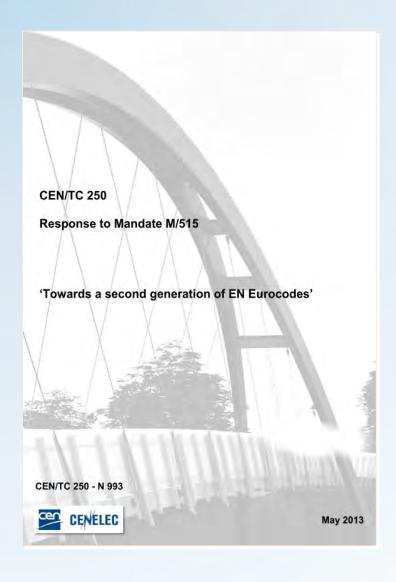


Brussels, 12 December 2012 M/515 EN

MANDATE FOR AMENDING EXISTING EUROCODES AND EXTENDING THE SCOPE OF STRUCTURAL EUROCODES



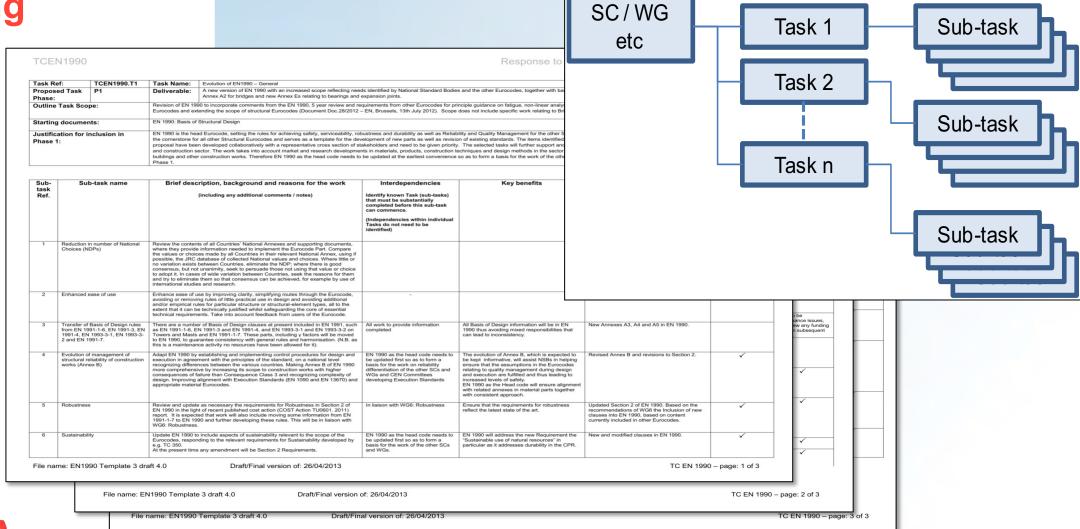
### **CEN/TC 250 Technical response**



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- Over 1000 experts from across Europe involved
- Structure of tasks and sub-tasks
- Phased programme

