

\* Background and Applications

EN 1996 Design of Masonry Structures A dissemination of information for training workshop

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## The Member States of the EU and EFTA<sup>(1)</sup> recognize 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)



In addition, the Eurocodes are expected to :

• improve the functioning of the single market for products and engineering services by removing obstacles arising from different nationally codified practices for the assessment of structural reliability;

 improve the competitiveness of the European construction industry and the associated professionals and industries, in countries across Europe



## How much did the Eurocodes cost???

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The Evolution of Eurocodes includes the activities required by the implementation and use of the EN Eurocodes on the following topics:

- Maintenance,
- Harmonization,
- Further development.
- Promotion, education and training

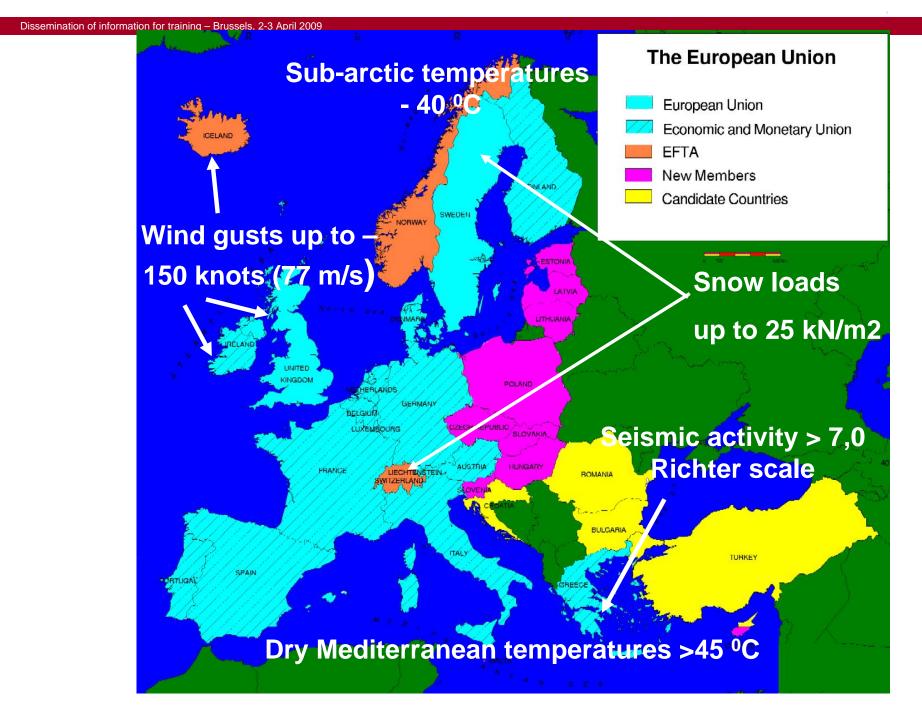
The problem is not to teach Eurocodes, but to teach the design of structures with the Eurocodes.



- The correct use of the Eurocodes promotes innovation and competitiveness of industry
- The correct use of the Eurocodes needs a high quality background information on their scientific and technical basis to avoid any misinterpretation
- Several facets for the promotion of Eurocodes :
  - Education of students in EU Engineering schools and Universities,
  - Education of engineers inside companies
  - Education of public and private "clients" on all technical and legal aspects
  - International promotion flexibility is key



#### **European climatic and geophysical extreme conditions**





## **Examples of extreme events across Europe**

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# E.U. Commission actively support the Promotion of the Eurocodes through the Joint Research Centre:

Eurocodes Workshop, Varese 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2006

Delegates attended from:

Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and Albania

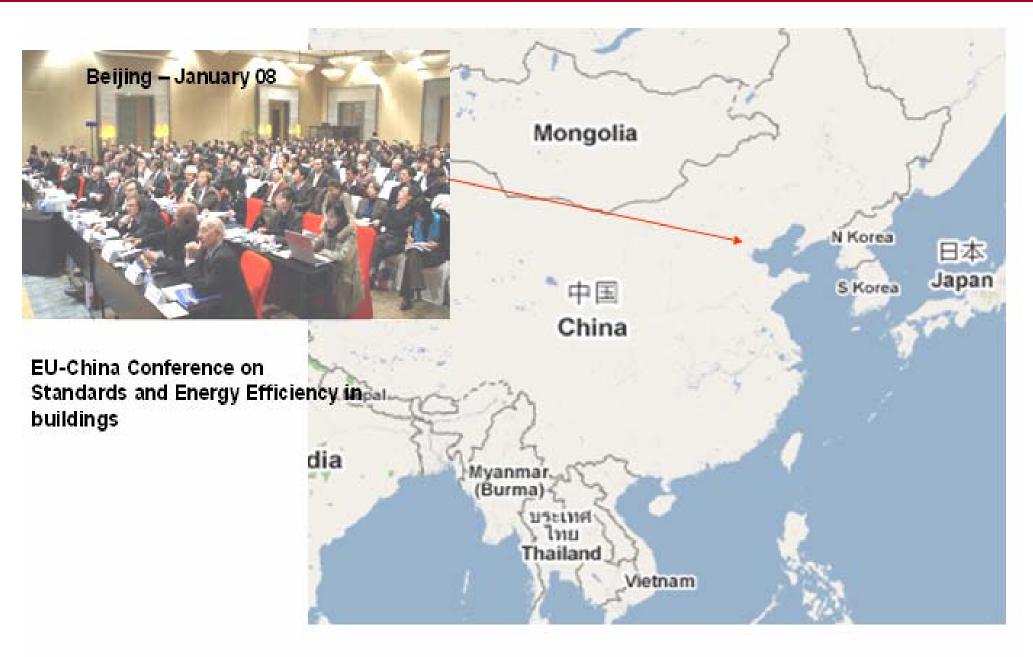


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## EU China conference – January 2008

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## Conclusions from the conference:

- The Eurocodes are recognised as design codes for practice of high quality and coherence.
- Especially with regard to the large number of different regions in China the Chinese are highly interested in the way of handling specific local/regional conditions.
- In addition Eurocodes are a good basis for better mutual understanding, technical discussions, and exchange of experience.
- It is thought that in the short term China is unlikely to adopt the Eurocodes, however interestingly it is believed they have been translated into Mandarin



## Singapore conference – July 2008

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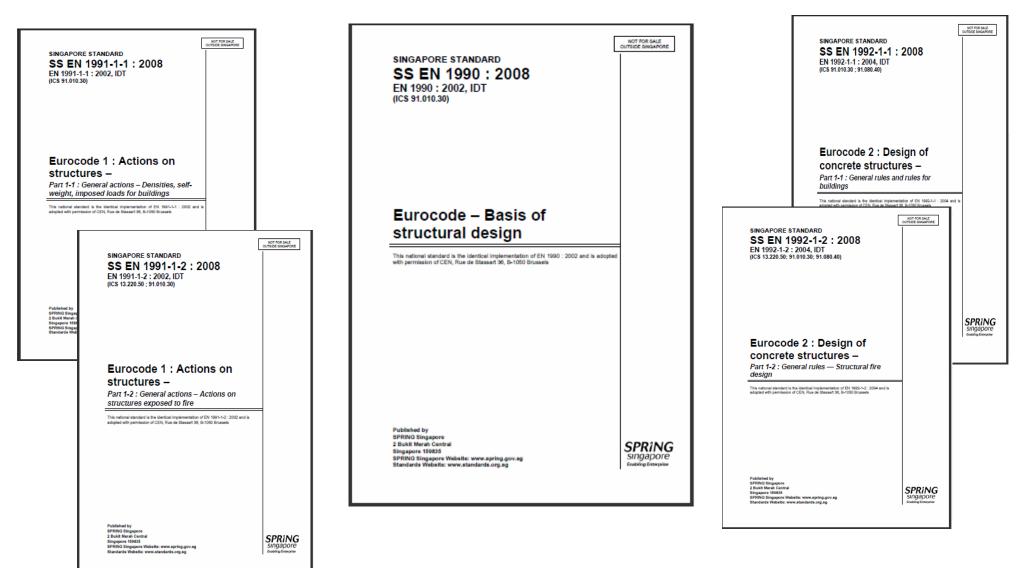
Eurocodes Conference in Singapore – July 2008 to launch their National Annexes as <u>DPCs</u>



#### The first "Eurocodes" to be published outside Europe

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Singapore have published 5 Eurocode parts in SS EN wrappers



The main conclusion are:

Eurocodes are recognized as the most advanced, fully integrated suite of structural codes in the world and due to their flexibility allows adaption for use in any region.

Many countries have based their national codes on European standards – (BS, DIN, NF) and will need to change to maintain their relevance.

Several countries Singapore, South Africa, Malaysia, Vietnam have already committed to the adoption of Eurocodes.

Other countries are awaiting the experiences of the full pan Europe implementation in March 2010.





Revisit countries which have expressed interest and support with Workshops and Training

Assistance with development of National Annexes (funding and technical resource)



Joint Research Centre – E.U. Commission (JRC) http://eurocodes.jrc.ec.europa.eu/

BSI - http://www.bsi-global.com/en/

Eurocodes Expert - <a href="http://www.eurocodes.co.uk/">http://www.eurocodes.co.uk/</a>

Institution of Structural Engineers - <a href="http://www.istructe.org/">http://www.istructe.org/</a>

### CLG – UK government -

http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planningbuilding/building/planningbuilding/buildingregulationsresearch/buildingdivisionresearch

Concrete Centre - http://www.concretecentre.com

Steel Construction Institute – http://www.steel-sci.org/Information/Eurocodes

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