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# CEN TS 19101 : The future Eurocode for composites

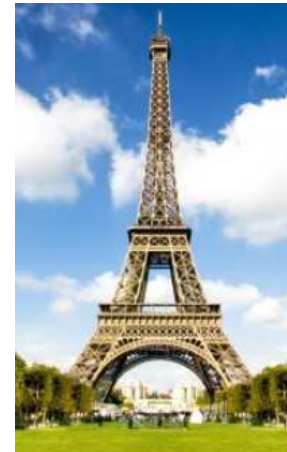
A fairytale story

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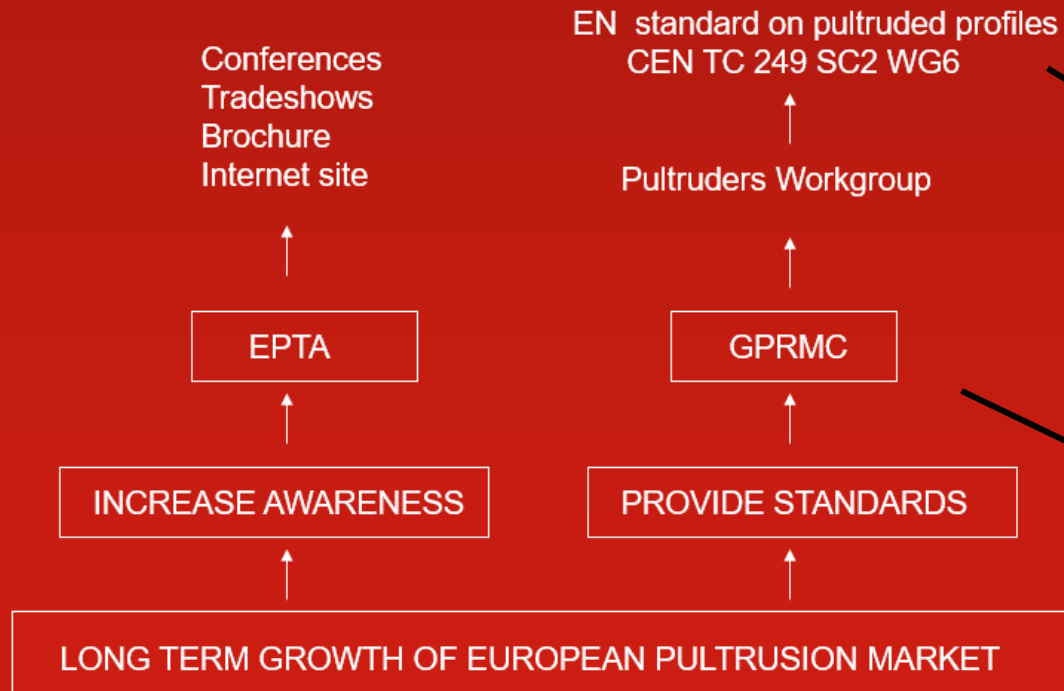
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## European organizations in pultrusion



EUROPEAN STANDARD  
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English version

Reinforced plastics composites - Specifications for pultruded profiles - Part 1: Designation

