

**Eurocodes  
evolution - what  
will it mean to  
you?**



# Evolution of the Structural Eurocodes - Aims, timing, process

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**500 000**  
Engineers

**€65**  
Billion

**10-58**

**5000**  
Pages

**1055**  
NDPs

**33**  
Countries

**97**  
SCs/WGs/  
TGs

**€4.3**  
Million

**€11**  
Million

**49/50**

**75+**  
Project  
Teams

**25**  
Phase 1  
PTs

**170+**  
Phase 1  
Contracts

Dec  
**2016**

**2021**

# Agenda

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→ Aims

→ Process

→ Timing

# Aims

✓ **Enhanced  
Ease of Use**

✓ **Positive  
Votes from  
CEN Members**

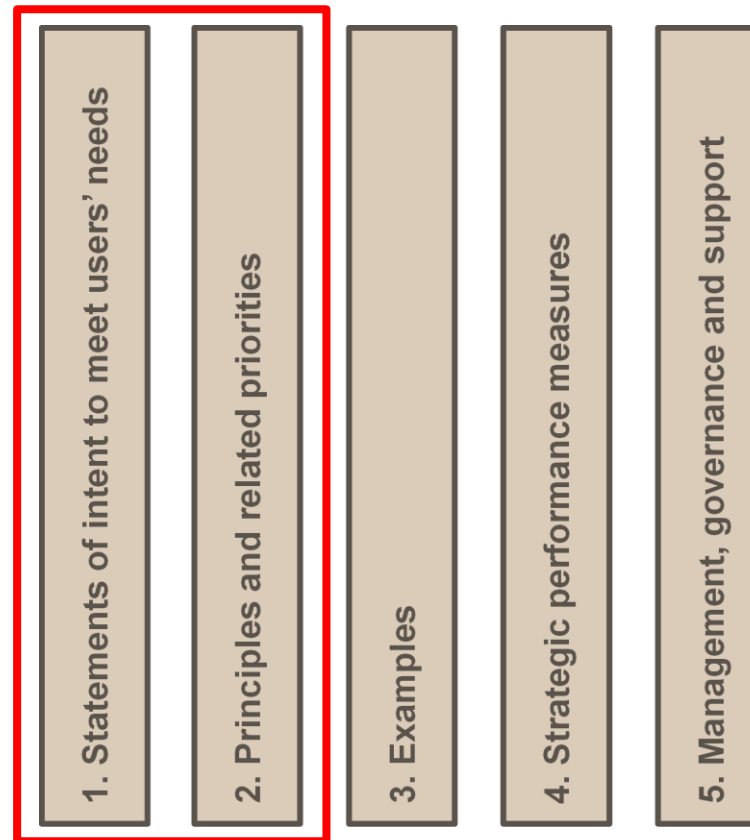
# The Structural Eurocodes

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## **CEN/TC 250's vision for 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 on Enhancing Ease of Use



Five pillars to enhance ease of use of the Eurocodes



# CEN/TC 250 Position on Enhancing Ease of Use

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

### PRIMARY TARGET AUDIENCE

Practitioners – Competent engineers

### DEFINITION

Competent civil, structural and geotechnical engineers, typically qualified professionals able to work independently in relevant fields



# CEN/TC 250 Position on Enhancing Ease of Use

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Private sectors businesses	We will continue to promote technical harmonization across European markets in order to reduce barriers to trade
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# CEN/TC 250 Position on Enhancing Ease of Use

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- 4 Including state-of-the-art material the use of which is based on commonly accepted results of research and has been validated through sufficient practical experience
- 5 Considering the second generation of the Eurocodes as an “evolution” avoiding fundamental changes to the approach to design and to the structure of the Eurocodes unless adequately justified

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### Specific principles (secondary)

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  - 7 Omitting or providing only general and basic technical provisions for special cases that will be very rarely encountered by typical competent practitioners in the relevant field
  - 8 Not inhibiting the freedom of experts to work from first principles and providing adequate freedom for innovation
  - 9 Limiting the inclusion of alternative application rules
  - 10 Including simplified methods only where they are of general application, address commonly encountered situations, are technically justified and give more conservative results than the rigorous methods they are intended to simplify
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# European Commission Specific Mandate M/515



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ENTERPRISE AND INDUSTRY DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

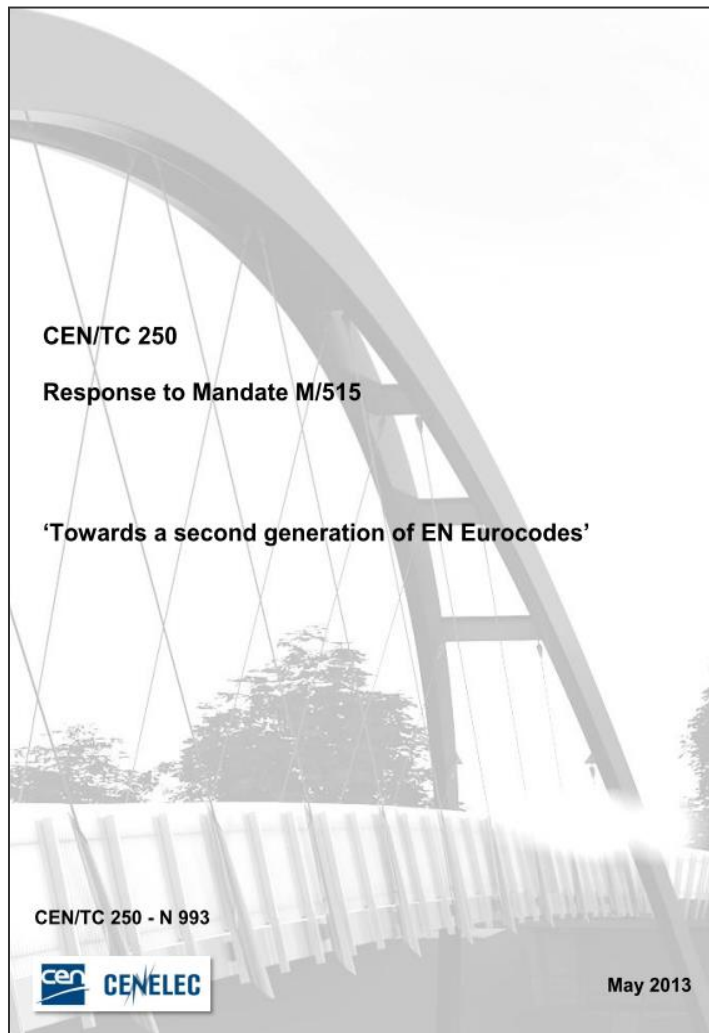
Sustainable Growth and EU 2020  
Sustainable Industrial Policy and Construction

