



Think Concrete, Go Precast

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## **POSITION PAPER**

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### **CEN/TC 250/SC 2 – Eurocode 2 - Revision**

The precast concrete industry believes that the primary objective of the Eurocodes is to get accepted as building code throughout Europe. For this purpose, stability and user friendliness are necessary elements to convince authorities and designers of their importance in the construction of the future Europe.

The revision process has now started, and an updated version of Eurocode 2 (mix of new parts and revised old ones) is expected to be completed around 2017 and made available the following years. In order to avoid long periods of adaptation to the new version, we believe that the "evolution, not revolution" principle should be followed.

Therefore we advise that the present revision should be limited to:

- The correction of mistakes;
- The elimination of those unfavourable provisions which make the use of Eurocode 2 more burdensome if compared to the national code(s) it is supposed to replace;
- The improvements which allow a leaner design of concrete structures and represent a real added value for concrete manufacturers;
- The inclusion of those missing parts for which enough experience has been gathered during the last years.

When coming to the specificities of precast concrete products, the main objective of this revision should be the inclusion of those design rules which were jointly developed by TC 250 and TC 229 experts and were provisionally included into product standards for practical reasons. These provisions should be incorporated in the main text of EC2 and join other specificities of precast concrete in the chapter on "Additional rules for precast concrete elements and structures".

The precast concrete industry is supportive of a collaborative approach to this revision, where we think that the JWG between TC 250/SC 2 and TC 229 has a key role to play. One representative of CEN/TC 229 should also join the TC 250/SC 2/WG 1 to ensure that the specificities of our industry are taken into account.

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