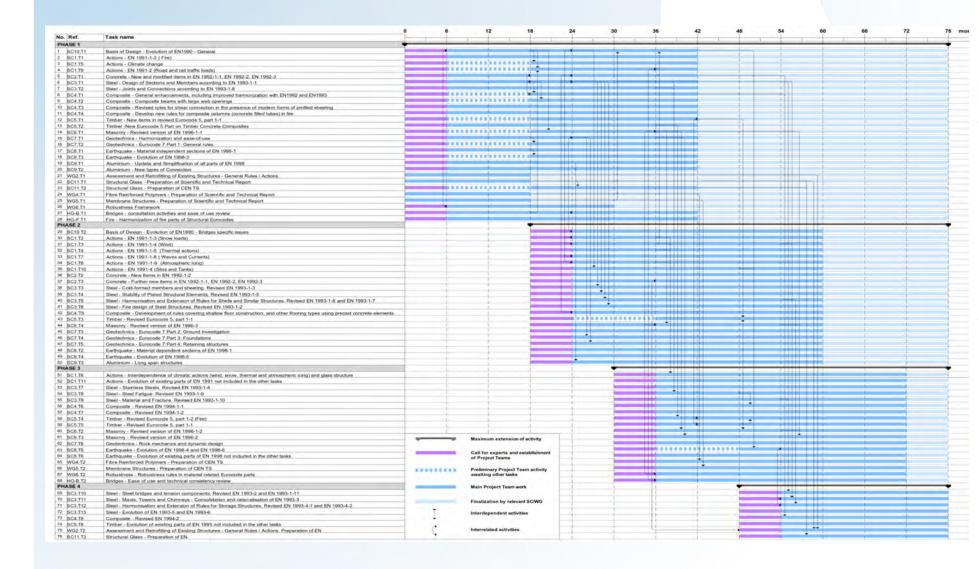


### Tiered structured with detailed task plans



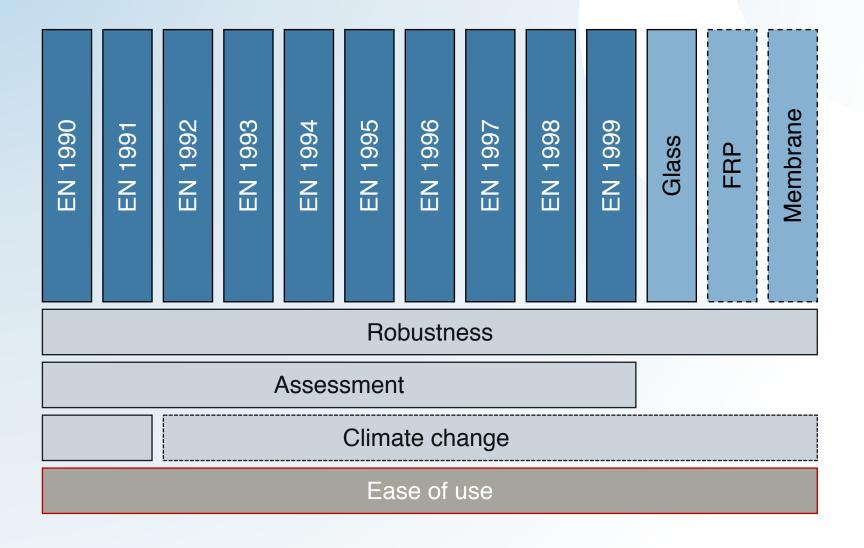
- 76 tasks
- Four overlapping phases of drafting work
- Actual start dates have changed from original plan

### CEN/TC 250 Work Programme (as proposed)



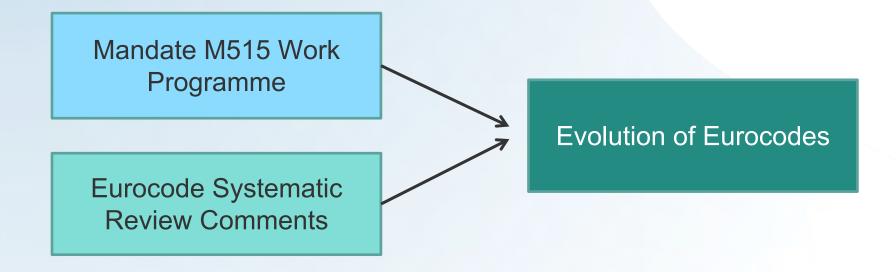


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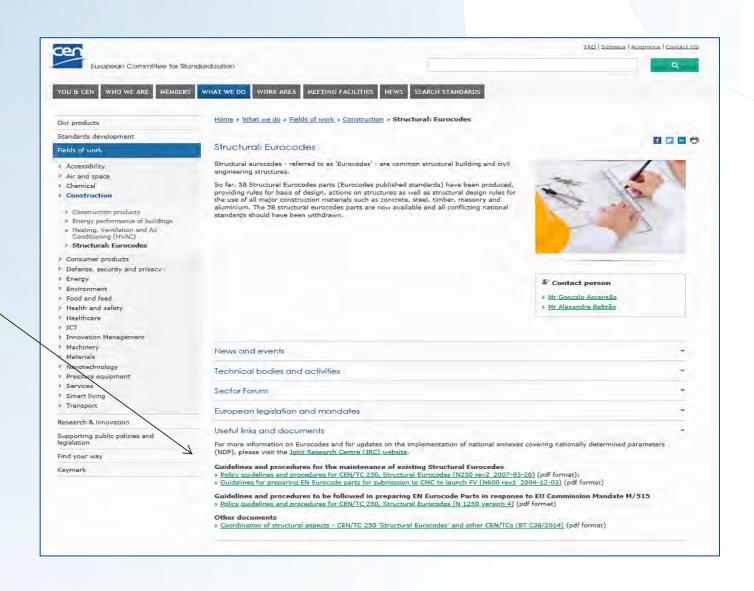
### Responding to systematic review comments





