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## Workshop on Assessment of Existing Structures

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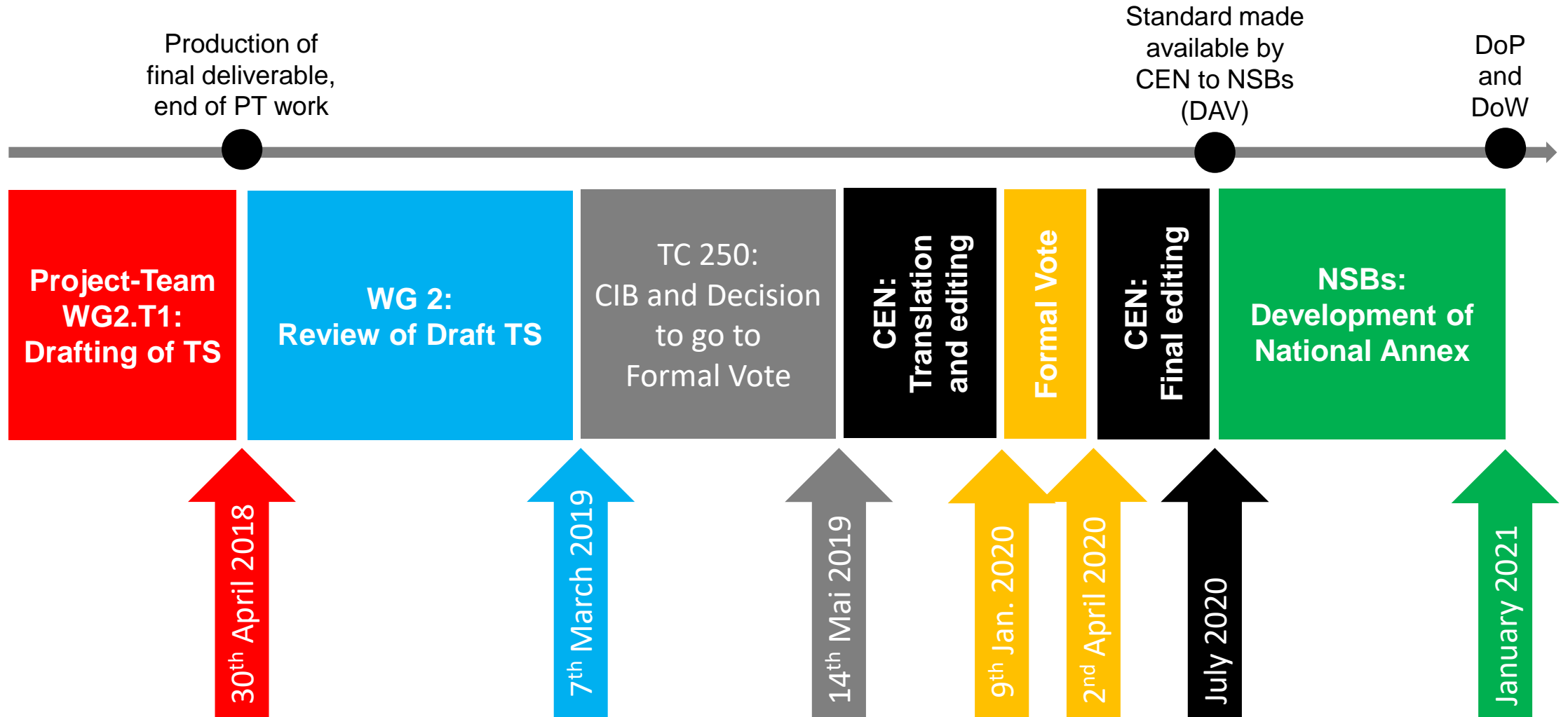
Standardization for Assessment of Existing Structures  
Evolution from TS to Eurocode

Part 1 – Finalization of Technical Specification

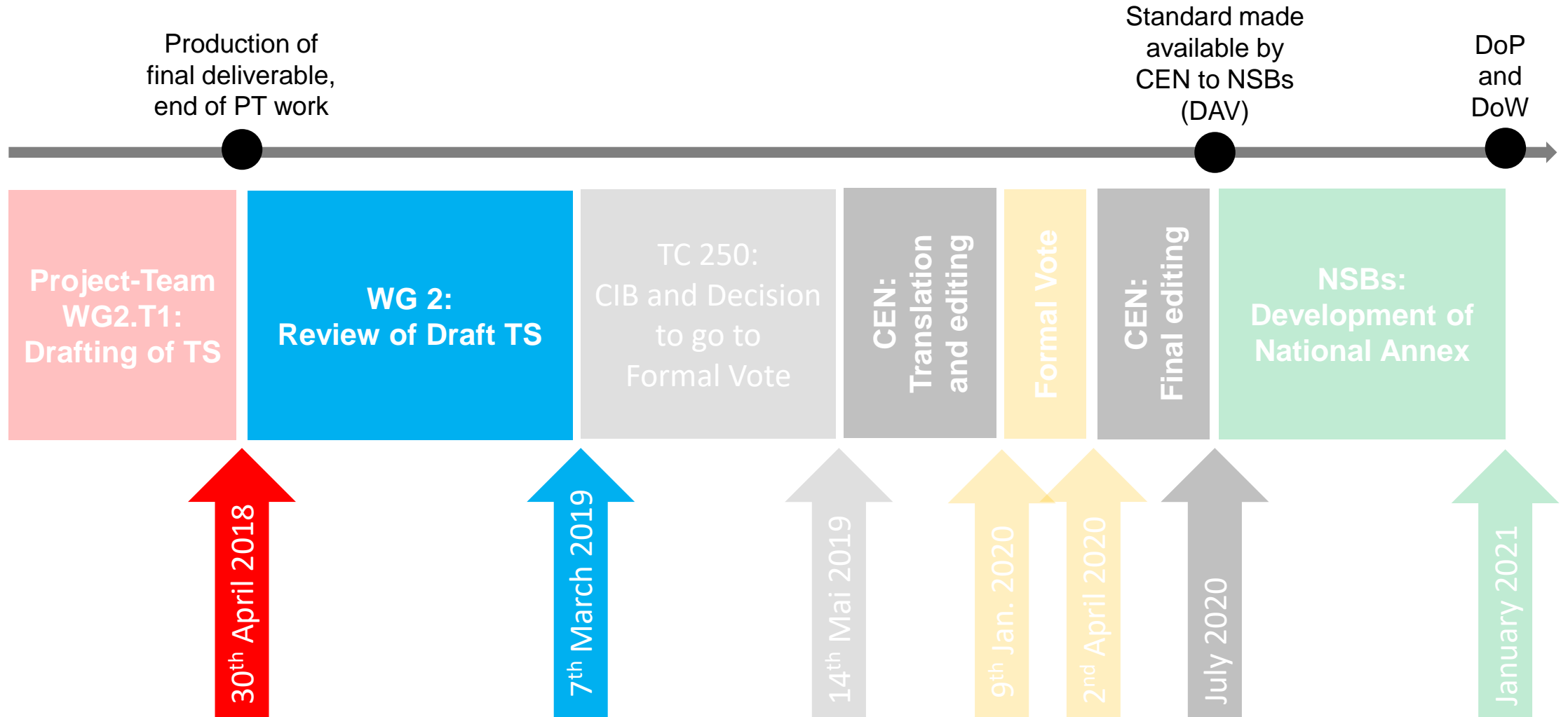
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# WG 2: Review of Draft TS

