Country report: Kosovo

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Kosovo - KSA
Kosovo - Construction Reforms

2013 - Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning

Law on Spatial Planning → Law on Construction → Law for Treatment of Constructions without Permit → Construction Reform

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Kosovo-Construction Reforms

Construction Code

EUROCODES BUILDING THE FUTURE

Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning responsible for Construction Reforms, which includes development of the Unified Kosovo Construction Code;
Kosovo-Construction Reforms

Ministry of Spatial Planning (MESP) and Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI)

PROPOSED UNIFIED CONSTRUCTION CODE ADOPTION STRATEGY

- Adopt work order
- Establish Construction Code Coordination Body
- Identify Eurocodes, EU standards and EU directives
- Eurocodes and referenced Standards Adoption
- Development of National Parameters and National Annexes
- Adoption of GoK’s Technical Regulations

MESP
Ministry of Environmental and Spatial Planning

KSA
Kosovo Standardization Agency

MTI
Kosovo Standardization Agency (KSA)

Agreement with Albanian General Directorate of Standardization

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Kosovo-4-Step Process of Eurocode Adoption

**Step 1**
Technical Committee for Eurocodes Established by KSA

**Step 2**
Purchasing Eurocodes from General Directorate of Standardization – Albania

**Step 3**
Development of the National Annexes

**Step 4**
Eurocodes standards in the National Construction Code
Kosovo-Eurocode Technical Committee KSA-TC19

2016 - KSA-TC19
(Europe – 1989 CEN/TC 250)

9 Members, representatives from:
Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning (MESP); Kosovo Standardization Agency (KSA); Kosovo Geological Service (KGS); Hydro-meteorological Institute of Kosovo (HMI); Academia; Chamber of Commerce and Design and Construction Sector.
All 59 EN Eurocodes Parts are published by KSA as Kosovo standards (SK Standards) due to the cooperation with DGS of Albania;
Attended Skopje Workshop;
Visited JRC;
Become part of JRC database;
Kosovo—ROADMAP FOR ADOPTION, IMPLEMENTATION AND PROMOTION OF THE EUROCODES

**2017-MESP** through USAID project support developed a detailed** ROADMAP FOR FACILITATING THE PROCESS OF ADOPTION, IMPLEMENTATION AND PROMOTION OF THE EUROCODES.**

**CHALLENGE,** none of NDPs and NA are elaborated; not all harmonized EN standards (product, material, test and execution standards) are adopted and published as SK standards; Insufficient institutional capacities for elaboration of NDPs and NAs
Kosovo—ROADMAP FOR ADOPTION, IMPLEMENTATION AND PROMOTION OF THE EUROCODES

1. List of potential Eurocode parts which could be transposed to Kosovo standard by using the recommended values provided by the Eurocodes;

2. Sample of a National Foreword and/or National Annex templates

3. Identification of Nationally Determined Parameters with no recommend values by Eurocodes, and propose a roadmap for their elaboration

4. An assessment of the current environment in Kosovo for the capacities to implement Eurocodes
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### ACTIVITIES 21

| Refinement of the organizational structure of KT19 to match the CEN/TC 250 structure |
| Elaboration and publishing of NAs of the SK EN parts where all NDPs have RV, as SK standards |
| Publish EN Eurocodes related standards (missing in KSA Standards catalogue) as Kosovo standards |
| Prioritizing elaboration of NDPs and SK NAs of the SK EN parts |
| Agreement between National Authorities who are responsible for enforcement of standards and regulations and stakeholders in charge of elaborating the SK NAs |

| Comparative analysis of the uploaded NDPs in the JRC Eurocode NDPs database |
| Facilitation of regional collaboration for definition of NDPs within climatic maps and cross-border harmonization of seismic hazards and climatic maps |
| Elaboration of NA to SK EN1998-1:2004/A1:2016 and publishing as Kosovo standard |
| Elaboration of NAs with priority 1, 2 and 3 (See short-term activity no. 5) and publishing as Kosovo standards |
| Update the University curricula on Eurocodes and associated topics |
| Develop a programme of seminars and training for implementation of the EN Eurocodes in every day engineering practice |
| Creation of national regulatory framework for application of EN Eurocodes and NAs published as Kosovo standards |
| Introduction in the national legal framework compulsory seismic microzonation for Category III constructions |
| Establish a task force/working group to ensure the link between legislation on construction and construction products and EN standards (particular EN Eurocodes) |

| Elaboration of the NAs with priority 4 and 5 (See short-term activity no. 5) and publication as Kosovo standards |
| Update the regulatory framework with published SK EN standards (as defined in the activity above under long-term measures) |
| Exploring possibilities for support projects which would link Kosovo institutions with the respective institutions in EU_MS for revision of elaborated NDPs and SK NAs |
| Maintaining the existing Eurocodes (follow-up of the corrigendum, amendments, withdrawing of the standards etc.) |
| Increase awareness of the National Authorities and KSA to keep pace with the coming-up of a second generation of the Eurocodes |

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2018 UNDERTAKEN ACTIVITIES

REFINEMENT OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF TC19 TO MATCH THE CEN/TC 250 STRUCTURE

Open call for professionals to became members of Eurocode Sub Committees
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2018 UNDERTAKEN ACTIVITIES
INVOLVEMENT OF KNOWLEDGEABLE PROFESSIONALS IN THE PROCESS

Workshop with professional community representatives
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2018 UNDERTAKEN ACTIVITIES

Agreement with Kosovo Geological Service (KGS) to organize presentation of the Draft Seismic hazard maps (draft) elaborated by GSAK in collaboration with experts from Albania

Agreement with EU office in Kosovo for potential support with Twinning project in 2019
Kosovo is open towards EU standards and norms

Kosovo is open for regional collaboration

Kosovo is Ready for full membership to CEN organization
Thank you for your attention!

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