

Press Release:

Tender process launched to draft the next generation of Structural Eurocodes

A six year programme of work, supported by the European Commission, has been launched to develop the next generation of European standards for structural and geotechnical design. The new Standards are expected to be published in 2020 and will embrace new technologies and market needs, extending the scope of the existing Structural Eurocodes suite (EN 1990 – EN 1999).

Working under the direction of the CEN Technical Committee responsible for these Standards, called CEN/TC 250 'Structural Eurocodes', funded Project Teams will undertake the core drafting work. A public call has been launched enabling leading experts to submit proposals to participate in each of the 25 Project Teams included in the first phase of work. The tender process is being coordinated by NEN, the Netherlands Standardization Institute, working in conjunction with CEN, the European Committee for Standardization and BSI, the British Standards Institution, which holds the secretariat for CEN/TC 250.

Commenting on the launch of the call for experts on 7 April 2015, the Chairman of CEN/TC 250, Professor Steve Denton FREng, said:

'The publication of the first generation of Structural Eurocodes was a huge achievement representing the culmination of over 30 years of collaborative effort. The launch of this call marks a key milestone in our work to ensure these Standards remain fully up to date and globally respected. However, we recognize the need for stability and up until the publication of the updated Standards users can expect changes only to be made to existing suite of Eurocodes in exceptional circumstances. Furthermore, we will be placing designers at the heart of our work to evolve the Eurocodes, with a major focus being on enhancing the ease of use of the Standards.'

Further details can be found on the NEN and CEN websites (www.nen.nl/eurocodes2020). The deadline for submission of proposals to participate in the work is May 25, 2015.

Notes to Editors

Structural Eurocodes

The Eurocodes (EN 1990 – EN 1999) enable the design of building and civil engineering works, and comprises of 10 European Standards in 58 parts. When they were published, 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 of collaborative effort. Their impact has been considerable. It has been estimated that they are affecting the work of around 500 000 professional engineers across Europe.

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