- Further elaboration of WG2.T1-Draft of TS in order to be ready to issue it to WG 2 for approval during 13<sup>th</sup> meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019:
  - Reach consensus on technical content
  - Fulfil formal requirements according to CEN Internal Regulations and TC 250 policy guidelines
- Constitution of Convenor's Advisory Panel (CAP) within WG 2:
  - Convenor and 4 members of WG 2
- Supported by:
  - Chairman of TC 250
  - Technical Reviewer of TC 250

# WG 2: Review of Draft TS

## 1. Scope

- setting the link with **EN 1990:2002**
- clarifying what the CEN/TS provides in terms of actions for assessment complementing **EN 1991** and principles for the assessment of the structural resistance
- clarifying that rules on how to initiate the assessment and undertake interventions are **not** covered

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## 4. Principles of assessment

- Reliability management
- Methods of assessment (clear distinction between assessment by calculation and assessment based on past performance)
- Assessment situations
- Using available information
- Updating available information
- Structures with new elements and retained elements (new principles for approaches to projects comprising both new elements and retained elements from an existing structure)
- Assessment of heritage structures

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## 5. Assessment process

- Initiating the assessment
- Agreeing the assessment scope and objectives
- Developing the assessment approach
- Establishing the structural condition
- Undertaking the assessment (preliminary assessment, detailed assessment and plausibility check)
- Reporting the assessment findings (including identification of need for interventions)

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6. Assessment based on past performance  
(new separate section)
7. Assessment by calculation  
(separate from section 6)
8. Basic variables and updating  
(restructured to follow EN 1990:2002 structure)
  - geometrical data
  - actions and environmental influences
  - material and product properties

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9. Structural modelling, updating and analysis  
(including load testing and monitoring)
10. Verifications
  - Partial factor method
  - Assessment value method
  - Probabilistic method
  - Risk assessment method
11. Intervention  
(including immediate interventions)

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Annexes (all informative):

- A** Flowchart of assessment process and intervention  
(updated)
- B** Updating procedure  
(editorial update)
- C** Target reliability and partial factors  
(updated according to section 10)
- D** Assessment of heritage structures  
(aligned to the main text)

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- Main topics under discussion:
  - Definition of existing structure
  - Structures with new and retained elements
  - Standardization of assessment process
  - Assessment based on past performance
  - Practical use of verification methods other than partial factor method
- WG 2 agreed to issue New Draft of TS to TC 250 to proceed to **Formal Vote**

