

# EUROCODE 8. EVOLUTION OR REVOLUTION?

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**Abstract** The development of the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of Eurocodes is under way, under a mandate of the European Commission to CEN. The history of the development of the Eurocodes since 1975 until their release in 2005 as European standards EN (1<sup>st</sup> generation) is put into perspective. It is pointed out that the evolution of the texts during successive updates of Eurocode 8 leaves open discussions on certain topics for the development of the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation. After having explained how the work in progress is organised, the most important topics for the current or future work are discussed, with the solutions that are proposed.

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