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## **Eurocodes National Foreword**

This Irish Standard is the official English language version of EN 1995-2:2004, prepared by Technical Committee CEN TC 250 "Structural Eurocodes". This document supersedes ENV 1995-2:1997.

This standard forms part of a package of 58 Eurocodes, which covers the basis of structural design, actions (loadings), the main structural materials, geotechnical design and design provisions for earthquakes. The European Commission document – Guidance Paper L – Application and Use of Eurocodes provides guidance on the elaboration, implementation and use of Eurocodes.

Where a normative part of this EN allows for a choice to be made at the national level the range and possible choices are given in the normative text and a Note will qualify it as a Nationally Determined Parameter (NDP).

To enable EN 1995-2:2004 to be used in Ireland the Nationally Determined Parameters will be published in a National Annex after public consultation has taken place.

Until the National Annex is available, publication of this European Standard is solely for educational/training purposes and this standard should not be used in project design until the relevant National Annex is available.

**Note: For use of this European standard after publication of the Irish National Annex.**

**I.S. EN 1995-2:2004 may now be used in Ireland. The Nationally Determined Parameters, which have been prepared by the NSAI National Eurocode Advisory Committee, are included as an informative annex to the standard.**

**The National Annex to I.S. EN 1995-2:2004 is also available as a separate publication as recommended in Guidance Paper L.**

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## Foreword

This European Standard EN 1995-2 has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC250 "Structural Eurocodes", the Secretariat of which is held by BSI.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a National Standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by May 2005, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by March 2010.

This European Standard supersedes ENV 1995-2:1997.

CEN/TC250 is responsible for all Structural Eurocodes.

According to the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations, the national standards organizations of the following countries are bound to implement this European Standard: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

## Background of the Eurocode programme

In 1975, the Commission of the European Community decided on an action programme in the field of construction, based on article 95 of the Treaty. The objective of the programme was the elimination of technical obstacles to trade and the harmonisation of technical specifications.

Within this action programme, the Commission took the initiative to establish a set of harmonised technical rules for the design of construction works which, in a first stage, would serve as an alternative to the national rules in force in the Member States and, ultimately, would replace them.

For fifteen years, the Commission, with the help of a Steering Committee with Representatives of Member States, conducted the development of the Eurocodes programme, which led to the first generation of European codes in the 1980s.

In 1989, the Commission and the Member States of the EU and EFTA decided, on the basis of an agreement<sup>1</sup> between the Commission and CEN, to transfer the preparation and the publication of the Eurocodes to CEN through a series of Mandates, in order to provide them with a future status of European Standard (EN). This links de facto the Eurocodes with the provisions of all the Council's Directives and/or Commission's Decisions dealing with European standards (e.g. the Council Directive 89/106/EEC on construction products – CPD – and Council Directives 93/37/EEC, 92/50/EEC and 89/440/EEC on public works and services and equivalent EFTA Directives initiated in pursuit of setting up the internal market).

The Structural Eurocode programme comprises the following standards, generally consisting of a number of Parts:

EN 1990:2002	Eurocode: Basis of Structural Design
EN 1991	Eurocode 1: Actions on structures
EN 1992	Eurocode 2: Design of concrete structures
EN 1993	Eurocode 3: Design of steel structures
EN 1994	Eurocode 4: Design of composite steel and concrete structures
EN 1995	Eurocode 5: Design of timber structures
EN 1996	Eurocode 6: Design of masonry structures
EN 1997	Eurocode 7: Geotechnical design

<sup>1</sup> Agreement between the Commission of the European Communities and the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) concerning the work on EUROCODES for the design of building and civil engineering works (BC/CEN/03/89).

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EN 1998 Eurocode 8: Design of structures for earthquake resistance  
EN 1999 Eurocode 9: Design of aluminium structures

Eurocode standards recognise the responsibility of regulatory authorities in each Member State and have safeguarded their right to determine values related to regulatory safety matters at national level where these continue to vary from State to State.

### Status and field of application of Eurocodes

The Member States of the EU and EFTA recognise that Eurocodes serve as reference documents for the following purposes:

- as a means to prove compliance of building and civil engineering works with the essential requirements of Council Directive 89/106/EEC, particularly Essential Requirement N°1 – Mechanical resistance and stability – and Essential Requirement N°2 – Safety in case of fire;
- as a basis for specifying contracts for construction works and related engineering services ;
- as a framework for drawing up harmonised technical specifications for construction products (ENs and ETAs)

The Eurocodes, as far as they concern the construction works themselves, have a direct relationship with the Interpretative Documents<sup>2</sup> referred to in Article 12 of the CPD, although they are of a different nature from harmonised product standards<sup>3</sup>. Therefore, technical aspects arising from the Eurocodes work need to be adequately considered by CEN Technical Committees and/or EOTA Working Groups working on product standards with a view to achieving full compatibility of these technical specifications with the Eurocodes.

The Eurocode standards provide common structural design rules for everyday use for the design of whole structures and component products of both a traditional and an innovative nature. Unusual forms of construction or design conditions are not specifically covered and additional expert consideration will be required by the designer in such cases.

### National Standards implementing Eurocodes

The National Standards implementing Eurocodes will comprise the full text of the Eurocode (including any annexes), as published by CEN, which may be preceded by a National title page and National foreword, and may be followed by a National annex.