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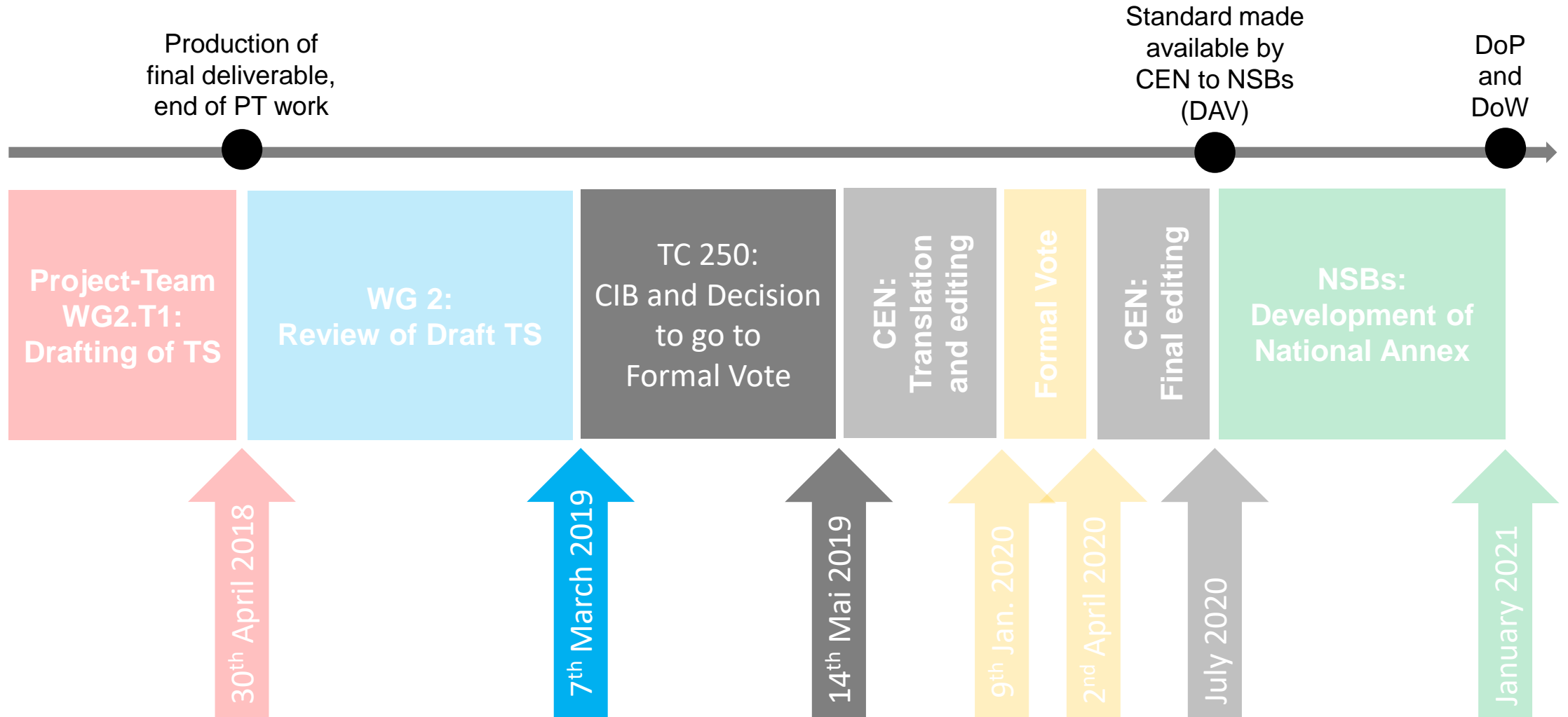
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# TC 250: CIB and Decision to go to Formal Vote

- According to CEN IR, for TS:
  - **NO** public enquiry
  - Directly go to Formal Vote
- Decision of Chairman of TC 250 to hold a **CIB** before going to Formal Vote



Document : CEN/TC 250 N 2177

Date : 19 March 2019

To the Members of CEN/TC 250  
Structural Eurocodes

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Subject: Letter regarding prCEN/TS Assessment of Existing Structures proceeding to Formal Vote

Dear Members,

As you will be aware, for the past three years, CEN/TC 250 Working Group 2 has been engaged in the development of a CEN Technical Specification (TS) on the *Assessment of Existing Structures*. I am pleased to advise you that at their recent meeting, held in Brussels on the 6-7 March 2019, WG 2 agreed to recommend that the draft TS proceeds to formal vote by CEN/TC 250.

A copy of the draft prCEN/TS *Assessment of Existing Structures*, prepared by CEN/TC 250/WG 2, has been provided to CEN/TC 250 as document N 2176.

At the meeting of CEN/TC 250 in Amersfoort in November 2018, it was agreed that because the proposed TS has been developed by a working group rather than a sub-committee and because there is no CEN enquiry for TS, prior to launching the formal vote, CEN/TC 250 would be asked for its agreement to proceed to formal vote and would also be invited to raise any major 'show-stopper' issues that could potentially lead to a negative vote.

CEN TC 250 is therefore holding a committee internal ballot (CIB) to ask these questions, the closing date for which is the 30 April 2019.

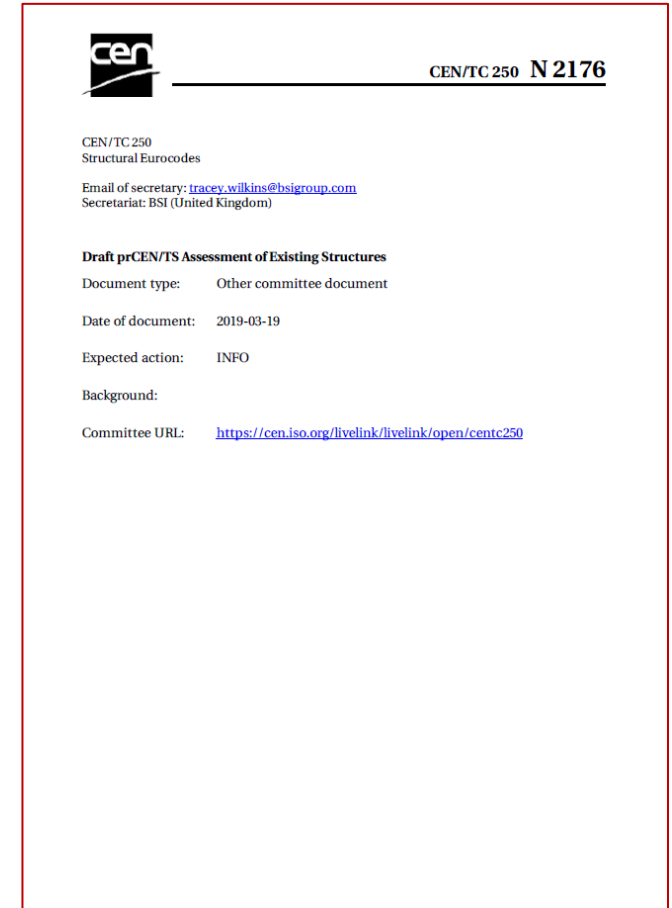
It is important to recognise that, with M/515 Project Team WG2.T2 now having started working within Phase 4 of the work programme on the conversion of the draft CEN TS to EN status, there is considerable urgency to stabilise the CEN TS. For this reason, we are not seeking feedback on general improvements that CEN members believe could be made to the TS. However, through the CIB we are providing the opportunity for CEN members to highlight any issues that they believe Project Team WG2.T2 should take into account in the development of the EN content on assessment of existing structures.