Brussels, 12 December 2012

**M/515 EN**

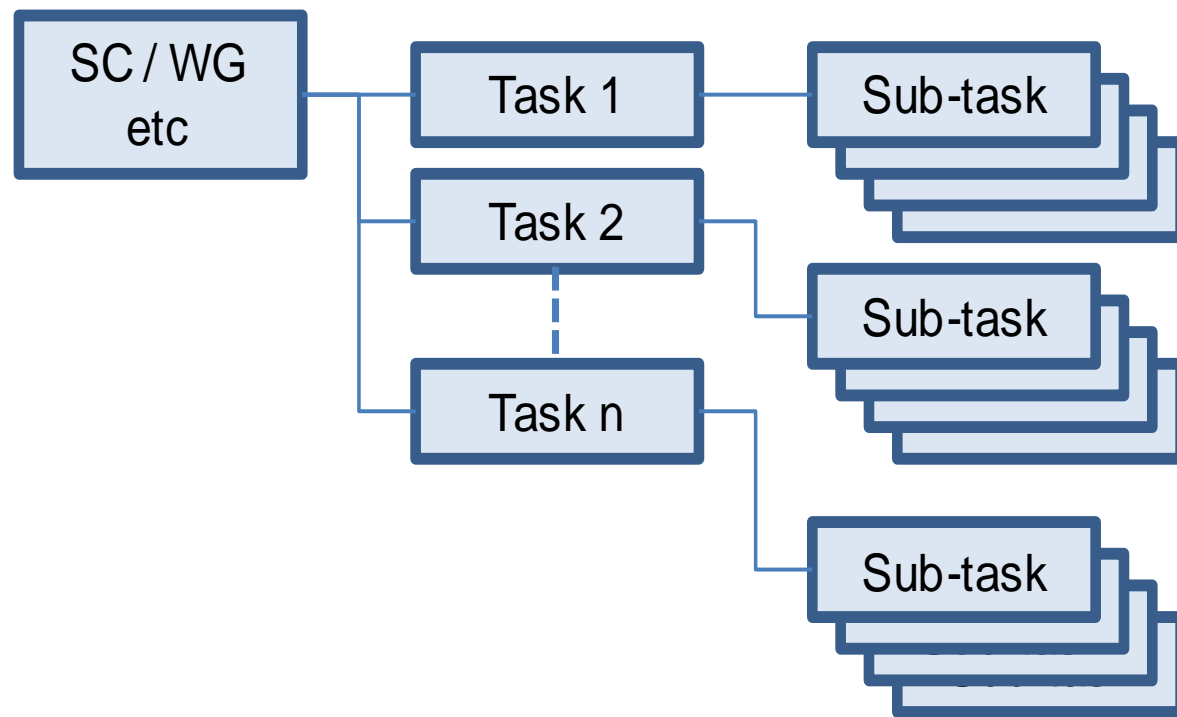
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# CEN/TC 250 Technical response

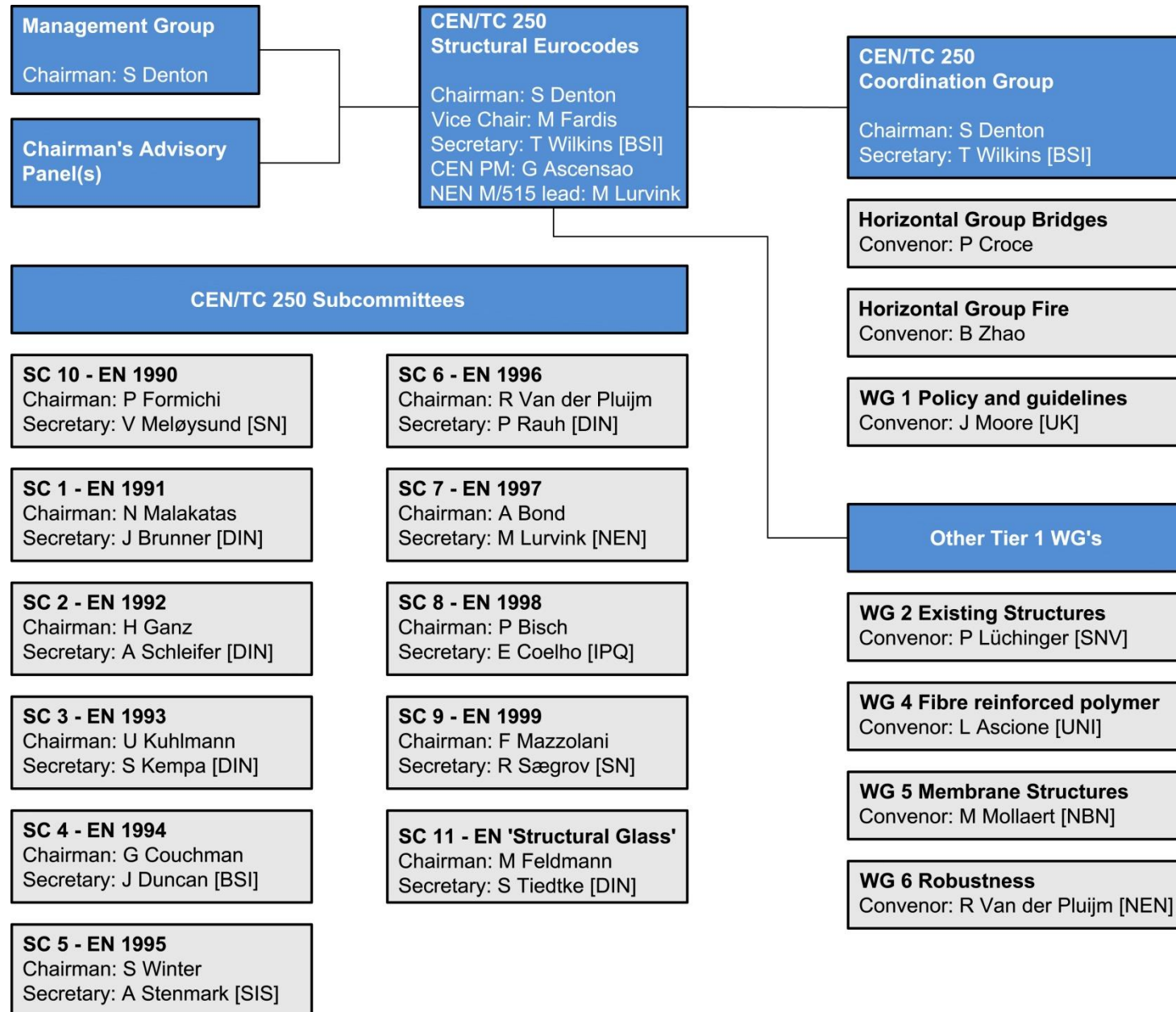


- 138 pages
- Over 1000 experts from across Europe involved
- Structure of tasks and sub-tasks
- Phased programme

