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German Proposals for simplification and evolution of EC 2



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for simplification of Eurocode 2**

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- In order to ensure a higher acceptance level of Eurocodes it is necessary that more **engineers** applying these regulations are involved in an early phase of the development of the standards (primarily by translation and testing) as it will be more difficult to improve the codes once they have been released.
- Based on the first experiences from the testing of Eurocode 2 in Germany we would like to propose an **improvement of userfriendliness** and a **simplification** of the standard to basic and really necessary rules.

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Next steps to developing the Eurocode 2:

- 1.) **Maintenance**
- 2.) **Evolution**

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1.) Maintenance of EN 1992-1-1


- First experiences with the practical use show that there is a voluminous potential of improvement.

It is necessary to

- simplify some rules,
- improve the clarity,
- simplify routes through the Eurocode 2;
- limit the inclusion of alternative application rules;
- reduce the NDPs;
- delete rules of small practical use in design.

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1.) Maintenance of EN 1992-1-1

- start the work with a **consolidated version** of the EN 1992-1-1:2004 **including** the corrigenda 1:2008 and 2:2010 by eliminating further editorial mistakes
- based on this consolidated version all members should propose improvements, simplifications, missing rules (if necessary).

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Proposal for a short version of EN 1992-1-1:


→ about 80 % of all common building of reinforced concrete can be realized **without** the rules for:

- plastic analysis
- prestressed members
- geotechnical members (included in geotechnical standards)
- lightweight aggregate concrete
- high concrete classes > C50/60
- fatigue
- bar diameters > 32 mm
- most informative annexes

By eliminating these rules it is possible to reduce the EC2 over 30 % and make it really easy to use.

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2.) Evolution of EN 1992-1-1

- Development of technical innovation and scientific know-how is necessary. But not every result of these developments has to be implemented directly in a common structural code.
- New topics should be discussed in model codes. After some experience it can be possible to introduce new topics of wide interests in the Eurocode.
- The only developed topic with enough experiences from Germany is “**Steel Fibre Reinforced Concrete**”. This material and its design may be matured enough for a new standard part.

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Thank you for your attention!



***Experience without theory is blind,
but theory without experience is
mere intellectual play.***

Immanuel Kant
1724 – 1804
German philosopher

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