It is also highlighted that, in accordance with CEN Internal Regulations Part 2, Clause 11.3.1.1, the status of a TS is explained as follows:

*A Technical Specification (TS) is a normative document made available by CEN/CENELEC in at least one of the three official languages. A Technical Specification is established by a technical body and approved by the CEN/CENELEC national members in accordance with 11.3.3.2. The Technical Specification is announced and made available at national level, but conflicting national standards may continue to exist.*

# TC 250: CIB and Decision to go to Formal Vote

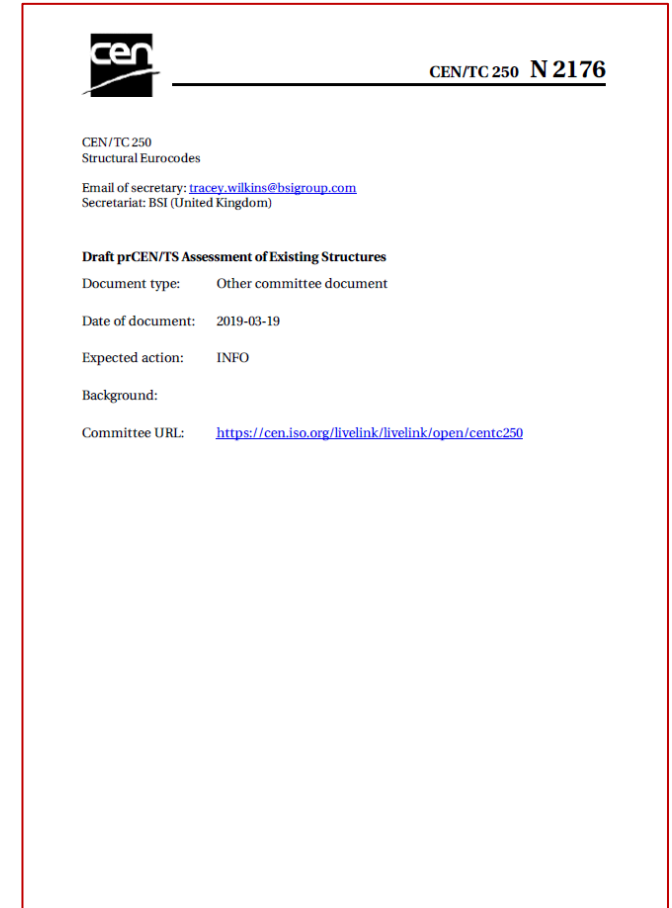
- Questions to be answered in **CIB**:
  - Do you agree that the draft CEN TS (...) may proceed to formal vote?
  - Are there any major technical concerns with the draft CEN TS that could lead you to vote negatively (...)? If so, please provide details.
  - Are there any matters that you would like CEN/TC 250/WG 2 to take into account in its ongoing work to convert the TS text to EN status? If so, please provide details



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# TC 250: CIB and Decision to go to Formal Vote

- Result of **CIB**:
  - National Members **unanimously** agreed to go to Formal Vote
  - 1 National Member raised a major concern (conflict with National Building Regulations)
  - 9 National Members submitted comments (consistency with EN1990, definitions, target reliability levels, assessment methods, etc.)
- Decision of Chairman of TC 250:  
**Go to Formal Vote**