The National annex may only contain information on those parameters which are left open in the Eurocode for national choice, known as Nationally Determined Parameters, to be used for the design of buildings and civil engineering works to be constructed in the country concerned, i.e.:

- values and/or classes where alternatives are given in the Eurocode;
- values to be used where a symbol only is given in the Eurocode;
- country specific data (geographical, climatic, etc.), e.g. snow map;
- the procedure to be used where alternative procedures are given in the Eurocode;

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<sup>2</sup> According to Art. 3.3 of the CPD, the essential requirements (ERs) shall be given concrete form in interpretative documents for the creation of the necessary links between the essential requirements and the mandates for harmonised ENs and ETAGs/ETAs.

<sup>3</sup> According to Art. 12 of the CPD the interpretative documents shall :  
give concrete form to the essential requirements by harmonising the terminology and the technical bases and indicating classes or levels for each requirement where necessary ;  
indicate methods of correlating these classes or levels of requirement with the technical specifications, e.g. methods of calculation and of proof, technical rules for project design, etc. ;  
serve as a reference for the establishment of harmonised standards and guidelines for European technical approvals.

The Eurocodes, *de facto*, play a similar role in the field of the ER 1 and a part of ER 2.



- decisions on the application of informative annexes;
- references to non-contradictory complementary information to assist the user to apply the Eurocode.

### **Links between Eurocodes and harmonised technical specifications (ENs and ETAs) for products**

There is a need for consistency between the harmonised technical specifications for construction products and the technical rules for works<sup>4</sup>. Furthermore, all the information accompanying the CE Marking of the construction products which refer to Eurocodes shall clearly mention which Nationally Determined Parameters have been taken into account.

### **Additional information specific to EN 1995-2**

EN 1995 describes the Principles and requirements for safety, serviceability and durability of timber bridges. It is based on the limit state concept used in conjunction with a partial factor method.

For the design of new structures, EN 1995-2 is intended to be used, for direct application, together with EN 1995-1-1 and EN1990:2002 and relevant Parts of EN 1991.

Numerical values for partial factors and other reliability parameters are recommended as basic values that provide an acceptable level of reliability. They have been selected assuming that an appropriate level of workmanship and of quality management applies. When EN 1995-2 is used as a base document by other CEN/TCs the same values need to be taken.

### **National annex for EN 1995-2**

This standard gives alternative procedures, values and recommendations with notes indicating where national choices may have to be made. Therefore the National Standard implementing EN 1995-2 should have a National annex containing all Nationally Determined Parameters to be used for the design of bridges to be constructed in the relevant country.

National choice is allowed in EN 1995-2 through clauses:

- 2.3.1.2(1) Load-duration assignment
- 2.4.1 Partial factors for material properties
- 7.2 Limiting values for deflection
- 7.3.1(2) Damping ratios

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<sup>4</sup> see Art.3.3 and Art.12 of the CPD, as well as clauses 4.2, 4.3.1, 4.3.2 and 5.2 of ID 1.

## **EN 1995-2:2004 (E)**

### **Section 1 General**

#### **1.1 Scope**

##### **1.1.1 Scope of EN 1990**

(1)P EN 1990 applies to the design of buildings and civil engineering works in timber (solid timber, sawn, planed or in pole form, glued laminated timber or wood-based structural products e.g. LVL) or wood-based panels jointed together with adhesives or mechanical fasteners. It complies with the principles and requirements for the safety and serviceability of structures, and the basis of design and verification that are given in EN 1990:2002.

(2)P EN 1990 is only concerned with requirements for mechanical resistance, serviceability, durability and fire resistance of timber structures. Other requirements, e.g. concerning thermal or sound insulation, are not considered.

(3) EN 1990 is intended to be used in conjunction with:

EN 1990:2002 Eurocode – Basis of structural design

EN 1991 “Actions on structures”

EN’s for construction products relevant to timber structures

EN 1998 “Design of structures for earthquake resistance”, when timber structures are built in seismic regions

(4) EN 1990 is subdivided into various parts:

EN 1995-1 General

EN 1995-2 Bridges

(5) EN 1995-1 “General” comprises:

EN 1995-1-1 General – Common rules and rules for buildings

EN 1995-1-2 General – Structural Fire Design

##### **1.1.2 Scope of EN 1995-2**

(1) EN 1995-2 gives general design rules for the structural parts of bridges, i.e. structural members of importance for the reliability of the whole bridge or major parts of it, made of timber or other wood-based materials, either singly or compositely with concrete, steel or other materials.

(2) The following subjects are dealt with in EN 1995-2:

Section 1: General

Section 2: Basis of design

Section 3: Material properties

Section 4: Durability

Section 5: Basis of structural analysis

Section 6: Ultimate limit states

Section 7: Serviceability limit states

Section 8: Connections

Section 9: Structural detailing and control

(3) Section 1 and Section 2 also provide additional clauses to those given in EN 1990:2002 “Eurocode: Basis of structural design”.

(4) Unless specifically stated, EN 1995-1-1 applies.

#### **1.2 Normative references**

(1) The following normative documents contain provisions which, through references in this text, constitute provisions of this European standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments

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