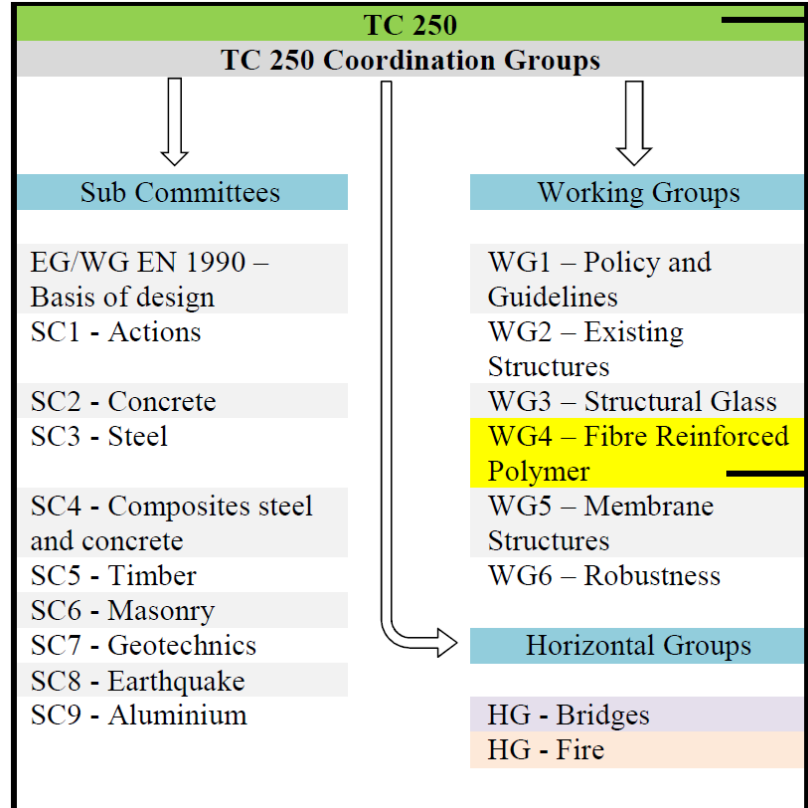
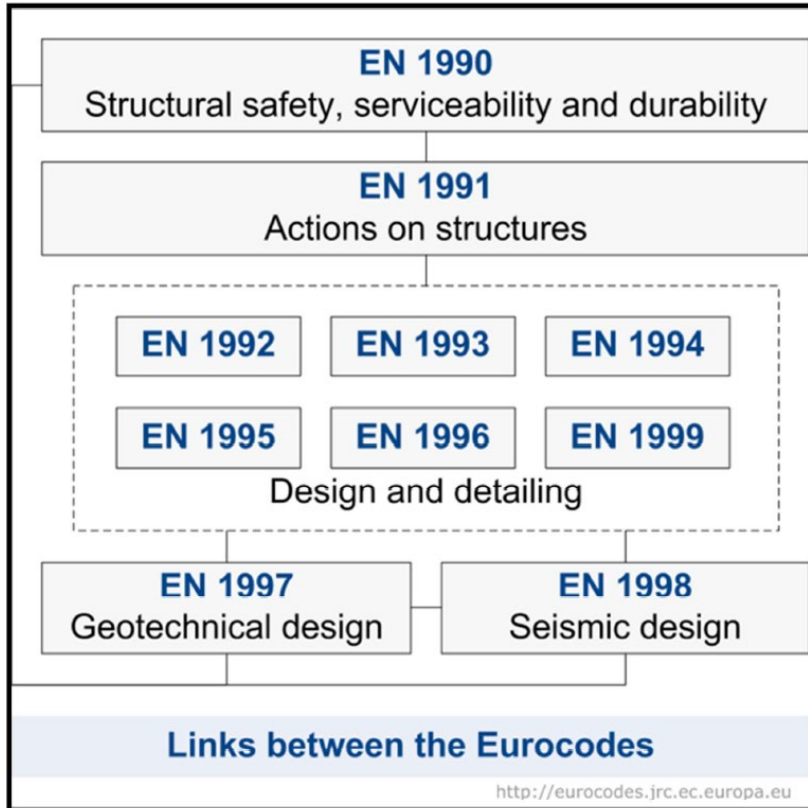


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# What are these Eurocodes ?



- The Eurocodes are the standards to which all structures in Europe need to be designed (1990)
- Update of the Eurocodes started in 2010 and is in it's final stages (2023-2024)



Dr Steve Denton, Chairman

Prof Luigi Ascione, Chairman





# Why would we need one for composites ?



# pr EN/TS 19101 : Design of fibre-polymer composite structures

## Eurocodes Suite :

- EN 1990 Eurocode 0 : Basis of structural design
- EN 1991 Eurocode 1 : Actions on structures
- EN 1992 Eurocode 2 : Design of concrete structures
- EN 1993 Eurocode 3 : Design of steel structures
- EN 1994 Eurocode 4 : Design of composite steel and concrete structures
- EN 1995 Eurocode 5 : Design of timber structures
- EN 1996 Eurocode 6 : Design of masonry structures
- EN 1997 Eurocode 7 : Geotechnical design
- EN 1998 Eurocode 8 : Design of structures for earthquake resistance
- EN 1999 Eurocode 9 : Design of aluminium structures
- EN 19101 Eurocode xx : Design of fibre-polymer composite structures

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**Design of fibre-polymer composite structures**