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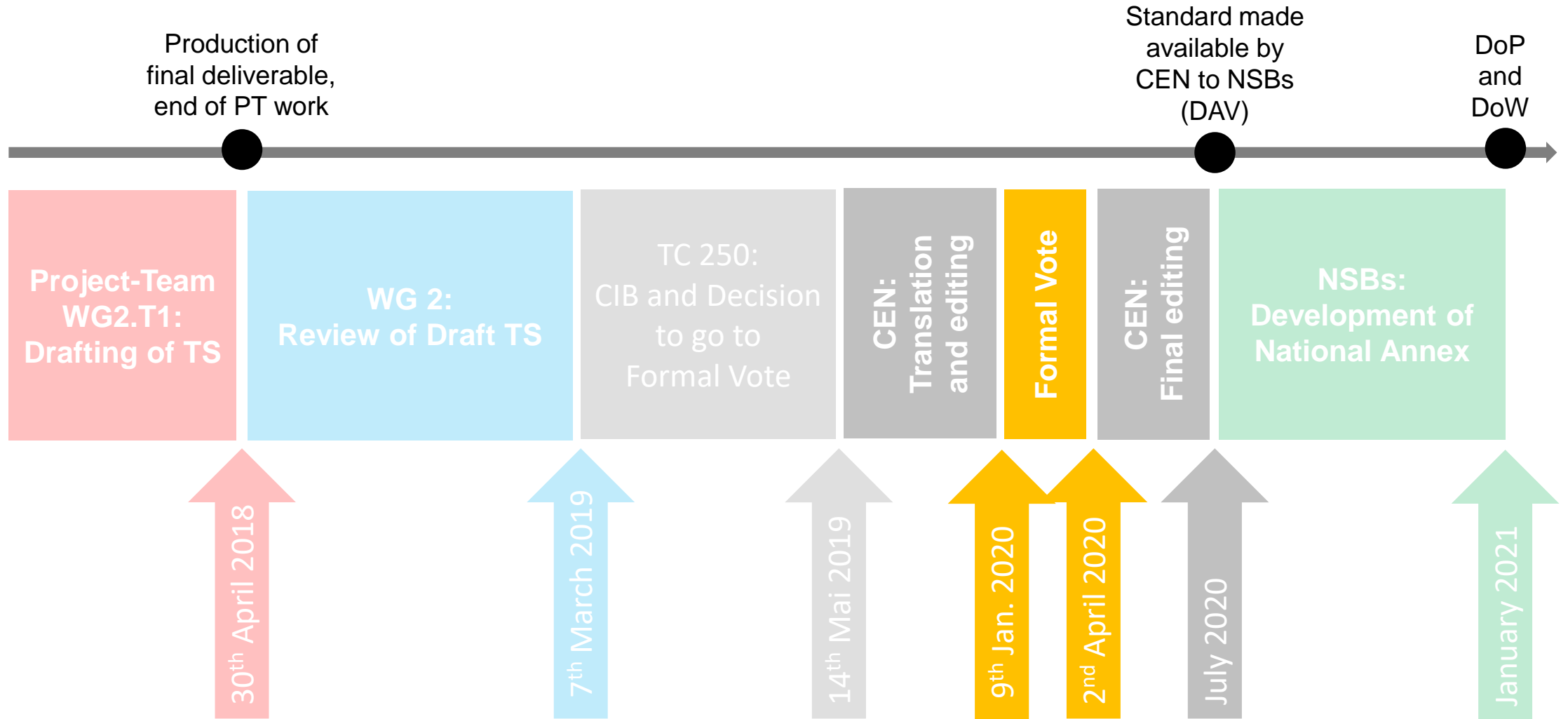
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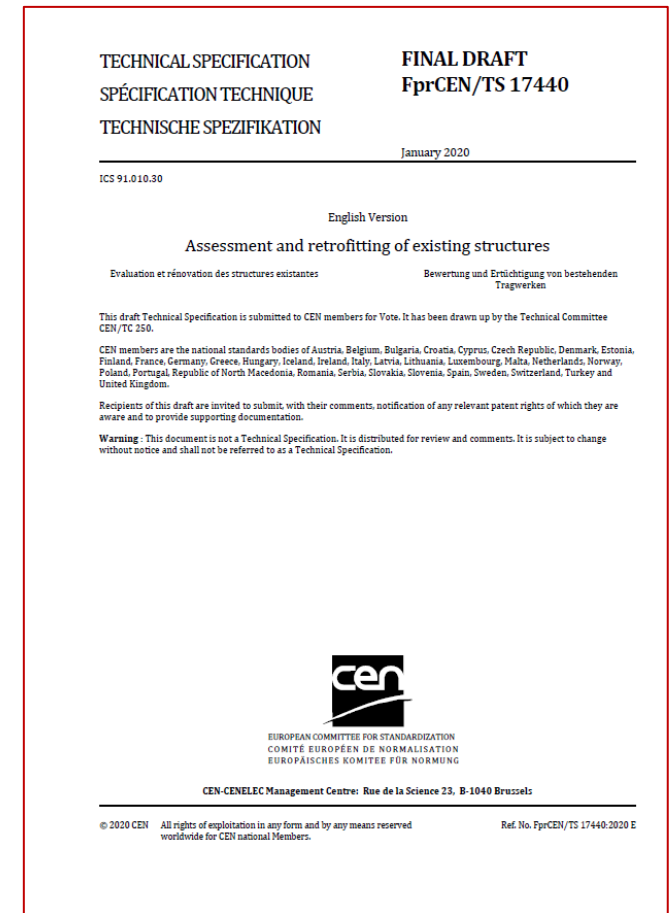
# Formal Vote

- First deliverable within Mandate **M/515** going for formal vote
- Formal Vote period: **12 weeks** (9/1/2020 – 2/4/2020)
- Result of Formal Vote on **FprCEN/TS 17440**  
Assessment and retrofitting of existing structures:
  - National Members approving: 22
  - National Members disapproving: 0
  - Number of Members approving: 100 % (requirement  $\geq 55$  %)
  - Weighted percentage of Population approving: 100 % (requirement  $\geq 65$  %)
  - Approval of implementation period