### **Drafting approach and further details**

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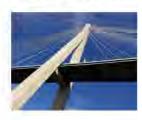




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#### Call for tender - Evolution of Structural Eurocodes



### Call for Tender for experts for the development of the second generation of Structural Eurocodes.

- Updated 20th of May 2015 -

The Eurocodes (EN 1990 – EN 1999) enable the design of building and civil engineering works, and comprises of 10 European Standards in 58 parts. The first generation of EN Eurocodes were the most comprehensive and technically advanced suite of standards for structural and geotechnical design in the world. Their development was a tremendous achievement and represented the culmination of over 30 years collaborative effort. Their impact has been considerable. It has been estimated that they affecting the work of around 500.000 professional

<u>Volume 1:</u> Instructions to Tenderers – This volume provides full instructions on how the Tender Process shall be organized and how and when Tenderers should submit their responses to the questions contained within and to the award criteria;

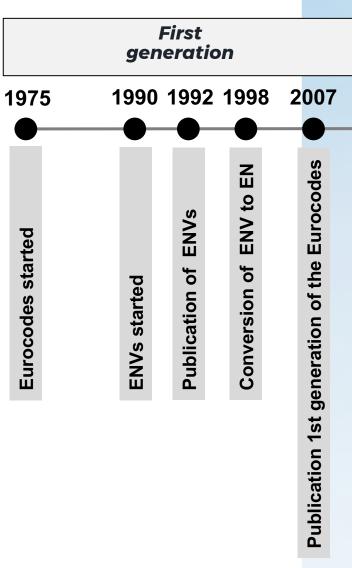
<u>Volume 2</u>: Contract terms and Conditions - This Volume contains the documentation for Contracts and general terms and conditions;

<u>Volume 3:</u> The Specification — This volume contains the scope/brief, outlining the requirements:

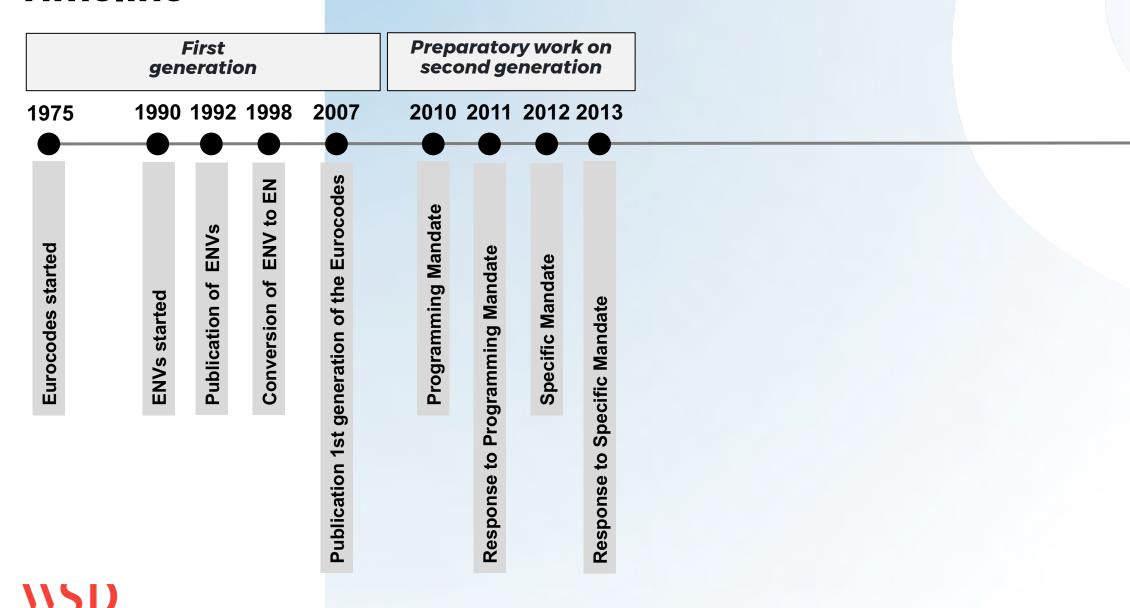
<u>Volume 1 Annex 2:</u> Template for quality submission – This word document provides the template for the quality submission;