# CEN/TC 250 Work Programme Structure



# CEN/TC 250 Structural Eurocodes



# CEN/TC 250 Detailed Task Plans

TCEN1990
Response to Mandate M/515 EN: Structural Eurocodes

<b>Task Ref:</b>	TCEN1990.T1	<b>Task Name:</b>	Evolution of EN1990 – General		
<b>Proposed Task Phase:</b>	P1	<b>Deliverable:</b>	A new version of EN 1990 with an increased scope reflecting needs identified by National Standard Bodies and the other Eurocodes, together with background information for all changes and new material, excluding new version of Annex A2 for bridges and new Annex Es relating to bearings and expansion joints.		
<b>Outline Task Scope:</b>	Revision of EN 1990 to incorporate comments from the EN 1990, 5 year review and requirements from other Eurocodes for principle guidance on fatigue, non-linear analysis etc with the Specific Mandate Section 5 from Mandate for amending existing Eurocodes and extending the scope of structural Eurocodes (Document Doc 28/2012 – EN, Brussels, 13th July 2012). Scope does not include specific work relating to Bridges which is included in Task TCEN1990.T2.				
<b>Starting documents:</b>	EN 1990: Basis of Structural Design				
<b>Justification for inclusion in Phase 1:</b>	EN 1990 is the head Eurocode, setting the rules for achieving safety, serviceability, robustness and durability as well as Reliability and Quality Management for the other 57 parts of the Structural Eurocode suite and CEN structural product standards. It is the cornerstone for all other Structural Eurocodes and serves as a template for the development of new parts as well as revision of existing standards. The items identified by the CEN/TC250 Expert Group for the revision of EN 1990 described in this proposal have been developed collaboratively with a representative cross section of stakeholders and need to be given priority. The selected tasks will further support and strengthen harmonisation, the development of an EU Internal Market in the design and construction sector. The work takes into account market and research developments in materials, products, construction techniques and design methods in the sector. It also reflects new societal needs and demands as linked to structural design of buildings and other construction works. Therefore EN 1990 as the head code needs to be updated at the earliest convenience so as to form a basis for the work of the other sub-committees. As full a draft as possible must be made available at end of Phase 1.				

Sub-task Ref.	Sub-task name	Brief description, background and reasons for the work <small>(including any additional comments / notes)</small>	Interdependencies  <small>Identify known Task (sub-tasks) that must be substantially completed before this sub-task can commence.  <small>(Dependencies within individual Tasks do not need to be identified)</small></small>	Key benefits	Output  <small>(e.g. new Eurocode part; new or modified clauses in existing Eurocode part)</small>	Priority item for EC contract
1	Reduction in number of National Choices (NDPs)	Review the contents of all Countries' National Annexes and supporting documents, where they provide information needed to implement the Eurocode Part. Compare the values or choices made by all Countries in their relevant National Annex, using if possible, the JRC database of collected National values and choices. Where little or no variation exists between Countries, eliminate the NDP; where there is good consensus, but not unanimity, seek to persuade those not using that value or choice to adopt it. In cases of wide variation between Countries, seek the reasons for them and try to eliminate them so that consensus can be achieved, for example by use of international studies and research.				✓
2	Enhanced ease of use	Enhance ease of use by improving clarity, simplifying routes through the Eurocode, avoiding or removing rules of little practical use in design and avoiding additional and/or empirical rules for particular structure or structural-element types, all to the extent that it can be technically justified whilst safeguarding the core of essential technical requirements. Take into account feedback from users of the Eurocode.				✓
3	Transfer of Basis of Design rules from EN 1991-1-6, EN 1991-3, EN 1991-4, EN 1993-3-1, EN 1993-3-2 and EN 1991-7.	There are a number of Basis of Design clauses at present included in EN 1991, such as EN 1991-1-6, EN 1991-3 and EN 1991-4, and EN 1993-3-1 and EN 1993-3-2 on Towers and Masts and EN 1991-1-7. These parts, including y factors will be moved to EN 1990, to guarantee consistency with general rules and harmonisation. (N.B. as this is a maintenance activity no resources have been allowed for it).	All work to provide information completed	All Basis of Design information will be in EN 1990 thus avoiding mixed responsibilities that can lead to inconsistency.	New Annexes A3, A4 and A5 in EN 1990.	✓
4	Evolution of management of structural reliability of construction works (Annex B)	Adapt EN 1990 by establishing and implementing control procedures for design and execution in agreement with the principles of the standard, on a national level recognizing differences between the various countries. Making Annex B of EN 1990 more comprehensive by increasing its scope to construction works with higher consequences of failure than Consequence Class 3 and recognizing complexity of design. Improving alignment with Execution Standards (EN 1090 and EN 13670) and appropriate material Eurocodes.	EN 1990 as the head code needs to be updated first so as to form a basis for the work on reliability differentiation of the other SCs and WGs and CEN Committees developing Execution Standards	The evolution of Annex B, which is expected to be updated first so as to form a basis for the work on reliability ensure that the assumptions in the Eurocodes relating to quality management during design and execution are fulfilled and thus leading to increased levels of safety. EN 1990 as the Head code will ensure alignment with related annexes in material parts together with consistent approach.	Revised Annex B and revisions to Section 2.	✓
5	Robustness	Review and update as necessary the requirements for Robustness in Section 2 of EN 1990 in the light of recent published cost action (COST Action TU0601, 2011) report. It is expected that work will also include moving some information from EN 1991-1-7 to EN 1990 and further developing these rules. This will be in liaison with WGG: Robustness.	In liaison with WGG: Robustness	Ensure that the requirements for robustness reflect the latest state of the art.	Updated Section 2 of EN 1990. Based on the recommendations of WGG the Inclusion of new clauses into EN 1990, based on content currently included in other Eurocodes.	✓
6	Sustainability	Update EN 1990 to include aspects of sustainability relevant to the scope of the Eurocodes, responding to the relevant requirements for Sustainability developed by e.g. TC 350. At the present time any amendment will be Section 2 Requirements.	EN 1990 as the head code needs to be updated first so as to form a basis for the work of the other SCs and WGs.	EN 1990 will address the new Requirement the "Sustainable use of natural resources" in particular as it addresses durability in the CPR.	New and modified clauses in EN 1990.	✓