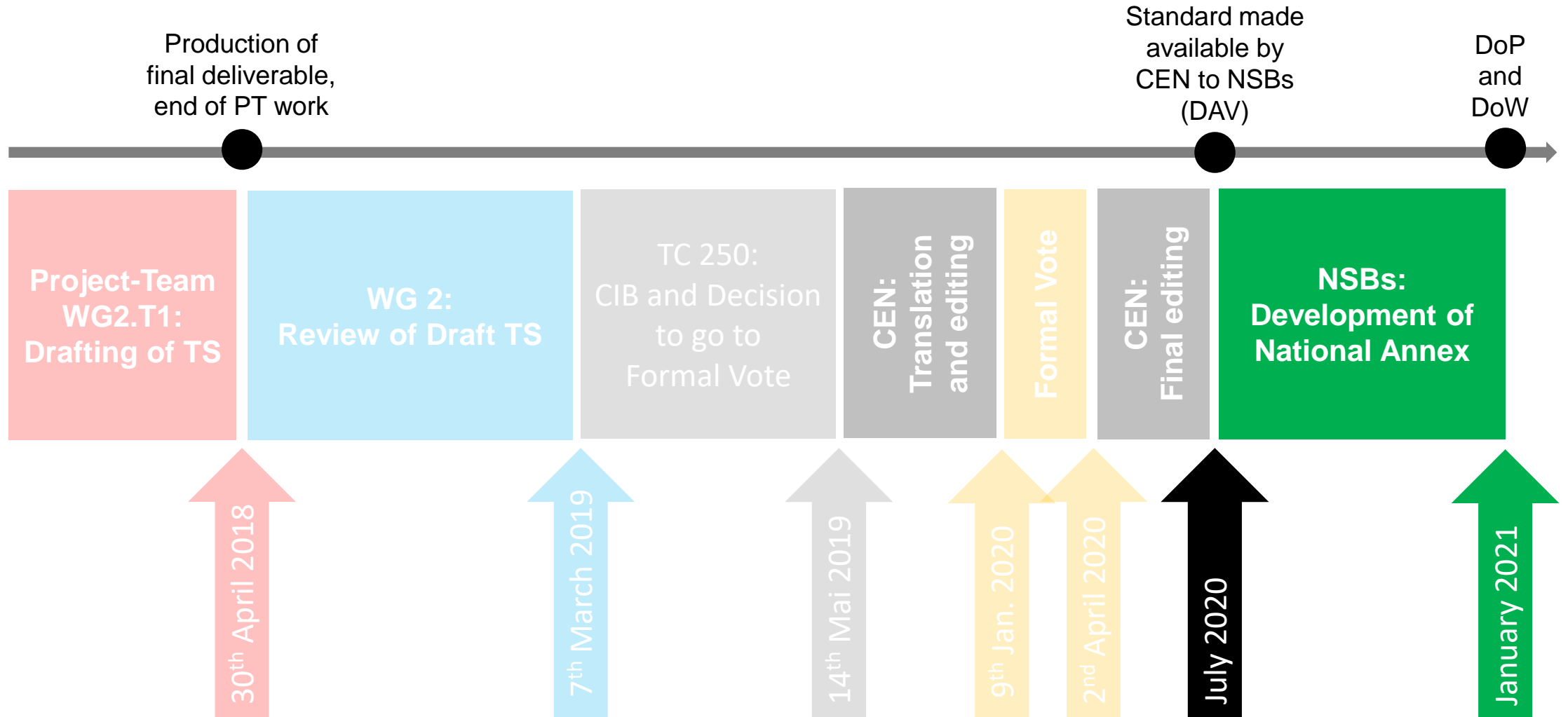
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English Version	
Assessment and retrofitting of existing structures	
Evaluation et rénovation des structures existantes	Bewertung und Errichtung von bestehenden Tragwerken
This draft Technical Specification is submitted to CEN members for Vote. It has been drawn up by the Technical Committee CEN/TC 250.	
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- 4 National Members submitted comments (only editorial)
- The definitive text of **CEN/TS 17440** was made available after incorporation of editorial comments in July 2020 (DAV).
- NSBs have an opportunity to provide a National Annex.



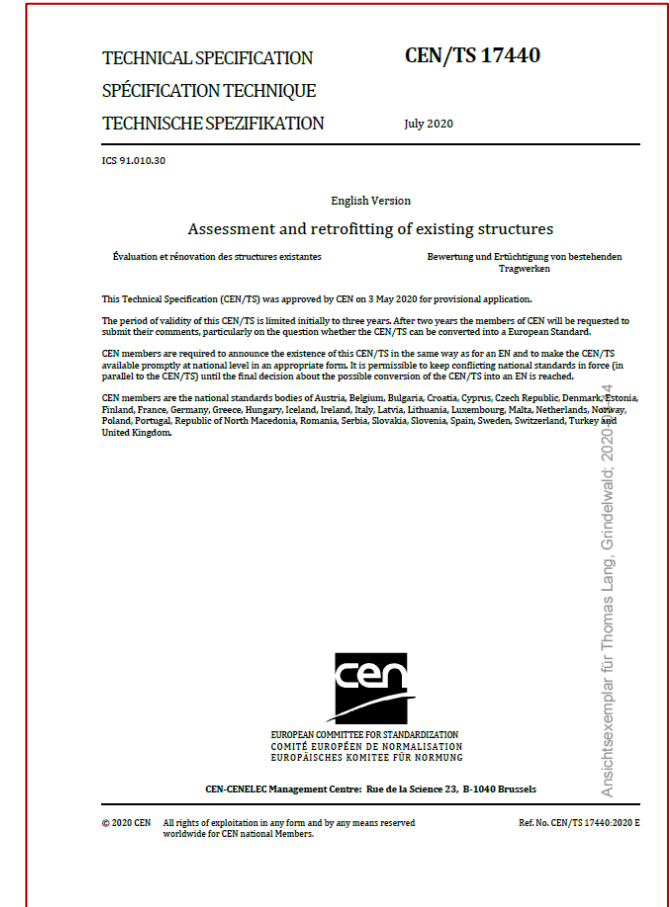
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# NSBs: Development of National Annex

- Implementation period:
  - Date of Availability (DAV) : July 2020
  - Date of Publication (DOP) : DAV+6 Months
  - Date of Withdrawal (DOW) : DAV+6 Months
- Frontpage of TS:

CEN members are required (...) to make the CEN/TS available promptly at national level in an appropriate form.  
It is permissible to **keep conflicting national standards** in force (in parallel to the CEN/TS)...
- Only UK and FR are working on NA to the TS so far



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*Part 2 – new Eurocode*

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# Tasks of WG2.T2

Development of **new** harmonised European technical rules for the **assessment and retrofitting** of existing structures, which are related to the principles and fundamental requirements of the EN Eurocodes.

The technical rules for existing structures are **not self-standing** rules but they **complement** those of relevant EN Eurocodes by identifying and distinguishing the differences between the design of new structures and the assessment and retrofitting of existing ones.

