



## Eurocode transition

# Second-generation Eurocodes: a new series to support the transition

On behalf of BSI, **David Nethercot**, **Steve Denton** and **Deidre Fourie** introduce a new series of articles that aims to inform IStructE members about key technical changes and practical implications during the countdown to the second-generation suite of Eurocodes coming into force.

The transition to the second-generation Eurocodes will bring change and opportunity to structural and geotechnical engineers in UK.

In March 2026, a key milestone was reached, with the final second-generation Eurocodes released to the British Standards Institution (BSI) ahead of the schedule set by the European Committee for Standardization (CEN). This means that all the second-generation Eurocode parts developed under mandate M/515 are now available and that they were delivered on time. Furthermore, an exemplary level of consensus was achieved on the final documents, with fewer than 0.4% of available votes cast negatively by the 34 national CEN members.

The background to the development of the second-generation Eurocodes and the plans for UK implementation have been explained in previous articles published in *The Structural Engineer*<sup>1,2</sup>.

### A new series of updates

To support the transition to the second-generation Eurocodes and promote industry readiness, a series of articles is being developed that will be published in *The Structural Engineer* and shared through the IStructE website. These articles will build on those already published, and will explore the most important updates, technical shifts and practical implications for designers.

The articles will be published monthly or bimonthly, each focusing on a different technical theme within the new suite. The intention is that these articles will provide practitioners with timely insights and structured guidance as they plan for the transition. The first new article in this series will be released in June and will explain how the second-generation Eurocodes now include coverage of the assessment of existing structures.

### Latest position on transition timeline

Work to prepare for the implementation of the Eurocodes remains on track. As explained by Denton *et al.*<sup>2</sup> and in the National Foreword to each second-generation Eurocode part, the date of withdrawal affecting the first-generation Eurocodes is the end of March 2028, at which point the second-generation suite is expected to become the generally applicable suite of standards for new projects.

### Eurocode webinar: 6 May

BSI is also hosting a webinar in which leading experts will provide a deep dive into the second-generation Eurocodes. Book your place at <https://pages.bsigroup.com/2ndgenerationeurocodes>.

National Annexes (NAs) are an essential component of Eurocode implementation, providing nationally determined parameters and complementary guidance. Work is progressing well on the development of UK NAs for the second-generation Eurocodes, and all are expected to be available by September 2027 at the latest.

In parallel, at a European level, there is an ongoing activity to release some limited early amendments, in part necessitated by the staged publication of the second-generation Eurocode parts as soon as they passed their formal votes, meaning that some cross-references now need to be updated. These early amendments should not be viewed as an impediment to designers starting to prepare for the transition and to familiarise themselves with the changes ahead.

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