Basis of structural design

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EN1990 Key dates

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Event</th>
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<tr>
<td>2002</td>
<td>Publication of EN1990 main text + Annexes (except A2)</td>
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<tr>
<td>2005</td>
<td>A1, including Annex A2 (BoD for Bridges)</td>
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<tr>
<td>2007</td>
<td>End of 5 years enquiry, establishment of an Expert Group, active under TC250, CEN/TC agrees to the formation of an Expert Group to prepare the first revision of EN 1990.</td>
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- 18 sub-tasks
- 8 Drafts
- General Part
- 2016 – 2022

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- 5 Drafts
- Bridge Parts
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2nd Generation
EN1990-1 New Structures
EN1990-2 Assessment of Existing Structures
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## EN1990-2 Assessment of Existing Structures

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Consequence Classes

**Table 4.1 (NDP) — Qualification of consequence classes**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Consequence class</th>
<th>Indicative qualification of consequences</th>
<th>Loss of human life or personal injury(^a)</th>
<th>Economic, social or environmental consequences(^a)</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CC4 – Highest</td>
<td>Extreme</td>
<td>Huge</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CC3 – High</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>Very great</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CC2 – Normal</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Considerable</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CC1 – Low</td>
<td>Low</td>
<td>Small</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CC0 – Lowest</td>
<td>Very low</td>
<td>Insignificant</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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</table>

\(^a\) The consequence class is chosen based on the more severe of these two columns.

**Notes to 4.3 (1) [extract]**

**NOTE 2** The provisions in Eurocodes cover design rules for structures classified as CC1 to CC3.

**NOTE 3** The provisions in the Eurocodes **do not entirely cover** design rules needed for structures classified as CC4. For these structures, additional provisions to those given in the Eurocodes can be needed.

**NOTE 4** Annex A gives examples of the classification of structures into consequence classes.

**NOTE 6** The consequence class can be used to determine the management measures to achieve the intended structural reliability, see Annex B for further guidance.

**4.3 (3)** For consequence class CC0, either the Eurocodes or **alternative provisions** may be used.
3.1.2.32 robustness
ability of a structure to withstand unforeseen adverse events without being damaged to an extent disproportionate to the original cause

4.4 Robustness

(1) A structure should be designed to have an adequate level of robustness so that during its design service life it will not be damaged by unforeseen adverse events to an extent disproportionate to the original cause.

NOTE 1 Progressive collapse is an example of a damage that is disproportionate to the original cause.

NOTE 2 For most structures, design in accordance with the Eurocodes is assumed to provide an adequate level of robustness without the need for any additional design measures to enhance structural robustness.

(2) Design measures to enhance structural robustness should be applied when specified by the relevant authority or, where not specified, as agreed for a specific project by the relevant parties.

NOTE 1 Guidance on additional design measures to enhance structural robustness for buildings and bridges is given in Annex E.

NOTE 2 Further guidance can be given in the National Annex.
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#### Robustness

Table E.1 — Design for identified accidental actions and design strategies for enhanced robustness

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Design for accidental actions (EN 1991 (all parts))</th>
<th>Design for enhanced robustness (EN 1990)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Explicit design of the structure (e.g. against explosion, impact)</td>
<td>Strategies based on limiting the extent of damage</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Design structure to resist the action</td>
<td>Prevent or reduce the action e.g. protective measures, control of events</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Alternative load paths either providing sufficient ductility, resistance and deformation capacity and redundancy, or applying prescriptive design rules</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Key members i.e. designing selected members to resist notional action(s)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Segmentation i.e. separation into distinct parts</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
4.7 Sustainability

(1) The structure should be designed to limit its adverse impact on non-renewable environmental resources, on society, and on economy during its entire life cycle, as specified by the relevant authority or, where not specified, as agreed for a specific project by the relevant parties.

NOTE 1 The adverse impact of a structure on its environment, on society, and on economy can be minimized by, for example, appropriate choice of construction process and environmentally compatible building materials, including their manufacture, design solutions, durability, recyclability, and reusability.

NOTE 2 Supplementary requirements to account for sustainability in the design can be given in the National Annex.
4.8 Quality Management

(1) <RCM> Appropriate quality management measures should be implemented to provide a structure that corresponds to the design requirements and assumptions.

(2) <RCM> The following quality management measures should be implemented:

— organizational procedures in design, execution, use, and maintenance;

— controls at the stages of design, detailing, execution, use, and maintenance.