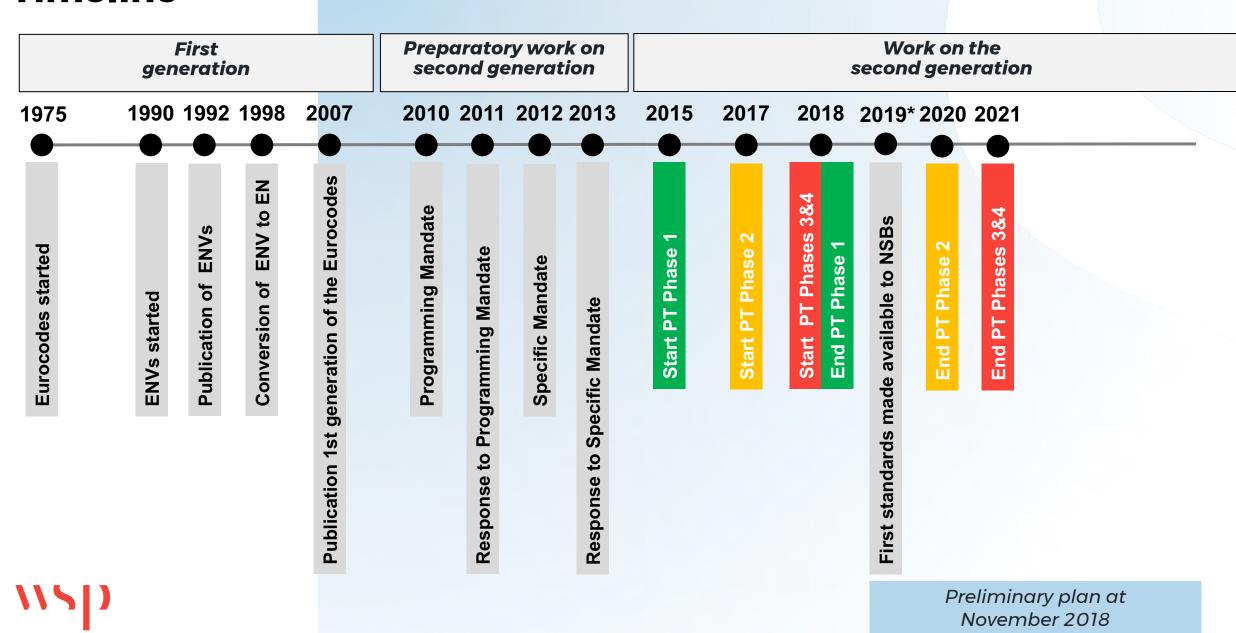
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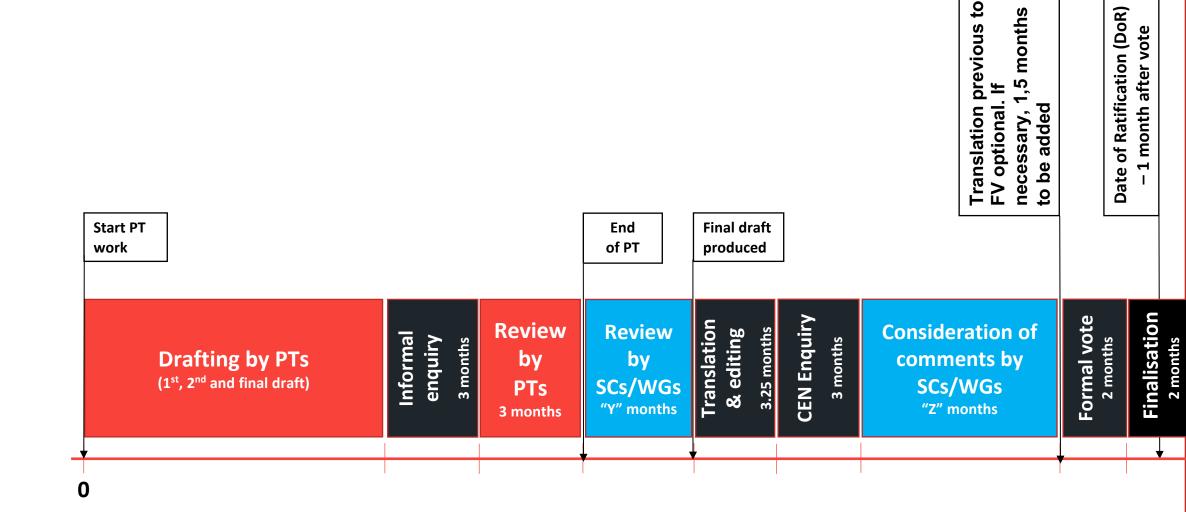