**Bemessung und Konstruktion von Tragwerken aus Faserverbundwerkstoffen**

**Calcul des structures en matériaux composites**



# A great job was done by Prof Ascione, project teams and TC 250 WG4 members



TC 250 WG4 Delft meeting October 10-11 2019

Clockwise starting at front : Liesbeth Tromp, Prof Joao Correia (project teams leader), Prof Luigi Ascione (Chairman), Prof Thomas Siwowsky, Prof Nuno Silvestre, Prof Eric Moussiaux, Prof Wouter De Corte, Prof Sena Cruz, Marta Gil Perez, Prof Jan Knippers, Lech Wlasak, Prof Jean François Caron, Carlo Paulotto, Prof Thomas Keller, Prof Marko Pavlovic

# Our Technical Specification contains 12 Clauses and 5 Annexes ...

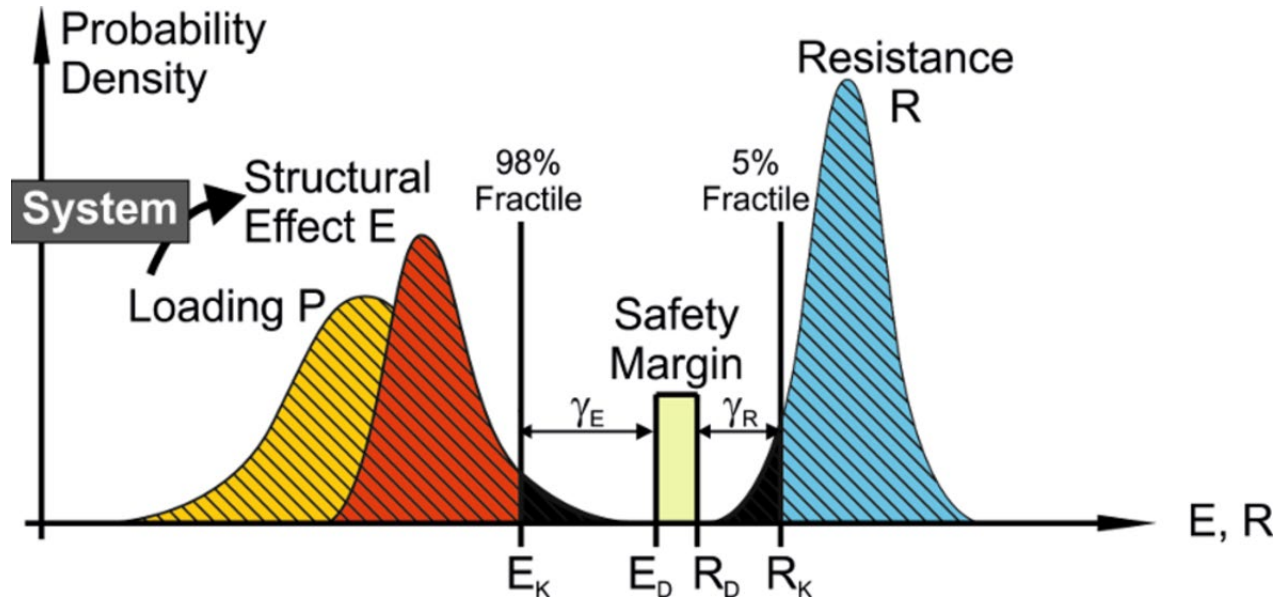
1	Scope	A	Creep coefficients
2	Normative references	B	Indicative values of material properties for preliminary design
3	Terms, definitions and symbols		
4	Basis of design	C	Buckling of orthotropic laminates and profiles
5	Materials	D	Structural fire design
6	Durability	E	Bridge details
7	Structural analysis		
8	Ultimate limit states		
9	Serviceability limit states		
10	Fatigue		
11	Detailing		
12	Connections and joints		

## ... and applies to most composites processing methods and materials used.

- pr TS 19101 is applicable to
  - Buildings, bridges and other civil engineering structures
  - Permanent and temporary structures
  - All-composite and hybrid-composite structures
  - Pultruded profile beam and column structures, 3D molded structures (eg infusion), sandwich panels
  - Bolted and bonded joints
  - Glass, carbon, basalt and aramid fibres
  - Thermoset resins and adhesives
  - Polymeric foam, balsa wood cores
- pr TS 19101 is not applicable to :
  - Cable stayed structures
  - Internal (rebars) and external concrete reinforcements
  - Honeycomb cores
  - Thermoplastic resins
  - Natural fibres