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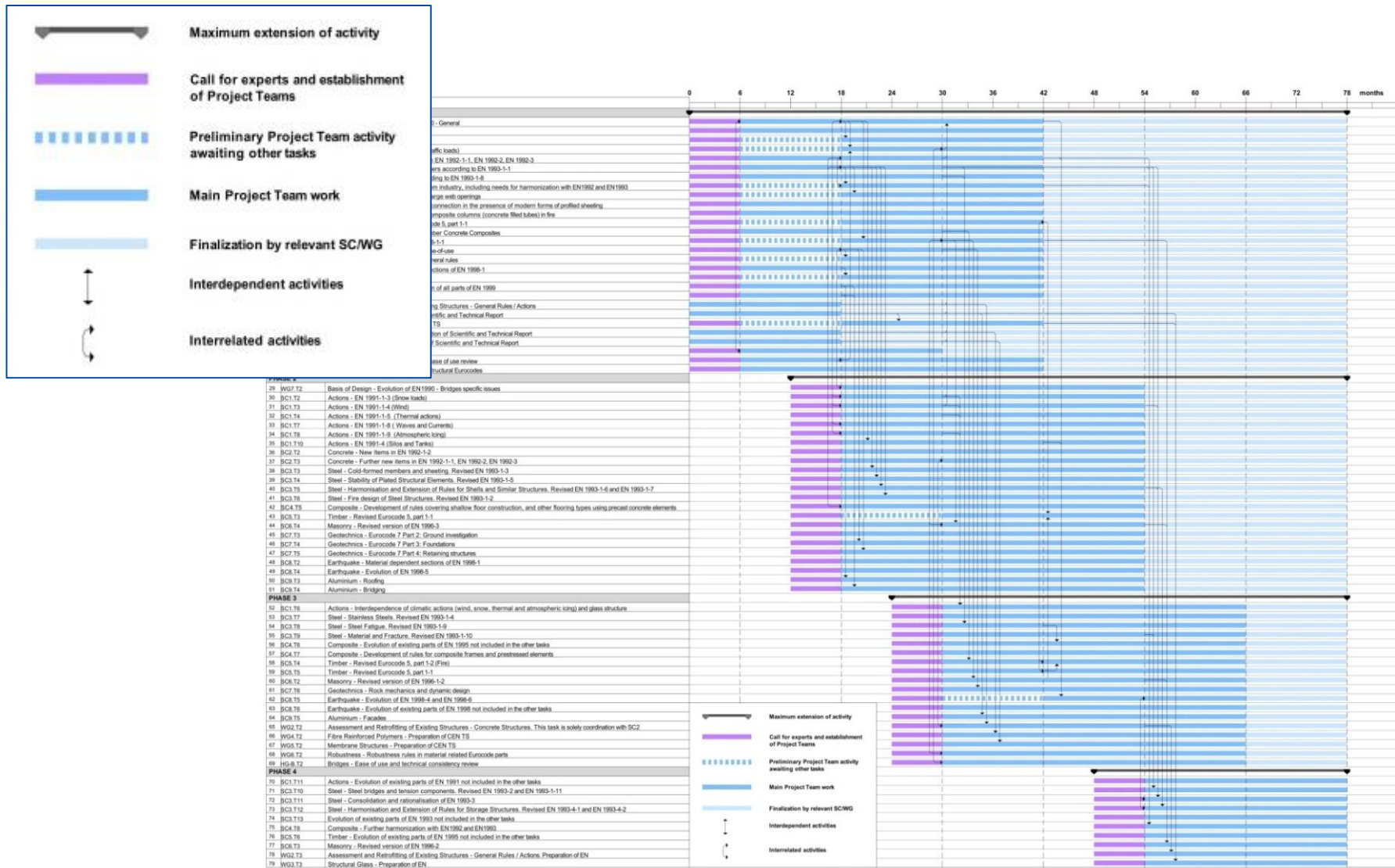
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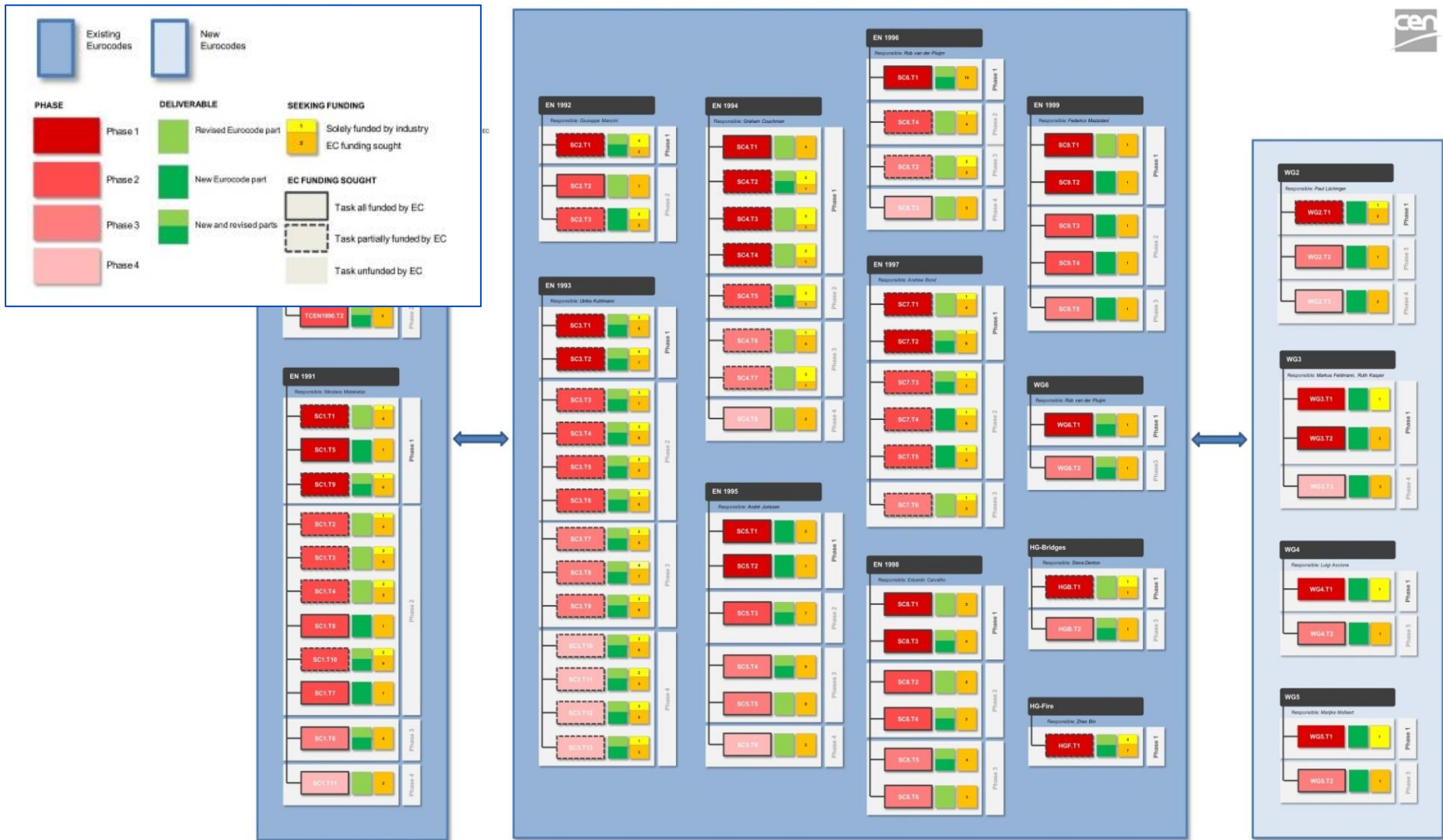
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# CEN/TC 250 Phased Programme