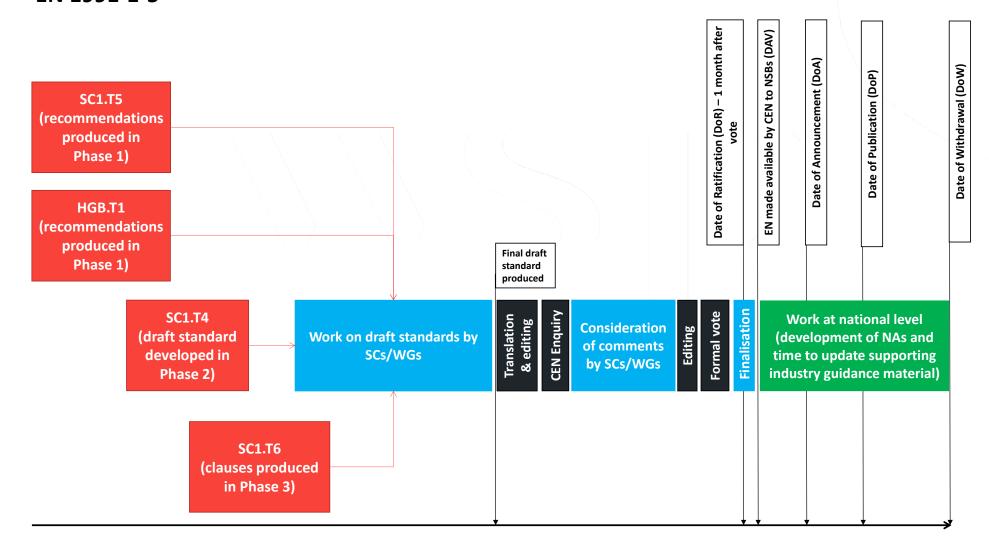


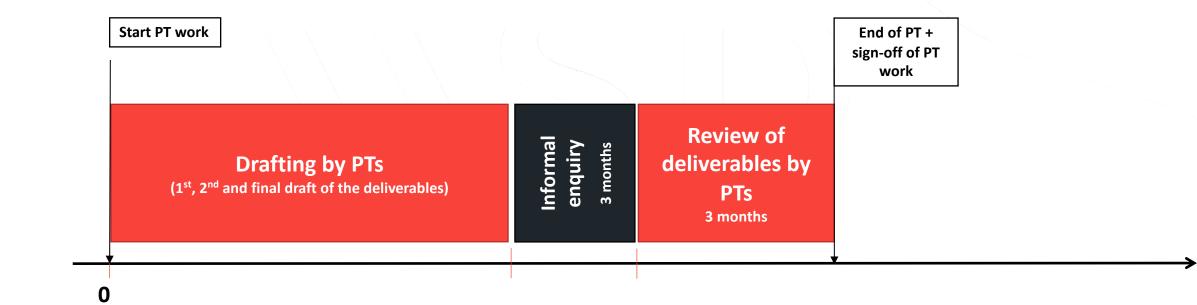
First generation						Preparatory work on second generation				Work on the second generation								
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Eurocodes started	ENVs started	Publication of ENVs	Conversion of ENV to EN	Publication 1st generation of the Eurocodes	Programming Mandate	