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**New Eurocode**

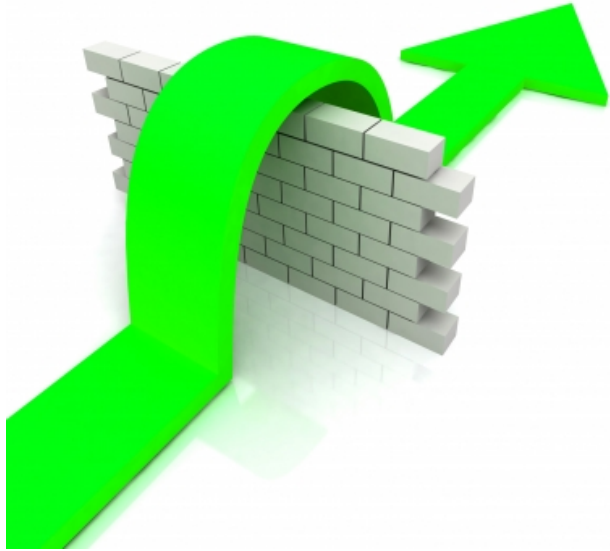
## **3 Tasks:**

Sub Task 1: EN Eurocode for Existing Structures - General rules

Sub Task 2: EN Eurocode for Existing Structures – Actions

Sub Task 3: Report on requirements and guidance on the development of material-specific assessment and retrofit provisions

# New Eurocode: main challenge



different countries had developed in the past different products, approaches and codes of practice



the new Eurocode on existing structures should account for these differences and, hence, should give Countries a wider possibility to add specific rules for different peculiarities

# New Eurocode: general

**Additional** provisions to EN 1990 to cover the **assessment of existing structures** and the **retained elements** of existing structures that are being **retrofitted**

# New Eurocode: general



Provisions related to using **updated data** for basic variables and updated structural models



General principles regarding **actions** for assessment complementing EN 1991

# New Eurocode: general

- ✗ No specific rules for initiation of assessment
- ✗ No specific rules on how to undertake interventions that may be carried out as a result of an assessment
- ✗ No material-specific technical provisions for the assessment and retrofitting of existing structures
- ✗ No provisions for design of new elements that will be integrated into an existing structure (see EN 1990)
- ✗ No provisions for seismic assessment and retrofitting of existing structures (see EN 1998-3)

# New Eurocode: list of contents

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**What is an existing structure?**







# What is an existing structure?

*prEN 1990*

**structure:** part of the construction works that provides stability, resistance, and rigidity against various actions

*New Eurocode*

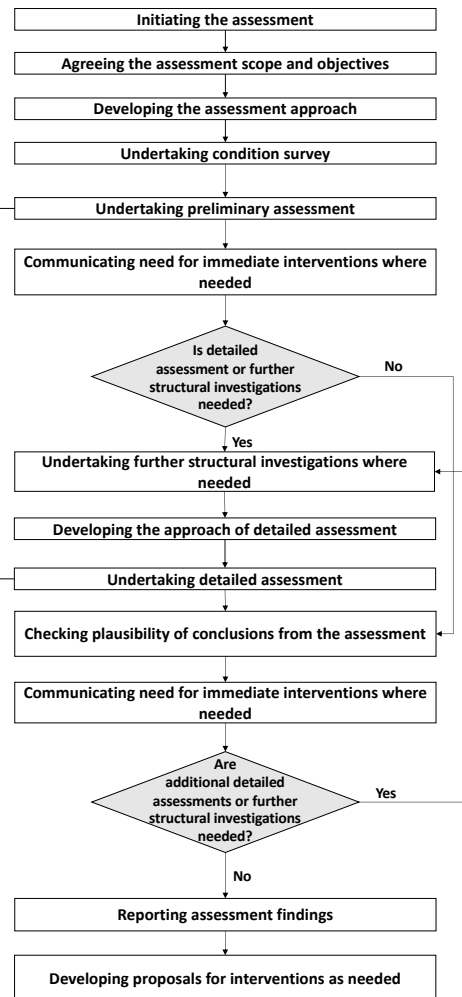
**existing structure:** any structure that physically (materially) exists

# Assessment process

Stepwise process with increasing levels of detail and accuracy

- Key activities:
- Identifying and reviewing relevant documentation
  - Reviewing findings of the condition survey
  - Identifying and updating basic variables as needed
  - Undertaking preliminary structural analysis and reviewing the findings
  - Undertaking verifications

- Key activities:
- Considering conclusion of preliminary assessment
  - Undertaking detailed documentary search and review
  - Reviewing findings of condition survey and further structural investigations where needed
  - Updating basic variables
  - Updating structural analysis
  - Undertaking verifications



preliminary

detailed

# Methods of assessment



**Quantitative** assessment based on calculations, or

**Qualitative** assessment based on past performance,  
or

a **combination** of quantitative and qualitative  
assessment

*Restrictions on the use of the assessment based on  
past performance can be set by the National Annex*

# Assessment based on past performance

**Detailed structural  
investigation  
needed for the  
limit state being  
assessed**

## Requirements at ULS



No evidence of significant damage, distress, defect, excessive deformation, displacement or deterioration



the structural system is understood



satisfactory performance for a sufficiently long period of time



any predicted deterioration would not be expected to affect the safety



the risk (likelihood and consequence) associated with local failures can be classified as acceptable

# Verification methods

**partial factor method**

+

(possibility)

reliability-based  
method

risk-informed  
method

# Partial factor method

$$E_a \leq R_a$$

$$E_a = \gamma_{Sa} E \left\{ \sum (\gamma_f \psi F_k); a_a; X_{Ra} \right\}$$

$$R_a = \frac{1}{\gamma_{Ra}} R \left\{ \frac{\eta X_k}{\gamma_m}; a_a; \sum F_{Ea} \right\}$$

$$E_a = E \left\{ \sum F_a; a_a; X_a \right\} = E \left\{ \sum (\gamma_F \psi F_k); a_a; X_{Ra} \right\}$$

$$R_a = R \left\{ X_a; a_a; \sum F_{Ea} \right\} = R \left\{ \frac{\eta X_k}{\gamma_M}; a_a; \sum F_{Ea} \right\}$$