NOTE See Annex B and the other Eurocodes for guidance on appropriate quality management measures.
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Annex B
(informative)

Technical management measures for design and execution

B.2 Scope and field of application

(1) This Informative Annex provides a framework for technical management measures for
   — design quality,
   — design checking,
   — execution quality,
   — inspection during execution,

so that the intended level of structural reliability of a structure (or part of structure) that fulfils the provisions specified in the Eurocodes is achieved and the assumptions given in 1.2 are satisfied.

NOTE 1  The implementation of this Informative Annex depends on the legal system in force in each country. This Annex is provided as guidance to the writers of National Annexes that can enable a consistent approach to this subject.

NOTE 2  The National Annex can differentiate between technical management measures for the structures covered in the different parts of Annex A.
B.4(1) The term 'quality', as used within the design and execution process for structures, deals with the use of adequate technical knowledge and its correct application to achieve the required mechanical resistance, stability, serviceability, and durability of a structure.

Table B.4 (NDP) — Minimum design quality level, design check level, execution class and inspection level for different consequence classes

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Consequence class</th>
<th>Minimum design quality level (DQL)</th>
<th>Minimum design check level (DCL)</th>
<th>Minimum execution class (EXC)</th>
<th>Minimum inspection level (IL)</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CC3</td>
<td>DQL3</td>
<td>DCL3</td>
<td>See relevant execution standards&lt;sup&gt;a&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>IL3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CC2</td>
<td>DQL2</td>
<td>DCL2</td>
<td></td>
<td>IL2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CC1</td>
<td>DQL1</td>
<td>DCL1</td>
<td></td>
<td>IL1</td>
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<sup>a</sup> Relevant execution standards might not be available for all materials, see B.6(2).
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**Annex A.1 Buildings**

Table A.1.8 (NDP) — Partial factors on actions and effects for verification cases VC1 to VC4 for persistent and transient (fundamental) design situations

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Action or effect</th>
<th>Partial factors ( \gamma_F ) and ( \gamma_E ) for verification cases</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Type</strong></td>
<td><strong>Group</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Verification case</td>
<td>VC1(^a)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Permanent action (( G_k ))</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All(^e)</td>
<td>( Y_G )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Water(^f)</td>
<td>( Y_{GW} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All(^e)</td>
<td>( Y_{G,stab} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Water(^f)</td>
<td>( Y_{GW,stab} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All</td>
<td>( Y_{G,fav} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prestressing (( P_k ))</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Variable action (( Q_k ))</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All(^e)</td>
<td>( Y_Q )</td>
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<tr>
<td>Water(^f)</td>
<td>( Y_{QW} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All</td>
<td>( Y_{Q,fav} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Effects of actions (( E ))</td>
<td>( \gamma_E )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>( \gamma_{E,fav} )</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Notes:

- Verification case VC1 is used both for structural and geotechnical design. Formula (8.4) is used for VC1.
- Verification case VC2 is used for the combined verification of strength and static equilibrium, when the structure is sensitive to variations in permanent action arising from a single-source. Values of \( \gamma_F \) are taken from VC2(a) or VC2(b), whichever gives the less favourable outcome. See 8.3.3.1(5). Formula (8.4) is used for VC2.
- Verification case VC3 is typically used for the design of slopes and embankments, spread foundations, and gravity retaining structures. See the relevant part of EN 1997 for details. Formula (8.4) is used for VC3.
- Verification case VC4 is typically used for the design of transversely loaded piles and embedded retaining walls and (in some countries) gravity retaining structures. See EN 1997 (all parts) for details. Formula (8.5) is used for VC4.
- The values of \( Y_{G,stab} \) = 1,15 and 1,0 are based on \( Y_{G,inf} = 1,35 \rho \) and 1,2 \( \rho \) with \( \rho = 0,85 \).
- Applied to all actions except water actions.
- Applied to the stabilizing part of an action originating from a single source.
- Applied to actions whose entire effect is favourable and independent of the unfavourable action.
- \( Y_{Q,red} = \gamma_{Q,1} / \gamma_{Q,1} \) where \( \gamma_{Q,1} \) = corresponding value of \( \gamma_Q \) from VC1 and \( \gamma_{Q,1} \) = corresponding value of \( \gamma_Q \) from VC1.
- For the definition of \( \gamma_e \) where \( \gamma_e \) is materially dependent, see other relevant Eurocodes.
- For water actions induced by waves and currents, see Clause A.6.
A.1.8 Serviceability criteria for buildings

A.1.8.1 General

(1) Serviceability criteria should be specified for each building project in accordance with 5.4.