Response to Programming Mandate	Specific Mandate	Response to Specific Mandate	Start PT Phase 1	Start PT Phase 2	Start PT Phases 3&4 End PT Phase 1	First standards made available to NSBs	End PT Phase 2	End PT Phases 3&4		Last standards made available to NSBs	Date of withdrawal	
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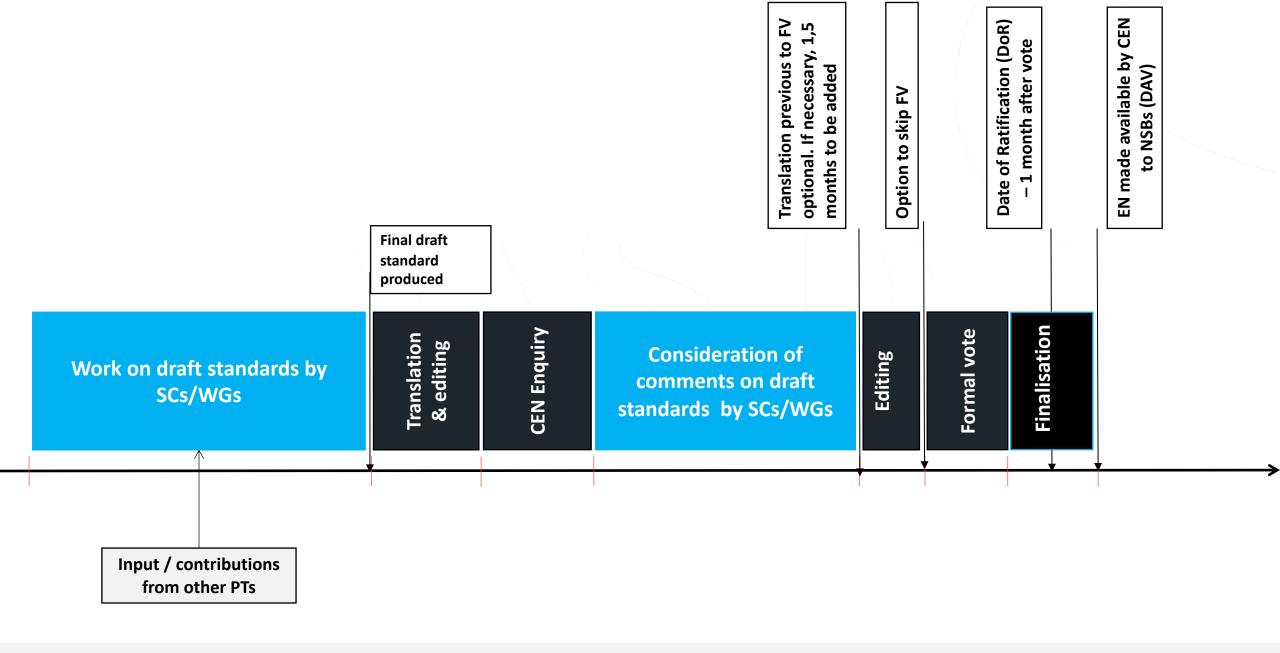


