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### **European foreword**

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## Introduction

The aim of the ventilation management is to ensure the optimum preservation of cultural heritage buildings and collections, and to provide human comfort.

Indoor climate is influenced by the variations of outdoor climate and the properties of the building envelope: air tightness, insulation and hygrothermal buffering. An inadequate indoor climate may result to significant damage on buildings and their collections. Building operations such as opening of doors or windows, presence of visitors, heating or cooling to ensure human comfort, or lighting with incandescence lamps, also affect the indoor climate. Controlling the level of pollutants generated both externally and internally could further improve indoor air quality.

Air exchange, in the form of active ventilation, natural ventilation and infiltration as well as internal air circulation are only two of many factors whose complex interaction determines indoor climate; however, they are fundamental for providing a conservation safe indoor environment. The aim of this standard is to describe procedures for the ventilation management for the protection of cultural heritage. However, environmentally induced risks can only be mitigated with an integrated risk management plan of which ventilation is one element.

This standard is addressed to building owners, authorities and professionals involved in preservation, conservation and refurbishment of cultural heritage buildings and their content, or modern buildings housing collections. It aims at facilitating the sustainable management of these buildings by integrating measures for energy performance and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

## EN 15759-2:2018 (E)

### 1 Scope

This European Standard gives guidelines for ventilation management in order to improve the preservation conditions of cultural heritage buildings and their collections. At the same time, it is aimed to create an indoor environment for a sustainable use of these buildings and their collections. This standard is a complement to existing general standards for ventilation that are focused on human comfort.

This European Standard is the second part of a standard on indoor climate in cultural heritage buildings, i.e. EN 15759-1:2011. It should be used together with the first part when considering selection of heating strategies and heating systems for cultural heritage buildings, or buildings housing collections. It may be also used when considering other issues, e.g. assessment of buildings, interiors and contents, or improvements for the energy performance.

This European Standard deals with indoor climate conditions, ventilation strategies and generic technical solutions for their implementation but not with the technical equipment itself.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 15757:2010, *Conservation of Cultural Property — Specifications for temperature and relative humidity to limit climate-induced mechanical damage in organic hygroscopic materials*

EN 15758:2010, *Conservation of Cultural Property — Procedures and instruments for measuring temperatures of the air and the surfaces of objects*

EN 15759-1:2011, *Conservation of cultural property — Indoor climate — Part 1: Guidelines for heating churches, chapels and other places of worship*

EN 15898:2011, *Conservation of cultural property — Main general terms and definitions*

EN 16095, *Conservation of cultural property — Condition recording for movable cultural heritage*

EN 16096, *Conservation of cultural property — Condition survey and report of built cultural heritage*

EN 16242:2012, *Conservation of cultural heritage — Procedures and instruments for measuring humidity in the air and moisture exchanges between air and cultural property*

EN ISO 12569, *Thermal performance of buildings and materials — Determination of specific airflow rate in buildings — Tracer gas dilution method (ISO 12569)*

EN ISO 16000-1, *Indoor air — Part 1: General aspects of sampling strategy (ISO 16000-1)*

ISO 16000-8, *Indoor air — Part 8: Determination of local mean ages of air in buildings for characterizing ventilation conditions*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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