

## Participants

Participants from non-EU countries in the Balkan region, (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey) and Croatia will attend the Workshop by invitation from the Organising Committee. Participation of high level officials from relevant governmental institutions, members from national standardization bodies, chambers of engineers and/or construction industry and universities and research institutions is expected. Priority will be given to participants recommended by National Authorities.

Nominated experts from the European Commission, EU Member States, and CEN/TC250 will also participate.

## Event Registration and Submission of Contributions

Participants are expected to return the registration form by November, 11<sup>th</sup>. Details for the event registration procedure will be provided by the Organising Committee.

The questionnaire aimed at providing insight into current progress in adoption and implementation of the Eurocodes in the non-EU Balkan countries should be filled by invited participants and should be submitted by email not later than November 1<sup>st</sup>.

The template for the presentation of the Country report will be provided by the Organising Committee. Each participant country will be allocated 30 minutes of presentation time.

## Attendance Fees

There will be no registration fee for the Workshop. Travel and subsistence costs will be reimbursed by the European Commission. The workshop secretariat will provide to participants further information about travel and accommodation arrangements. Participants are responsible for reserving their accommodations.

## Workshop Material

Relevant Workshop material will be distributed at the Workshop.

## Venue

5 (morning) and 6 December: Hotel Rosa Grand, Piazza Fontana, 3 20122 Milan, Italy  
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[www.starhotels.com](http://www.starhotels.com)

5 December (afternoon): ELSA and IPR room 03, JRC, European Commission, Ispra (VA), Italy

A social dinner will be offered in the evening of 5 December

## Language

The Workshop presentations will be in English (no translation will be provided).

## Workshop Organising Committee

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# ADOPTION OF THE EUROCODES IN THE BALKAN REGION

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## Towards adoption of the Eurocodes in the Balkan region

The considerable interest in implementation and adoption of the Eurocodes in the Balkan region is based on the opportunity to have an advanced common standardization environment, which is adaptable to the particular requirements of each country with regard to the geographical, geological or climatic conditions and also allows selecting the level of safety. Moreover, adoption and implementation of Eurocodes will help the Candidate Countries to fully implement EU acquis at the time of accession and support Potential Candidate Countries to progressively align themselves with the EU acquis.

The Workshop is organized within the framework of JRC Enlargement and Integration Action and intends to foster the implementation of the Eurocodes in non-EU countries in the Balkan region.

The programme of the workshop is composed of three parts:

- Lectures delivered by invited experts from JRC and DG ENTR of European Commission, CEN/CENELEC and EU member states;
- National presentations of non-EU countries about adoption of the Eurocodes (standards and legislation); specific problems and needs, training, guidelines and training material;
- Round table discussions regarding adoption of the Eurocodes in the Balkan region – conclusions and recommendations.

## Objectives

The workshop is focused on progress and specific needs for adoption and implementation of the Eurocodes and related EN standards in the Balkan region.

In particular, it is envisaged that the Workshop and round table discussion will serve the following objectives:

- Assess the level of commitment and the progress of adopting the Eurocodes;
- Assess the level of harmonization of national policy/legislation with EU regulatory frameworks;
- Assess the progress of definition of Nationally Determined Parameters (NDPs)
- Define the strategies for training and elaboration of guidelines and training materials;
- Facilitate exchange of views, knowledge and information between EU experts and representatives of non-EU countries in the Balkan region;
- Facilitate regional cooperation in preparing National Annexes and harmonization of NDPs

## Programme

Thursday, 5 December, 2013

### Morning session, Milan

09:00 – 09:30 **Registration**

**Chairs: A. Pinto, A. Zilhao, G. Breitschaft, G. Ascensao, V. Angelieva and F. Taucer**

09:30 – 10:00 **Welcome addresses and introduction**

**A. Pinto**, DG JRC, European Commission  
**A. Zilhao** – DG ELARG, European Commission  
**G. Breitschaft** – Vice Chairman TC250  
**G. Ascensao** – CEN&CENELEC Programme Manager  
**V. Angelieva** – MID, Bulgaria  
**F. Taucer**, DG JRC, European Commission

10:00 – 10:30 **EU policies and legislation for the construction sector**

**G. Katsarakis** – DG ENTR, European Commission

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

**Chairs: G. Breitschaft and R. Apostolska**

11:00 – 11:30 **CEN strategies and plans for a global acceptance of the Eurocodes**

**G. Ascensao** – CEN&CENELEC Programme Manager

11:30 – 12:00 **JRC support to the implementation of the Eurocodes**

**S. Dimova** – DG, JRC, European Commission

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch break**

### Afternoon session, JRC, ELSA, Ispra

14:30 – 15:30 **Visit to ELSA**

**F. Taucer** – DG JRC, European Commission

**Chairs: G. Katsarakis and S. Dimova**

15:30 – 16:00 **The Eurocodes: present and future**

**G. Breitschaft** – Vice Chairman TC250

16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee break**

16:30 – 17:30 **Experience in preparing the National Annexes in EU MS**

**P. Spehl** – SECO, Belgium  
**V. Angelieva & I. Dabizheva** – MID & BDS, Bulgaria  
**Z. Savor** – University of Zagreb, Croatia

17:30 – 18:00 **Existing instruments for funding and technical assistance (TAIEX)**

**A. Zilhao** – DG ELARG, European Commission

18:00 – 18:30 **Experience gathered from Austria/Montenegro Twinning project**

**T. Nawaz** – Resident Twinning Adviser, Austria/Montenegro Twinning project

18:30 – 19:00 **Discussion**

20:00 **Social dinner**

Organizing Committee will provide transportation from Milan to JRC, Ispra and back.

## Programme

Friday, 6 December, 2013

**Current situation in adoption of the Eurocodes (standards and legislation); specific problems and needs, training, guidelines and training material**

### Morning session, Milan

**Chairs: A. Zilhao and T. Nawaz**

9:00 – 9:30 **Country report-Albania**

9:30 – 10:00 **Country report-Bosnia and Herzegovina**

10:00 – 10:30 **Country report-Croatia\***  
 (\*Croatia became a member state on July 1, 2013)

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

**Chairs: P. Spehl and I. Dabizheva**

11:00 – 11:30 **Country report-the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

11:30 – 12:00 **Country report-Turkey**

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch break**

### Afternoon session, Milan

**Chairs: V. Angelieva and G. Ascensao**

13:00 – 13:30 **Country report-Montenegro**

13:30 – 14:00 **Country report-Serbia**

14:00 – 14:30 **Country report-Moldova**

14:30 – 15:00 **Summary of the Questionnaires**  
**R. Apostolska** – DG, JRC, European Commission

15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee break**

15:30 – 16:30 **Round table discussion – conclusions and recommendations**

16:30 – 16:45 **Closure**

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