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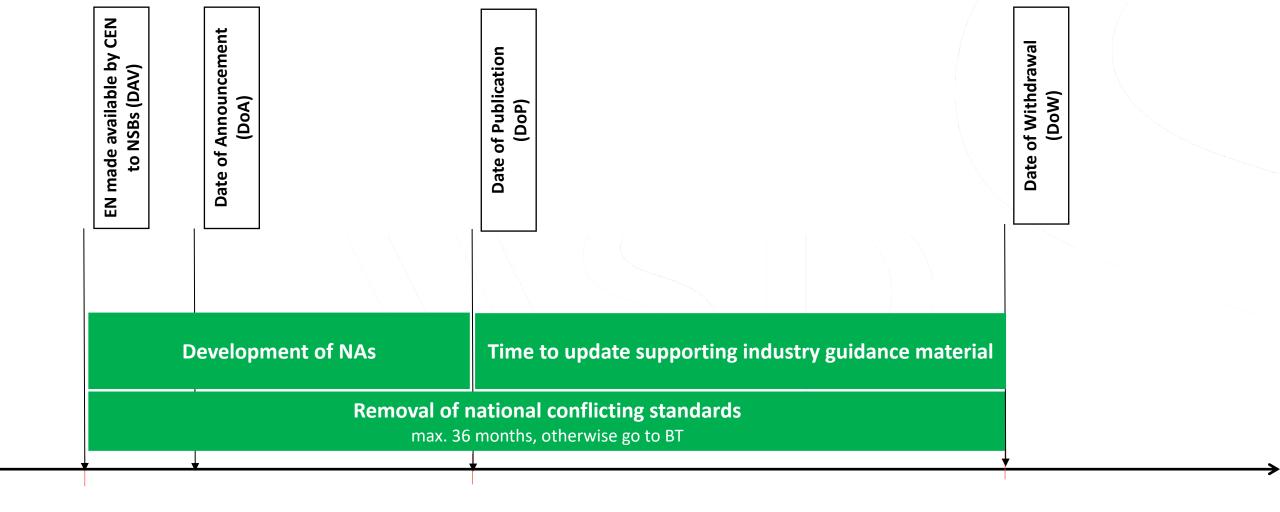
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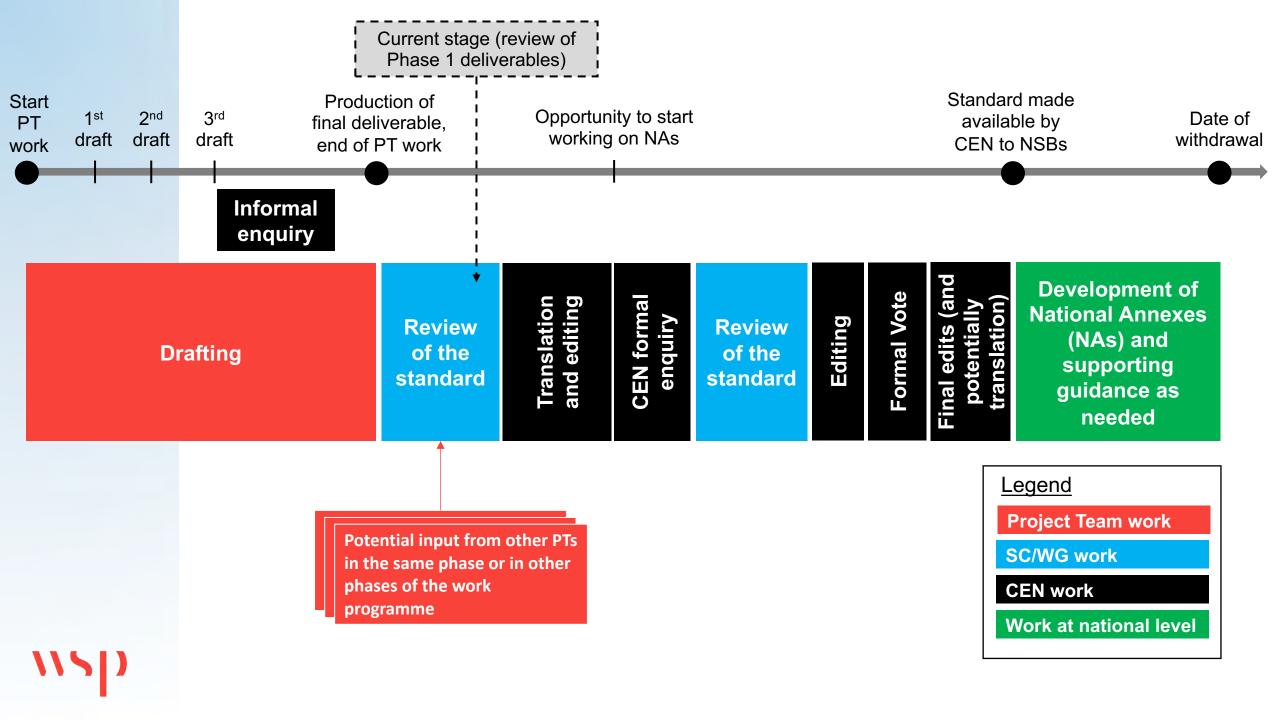