NOTE 1 Serviceability criteria for buildings can include, for example, floor deflection and stiffness; differential settlements; storey sway or/and building sway; roof deflection and stiffness; vibration frequency and amplitude/acceleration; and concrete crack width.

NOTE 2 Limiting values can be defined in the National Annex.

NOTE 3 Design values of serviceability criteria for non-industrial buildings, expressed independently of structural materials, are defined in A.1.8.2 for deformations. Industrial buildings include storage buildings.

NOTE 4 Design values of serviceability criteria for geotechnical structures are given in A.1.8.4.

(2) Depending on specific characteristics of the structural system and its material, other limiting values may be specified and agreed by the relevant parties involved in the design.
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Vertical deflections

Table A.1.10 (NDP) — Suggested maximum vertical deflections for non-industrial buildings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Serviceability criteria</th>
<th>Limiting damage to elements other than structural&lt;sup&gt;a&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
<th>Comfort of users</th>
<th>Appearance</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Combination of actions to be considered</td>
<td>Characteristic combination Formula (8.29)</td>
<td>Frequent combination Formula (8.30)</td>
<td>Quasi-permanent combination Formula (8.31)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Not accessible roof | Roofing  
rigid roofing: \(w_2+w_3 \leq l/250\)  
resilient roofing: \(w_2+w_3 \leq l/125\)  
Ceiling  
plastered ceiling: \(w_2+w_3 \leq l/350\)  
false ceiling: \(w_2+w_3 \leq l/250\) | \(w_2+w_3 \leq l/300\) | \(w_1+w_2+w_3 \leq l/250\) |
| Floor, accessible roof | Internal partition walls  
not reinforced:  
— partitions of brittle material or non-flexible: \(w_2+w_3 \leq l/500\)  
— partitions of non-brittle materials: \(w_{\text{max}} \leq l/400\)  
reinforced walls: \(w_2+w_3 \leq l/350\)  
removable walls: \(w_2+w_3 \leq l/250\)  
Flooring:  
— tiles rigidly fixed: \(w_2+w_3 \leq l/500\)  
— small tiles<sup>b</sup> or deflection not fully transmitted: \(w_2+w_3 \leq l/350\)  
— resilient flooring: \(w_2+w_3 \leq l/250\)  
Ceiling:  
plastered ceiling: \(w_2+w_3 \leq l/350\)  
false ceiling: \(w_2+w_3 \leq l/250\) | \(w_2+w_3 \leq l/300\) | \(w_1+w_2+w_3 \leq l/250\) |
| Structural frames | Windows:  
— no loose joints (no clearance between glass and frame): \(w_2+w_3 \leq l/1000\)  
— with loose joints: \(w_2+w_3 \leq l/350\) |

<sup>a</sup> \(l\) = span (or, for cantilever, twice the length); \(w_1, w_2, w_3, w_{\text{max}}\) are defined in Figure A.1.1.

<sup>b</sup> Small tiles: sides less than 10 cm.
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Burland & Wroth’s (1975) terms for describing foundation movement:

- settlement, \( s \)
- **differential settlement, \( \delta s \)**
- rotation, \( \theta \)
- angular strain, \( \alpha \)
- relative deflection, \( \Delta \)
- deflection ratio, \( \Delta /L \)
- tilt, \( \omega \)
- relative rotation (angular distortion), \( \beta \)

Table A.1.12 — Classification of structural sensitivity to foundation movement

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Structural sensitivity class</th>
<th>Description of sensitivity</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SSC5</td>
<td>Highest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSC4</td>
<td>High</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSC3</td>
<td>Normal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSC2</td>
<td>Low</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSC1</td>
<td>Lowest</td>
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Annex C
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Reliability analysis and code calibration

C.3 Basis for reliability analysis and partial factor design
NSBs & Users

C.4 Approach for calibration of design values
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Table C.3 (NDP) — Target values for reliability index $\beta$ for different consequence classes (for persistent and transient (fundamental) and fatigue design situations in ULS) relevant to structures in the scope of Clauses A.1 and A.2

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Consequence class$^a$</th>
<th>1-year reference period $\beta$</th>
<th>50-year reference period $\beta$</th>
<th>$P_{f,50}$</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CC3</td>
<td>5,2</td>
<td>4,3</td>
<td>$\sim 10^{-5}$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CC2</td>
<td>4,7</td>
<td>3,8</td>
<td>$\sim 10^{-4}$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CC1</td>
<td>4,2</td>
<td>3,3</td>
<td>$\sim 10^{-3}$</td>
</tr>
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$^a$ Regarding CC0 and CC4, see also 4.3(2) and 4.3(3).
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1 Scope

1.1 Scope of prEN 1990-2

(1) This document provides provisions for the assessment of existing structures, including geotechnical structures, and the general principles for interventions, to be used in conjunction with prEN1990-1.