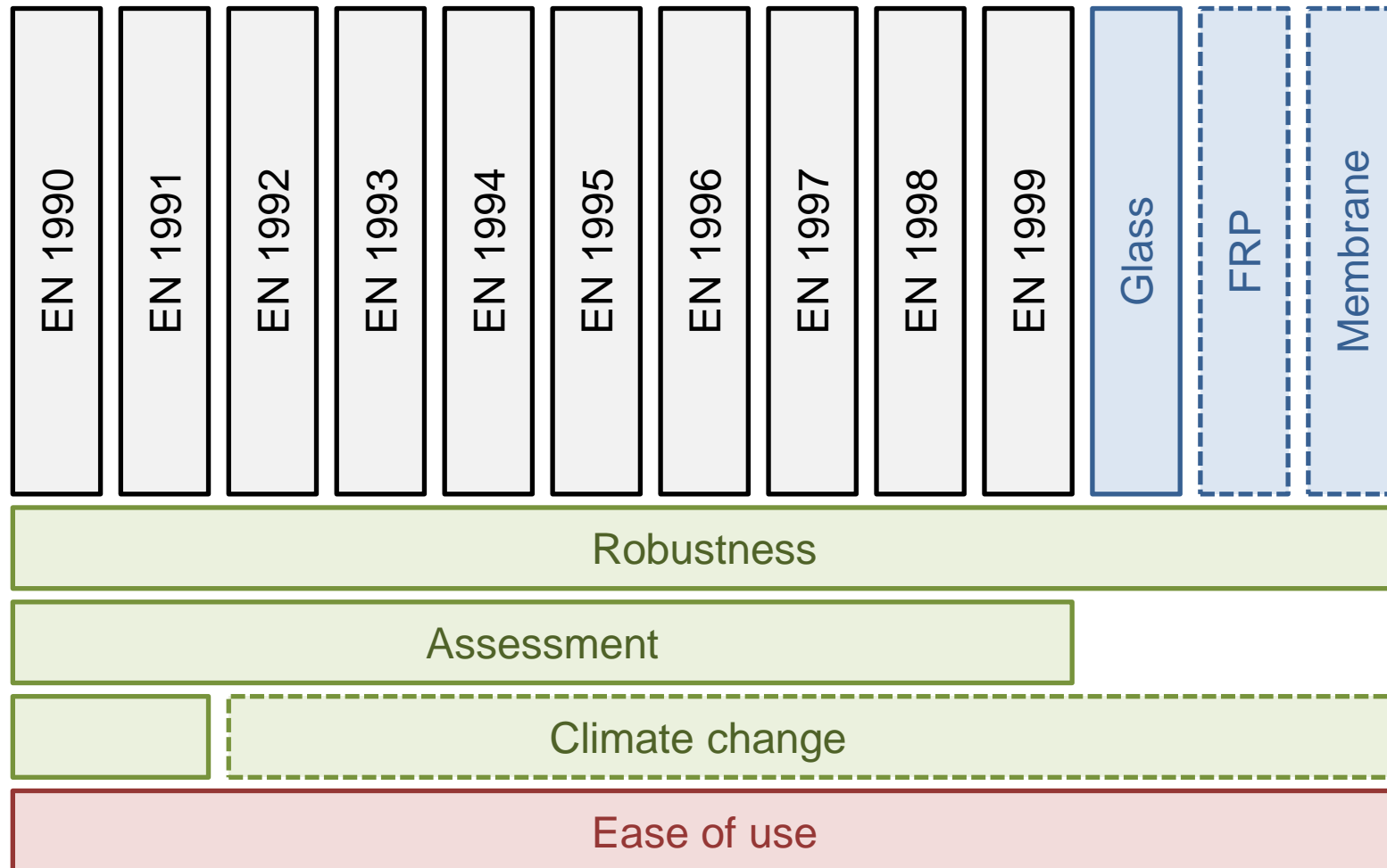


# CEN/TC 250 Work Programme Structure



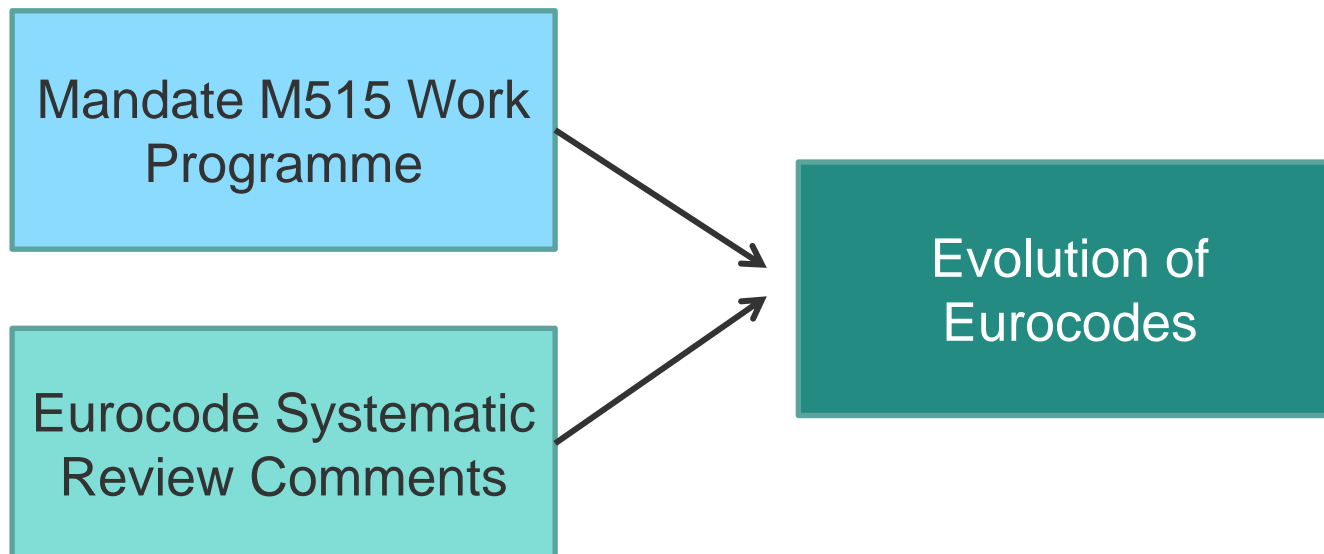


# CEN/TC 250 Evolution Overview



# Systematic Review Comments

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# Eurocode Evolution Process

- Follow CEN Internal Regulations
- Specific information available in CEN/TC 250 document N1250 [CEN, Eurocodes]
- Further details available in Phase 1 call for experts specification (Vol 3) [NEN, Eurocodes 2020]

The screenshot shows the CEN website's 'Structural: Eurocodes' page. The header includes the CEN logo and navigation links like 'YOU & CEN', 'WHO WE ARE', 'MEMBERS', 'WHAT WE DO', 'WORK AREA', 'MEETING FACILITIES', 'NEWS', and 'SEARCH STANDARDS'. The main content area is titled 'Structural: Eurocodes' and contains the following text:

Structural eurocodes - referred to as 'Eurocodes' - are common structural building and civil engineering structures.