Time (Months)





### Objectives for CEN/TC 250 publication plan for second generation of Eurocodes (1 of 2)

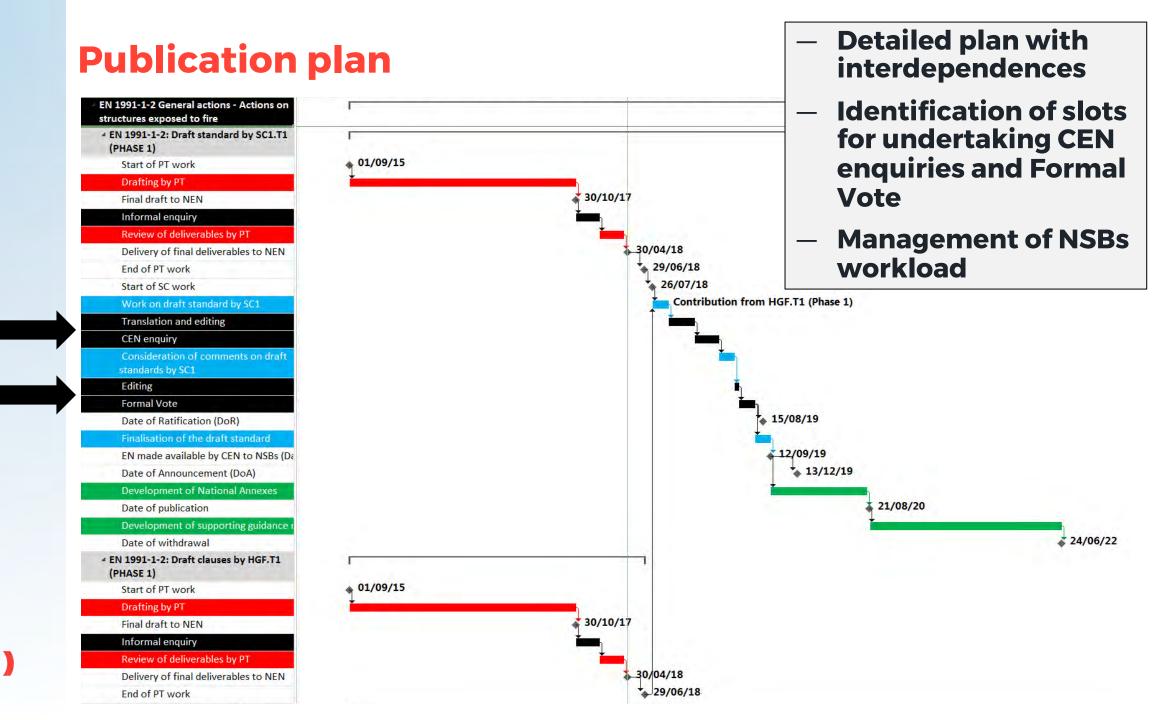
- 1. Ensure that we have a fully compatible suite of standards at all times for use by industry.
- 2. Schedule enquiries and formal votes so that they do not place an excessive burden on CEN members and their mirror committees, and on SCs and WGs.



### Objectives for CEN/TC 250 publication plan for second generation of Eurocodes (2 of 2)

- 3. Make new Eurocode parts available as early as possible, whilst respecting interdependencies with other Eurocode parts.
- 4. Ensure that sufficient time is available for development of National Annexes.
- 5. Ensure that sufficient time is available for removal of national conflicting standards by NSBs and update of supporting industry guidance material.





### Thank you

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