**fixed partial  
factors**  
**(cluster of cases)**

**adjusted partial  
factors**  
**(individual case)**

# Reliability-based approach

$$P_f = P\{g(x) < 0\} \leq P_{ft}$$

$P_{ft}$  (NDP) is the target probability of failure for a given reference period

**Reference period:** period of time that is used as a basis for statistically assessing extreme realizations of variable actions and possibly for accidental actions

# Reliability-based approach

$$P_f = P\{g(x) < 0\} \leq P_{ft}$$

The target reliability for an existing structure should **take account** of the relevant factors, including:

the possible cause and /or mode of attaining a limit state

the possible consequences of failure in terms of risk to life, injury, potential economical losses

the relative costs of safety measures to increase reliability

the reference period

The target reliability for an existing structure **may be specified** in one or both of the following ways:

by the classification of the structure as a whole

by the classification of its members



# Reliability-based approach

$$\beta = -\Phi^{-1}(P_f) > \beta_t$$

Where **annual** target reliability indices are used, they should be fulfilled in **each sub sequent year** of the remaining service life of the structure

# Interventions



**Proposal for interventions  
should be given  
in the conclusions of the  
assessment**

# Interventions

Interventions should be defined taking account of the following:

the type and  
importance of the  
structure

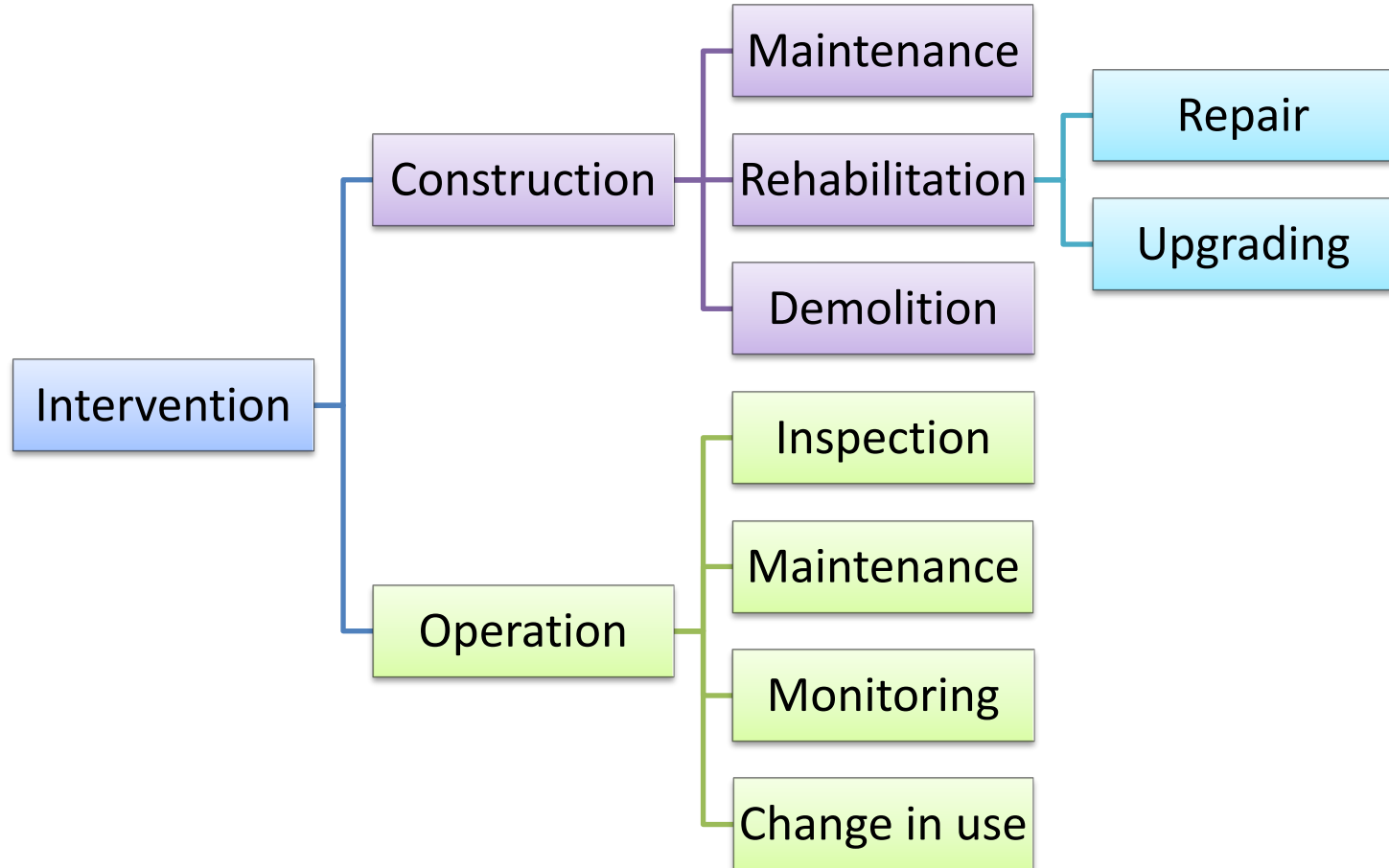
the specific  
requirement that is  
not met

possible cause and  
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expected  
consequences of  
failure

options of  
interventions that  
are available

# Options of interventions



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