So far, 38 Structural Eurocodes parts (Eurocodes published standards) have been produced, providing rules for basis of design, actions on structures as well as structural design rules for the use of all major construction materials such as concrete, steel, timber, masonry and aluminium. The 38 structural eurocodes parts are now available and all conflicting national standards should have been withdrawn.

The page also features a 'Contact person' section with links to [Mr. Gonçalo Ascensão](#) and [Mr. Alexandre Beltrão](#). A sidebar on the left lists various 'Fields of work' categories, with 'Structural: Eurocodes' highlighted. An arrow from the text 'Further details available in Phase 1 call for experts specification (Vol 3) [NEN, Eurocodes 2020]' points to the 'Structural: Eurocodes' link in the sidebar.

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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

[Volume 1](#): 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;

[Volume 2](#): Contract terms and Conditions - This Volume contains the documentation for Contracts and general terms and conditions;

[Volume 3](#): The Specification – This volume contains the scope/brief, outlining the requirements;

[Volume 1 Annex 2](#): Template for quality submission – This word document provides the template for the quality submission;

[Volume 1 Annex 3](#): Template for financial submission – This excel document provides the template for the financial submission.

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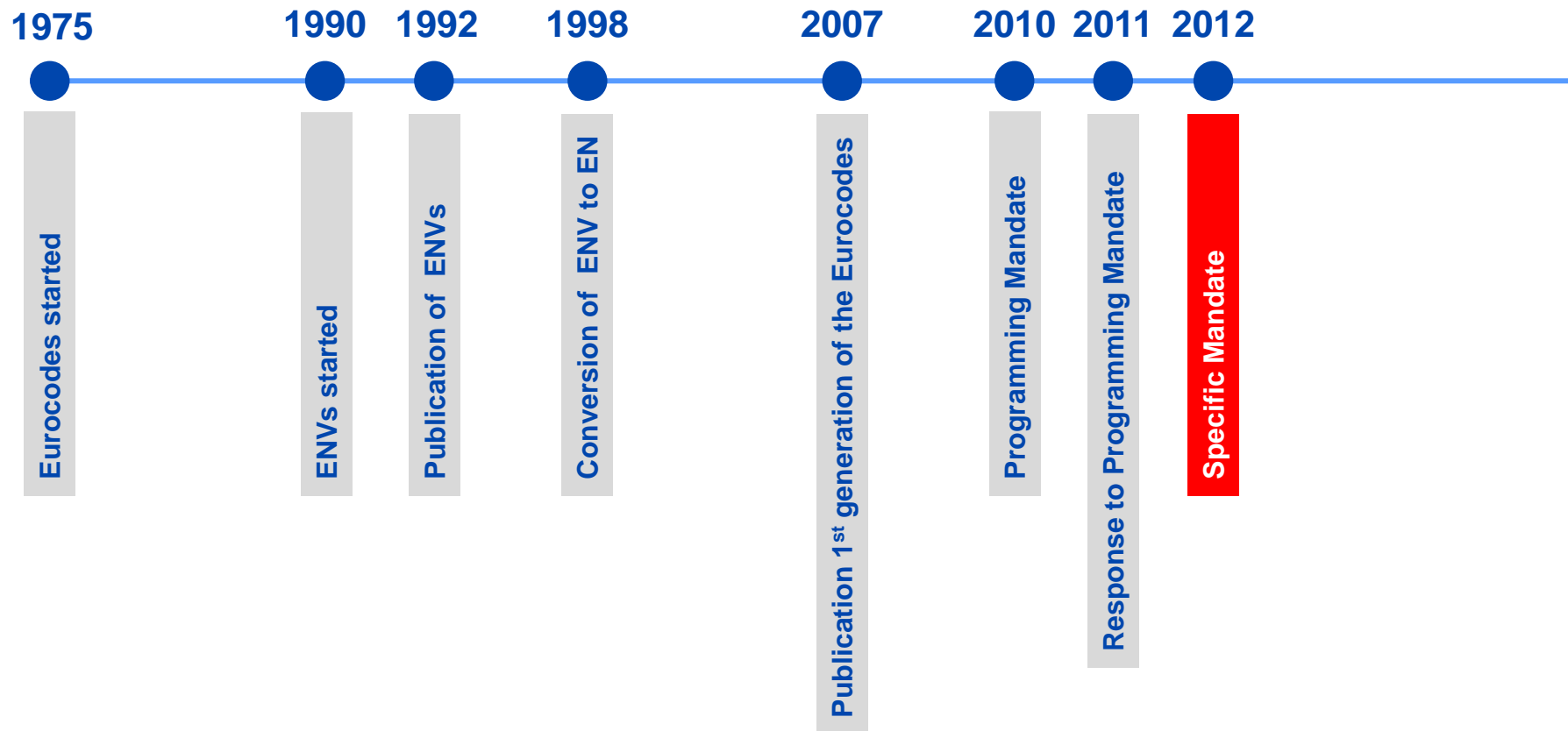
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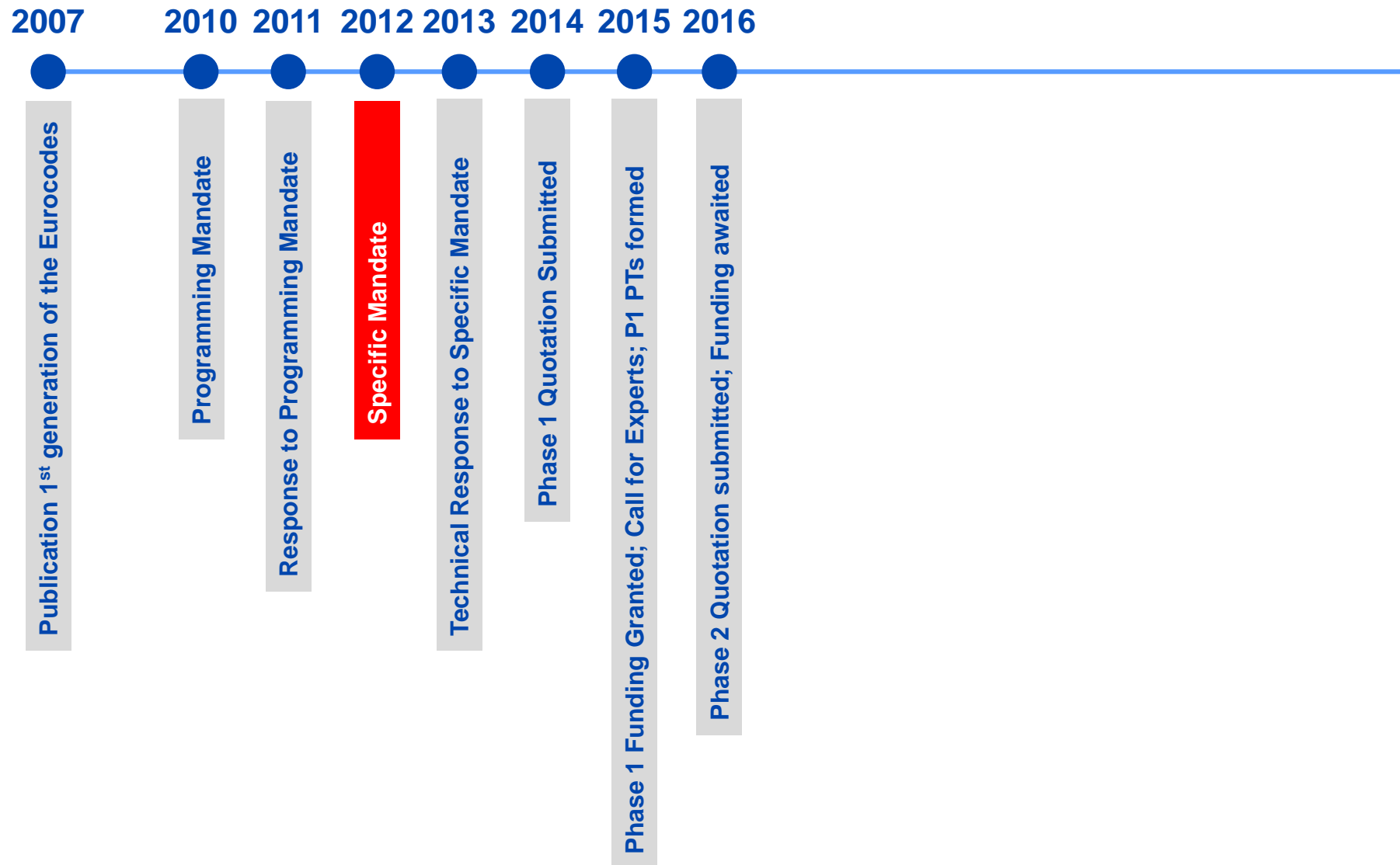
# The Structural Eurocodes