NOTE This document is based on the general requirements and principles of structural reliability provided in prEN 1990-1.

(2) Unless otherwise specified, prEN 1990-1 applies.

(3) This document covers general principles regarding actions for assessment, complementing EN 1991 (all parts).

NOTE Provisions for seismic actions due to earthquake are provided in EN 1998-3.
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3 Terms, definitions and symbols

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in prEN 1990-1 and the following apply.

3.1.1 existing structure
any structure that physically (materially) exists

3.1.2 heritage structure
existing structure that has been recognized by the relevant authorities for its historical, cultural or societal value

3.1.3 assessment of an existing structure
verification of the reliability of an existing structure
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5 General rules

(1) Clause 4 to Clause 12 shall apply only to existing structures.

NOTE Additional conditions for existing structures to which Clause 4 to Clause 12 apply can be given in the National Annex.

(3) The assessment of an existing structure should be carried out using quantitative assessment methods, as specified in this standard and in the other Eurocodes, where relevant.

(4) Qualitative assessment methods may be used for assessment for an existing structure together with or in place of quantitative assessment methods where conditions of use are met.

NOTE 1 Minimum conditions for or restrictions on the use of qualitative assessment methods can be given in the National Annex.

NOTE 2 Qualitative assessment methods can be used to assist the definition of the assessment scope and objectives.

(5) Additional criteria for the use of qualitative assessment methods should be as specified by the relevant authority or, where not specified, as agreed for a specific project by the relevant parties.
4 Basic requirements

(1) The assessment of an existing structure shall verify that the structure fulfils the specified requirements in the remaining service life.

**NOTE 1** The basic requirements for an existing structure can be different from the basic requirements applicable for a new structure.

**NOTE 2** Minimum requirements for the verification where the structure includes new and existing parts can be given in the National Annex.
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10 Verification using quantitative assessment methods

10.1 General

(1) The verification of existing structures should be carried out using the partial factor method.

(2) The following verification methods may be used in addition to the partial factor method:

— reliability-based method;

— risk-informed method.

NOTE 1 Restrictions on the use of the reliability-based method and the risk-informed method for the assessment of an existing structure can be given in the National Annex.

NOTE 2 See C.3.1 for guidance on the applicability and criteria for use of the reliability-based method and the risk-informed method.

NOTE 3 Further guidance is given in prEN 1990:2023, Annex C.

NOTE 4 For geotechnical structures, verification by testing or using the observational method can be relevant. See EN 1997 (all parts).
The assessment of a structure should be carried out following a stepwise process with increasing levels of detail and accuracy.

**Preliminary stage of assessment**
- Key activities:
  - Preliminary document search and review
  - Evaluation of the findings of the condition survey
  - Identifying and updating basic variables as needed
  - Undertaking preliminary structural analysis and verifications, and reviewing the findings

**Detailed stage of assessment**
- Key activities:
  - Considering conclusion of preliminary stage of assessment
  - Detailed documentation search and review
  - Evaluation of the findings of further condition survey where needed
  - Updating basic variables
  - Updating structural analysis and verifications, and reviewing the findings

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**Figure A.1 — Indicative assessment process**

- Initiating the assessment
- Agreeing the assessment scope and objectives (6)
- Developing the approach (7.1 and A.4.1)
- Undertaking condition survey (7.2 and A.4.2)
- Undertaking preliminary stage of assessment (A.4.3)
- Checking plausibility of conclusions from the preliminary stage of assessment (A.4.5)
- Communicating need for immediate interventions (11.2) if needed
- Is detailed stage of assessment needed?
- Yes: Developing the approach of detailed stage of assessment (7.1 and A.4.1)
  - Undertaking further condition survey (7.2 and A.4.2) where needed
  - Undertaking detailed stage of assessment (A.4.4)
  - Checking plausibility of conclusions from the detailed stage of assessment (A.4.5)
  - Communicating need for immediate interventions (11.2) if needed
- No: Developing proposals for interventions as needed (11.1)
- Is additional detailed stage of assessment needed?
  - Yes: Reporting assessment findings (7.4)
  - No: Developing proposals for interventions as needed (11.1)
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12 Interventions

12.1 General

(1) Proposals for intervention should be developed if the degree of reliability or performance required for an existing structure or a part of an existing structure is not achieved.

![Diagram of intervention types]

Figure 12.1 — Intervention types
Thank you for your attention

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