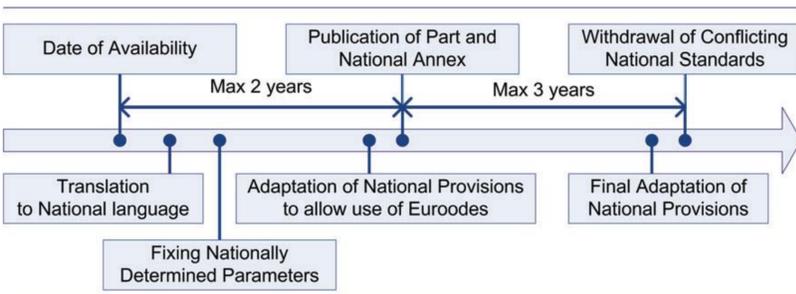




The Eurocodes Implementation and use

Time line – a strategic approach

Publication of the Eurocodes was completed in May 2007. National implementation is scheduled for 2010 at the latest.



When a Eurocode Part is made available by CEN (Date of Availability), National Authorities and National Standards Bodies should:

- translate the Eurocode Part in authorised National languages (Translation period – max 1 year),
- set the Nationally Determined Parameters to be applied on their territory (National Calibration period – max 2 years),
- publish the National Standard transposing the Eurocode Part and the National Annex,
- adapt their National Provisions so that the Eurocode Part can be used on their territory,
- withdraw all conflicting National Standards by March 2010.

Training and education

In order to achieve an adequate application of the Eurocodes, Member States, National Standards Bodies and the construction industry must be ready to use them. To this end, a comprehensive training programme, including aspects of continuing professional development, is required.

For those entering the profession as graduates, design to the Eurocodes will be the norm and employers will require their new recruits to understand the latest approaches.

Acknowledging that demand will shift soon from National Standards to the Eurocodes, Universities and Technical Colleges should adapt the content of their courses on civil and structural engineering design.

European Commission support

With the objective to increase awareness and promote training in the use of the Eurocodes, the European Commission is supporting:

- facilitation of regional training workshops with support to New Member States and Candidate Countries,
- publication of awareness material (leaflets, booklets, etc.),
- collection and classification of manuals, design aids, etc.,
- facilitation of the development of national material,
- support and facilitation of the exchange of information and guidance material between Member States.

The Joint Research Centre, within an Administrative Arrangement with the Directorate General Enterprise and Industry, launched the Commission's website on the Eurocodes to serve as platform for exchange and dissemination of training and promotional material.



<http://eurocodes.jrc.ec.europa.eu>

The website presents information about the Eurocodes, the European system for standardisation and certification for construction, as well as aspects of implementation and use, maintenance and further development of the Eurocodes.

Major publications on the Eurocodes are listed, many of which can be downloaded. Information on Eurocode-related conferences, seminars and training courses is regularly updated.

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