## Timeline - Historic



# The Structural Eurocodes

## Timeline – Latest status





# Phase 1 – Project Team Programme

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See Call for Experts, Specification, Annex C

# Community participation - Why your involvement is vital, how it can be achieved











# Why Design Standards Matter?

# Impact

# International trade

# Verification of adequacy



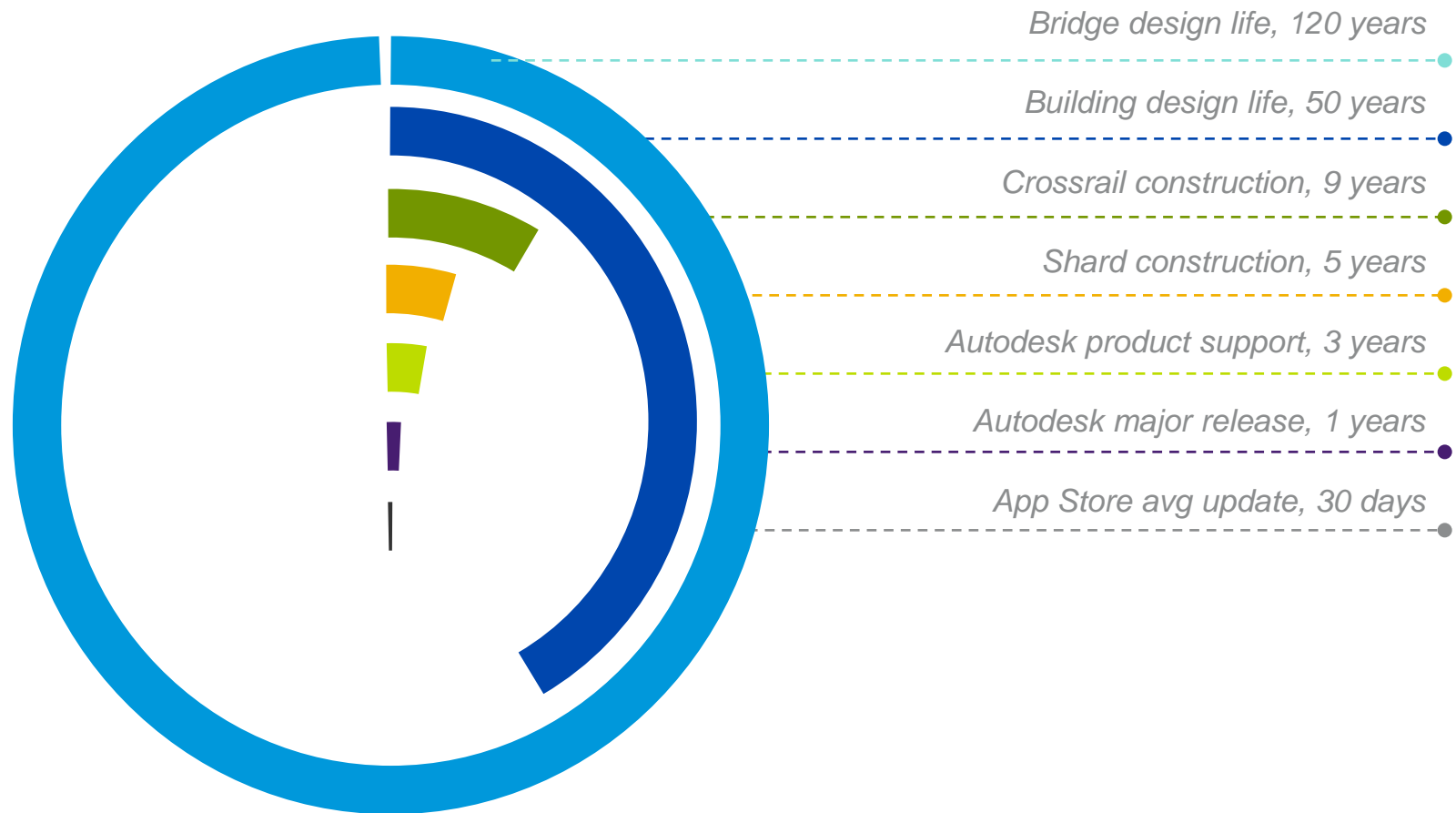
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# New societal demands

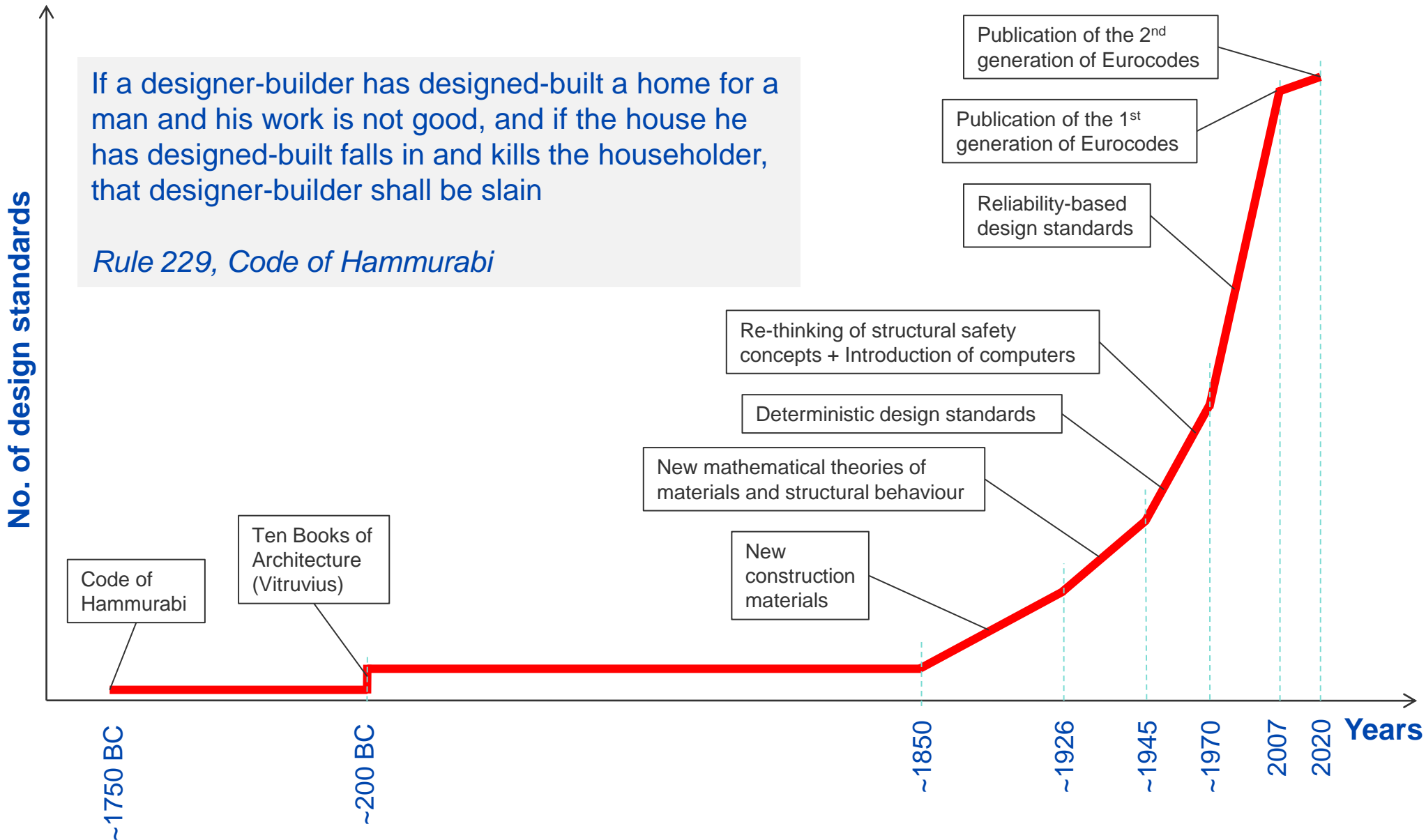
# Research to application

# Development Cycles

## Comparing infrastructure and digital technology



# Historical evolution (\*)



(\*) The graph is indicative

Who develops design Standards?

# Concerns for the UK

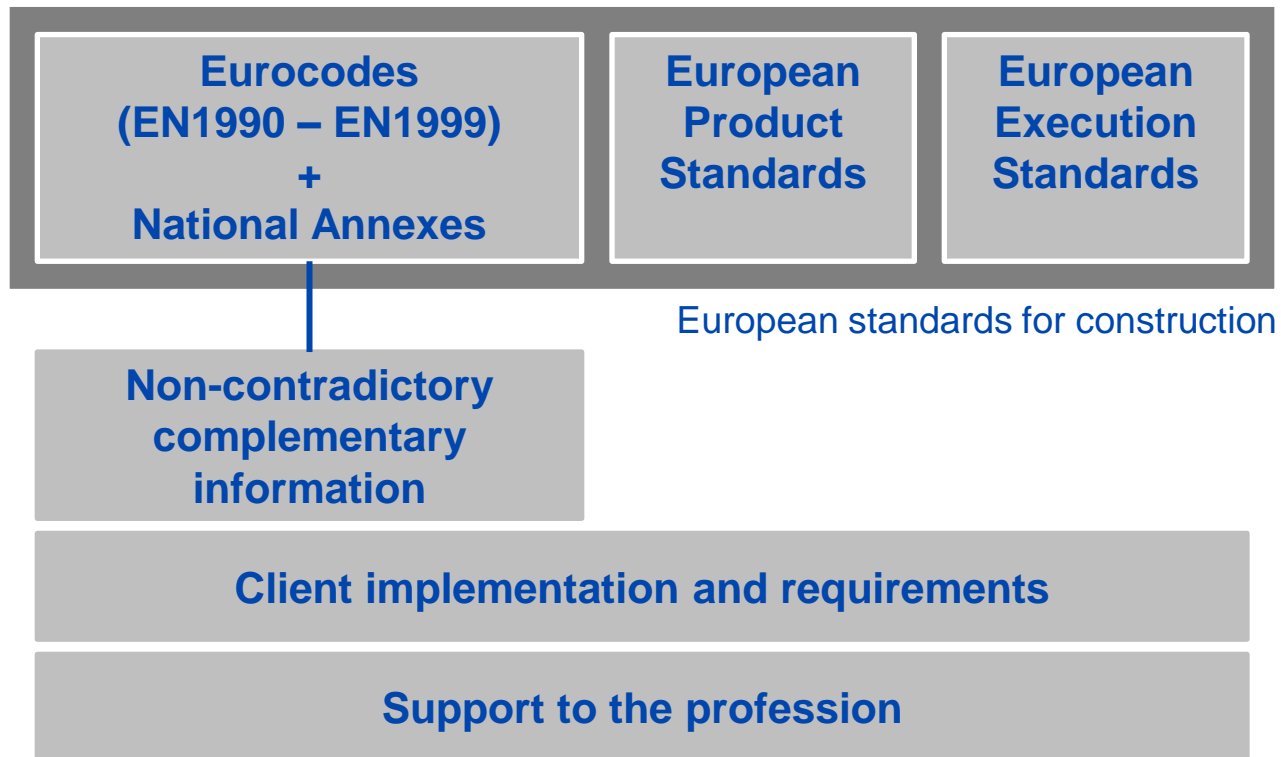
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# Concerns ...

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- Thank you for written submissions
- Opportunity to raise specific concerns
  - Will be recorded by BSI and discussed by B525

# What happens next

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## Some key dates ...

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- December 2016 – Call for Experts for Phase 2
- April 2017 – 2<sup>nd</sup> draft deliverables from Phase 1 PTs
- Sept 2017 – (informal) enquiry on Phase 1 PT deliverables