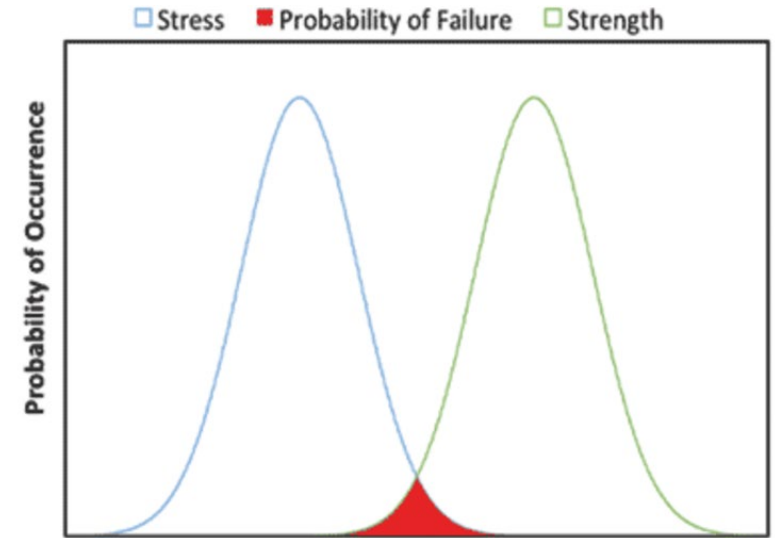


# Probabilistic design is the basic of structural design in the Eurocodes



$$E_d \leq R_d$$

where  $E_d$  and  $R_d$  are the design values, in the considered direction, of the generic action and corresponding capacity (in terms of resistance or deformation) respectively, within a generic limit state.



$$R_d = \frac{1}{\gamma_{Rd} \cdot \gamma_m} R \{ \eta_{c,i} \cdot X_{k,i}; a_d \}$$

# pr EN TS 19101 provides values for material partial factors, conversion factors, ....

## A.3 Pultruded composite profiles

(1) Table A.1 gives values for the creep coefficient,  $\phi(t)$ , for different elastic moduli of pultruded composite profiles, which are valid for linear viscoelasticity and the environmental conditions indicated in the table.

**Table A.1 — Values for the creep coefficient,  $\phi(t)$ , for different elastic moduli of pultruded composite profiles (glass, carbon or basalt reinforcement; fibre volume fraction of at least 35%; temperature up to 25 °C; relative humidity up to 65%)**

Property	Period of time (years)										
	1	5	10	15	20	25	30	40	50	75	100
$E_x^{\text{full}}$	0,25	0,38	0,46	0,51	0,55	0,58	0,61	0,66	0,70	0,78	0,84
$G_{xy}^{\text{full}}$	0,57	0,98	1,23	1,40	1,54	1,66	1,76	1,94	2,09	2,39	2,62
$E_{x,t}$	0,20	0,22	0,24	0,24	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,26	0,26	0,27	0,28
$E_{x,c}$	0,20	0,23	0,27	0,30	0,32	0,34	0,36	0,38	0,41	0,45	0,48

$$X_m(t) = \frac{X_m(0)}{1 + \phi(t)}$$

... duly motivated in a commentary document containing 396 individual background reports in ca 1000 pages.



Background Report  
TS "Design of Fibre-Polymer Composite Structures"

REPORT NUMBER	BR_10.1_PAR_1
CLAUSE / ANNEX	10. FATIGUE
SUB-CLAUSE	10.1 General
PARAGRAPH	(1)
AUTHOR(S)	Thomas Keller
REVIEWER(S)	Lee Canning, Wendel Sebastian
DATE	30 April 2021

**CONTENT**

(1) The structural design should ensure that stress concentrations are avoided or minimized by appropriate detailing of geometrical changes in sections or changes in materials.

NOTE 1: Since fatigue failure, in most cases, occurs in such singular areas where a stress-based verification is difficult (e.g. in a web-flange junction), the fatigue verification, including testing, can be performed at the structural member or joint level (e.g. for a bridge deck or a deck-to-girder joint), based on the action effects, i.e. internal forces and/or moments.

NOTE 2: Testing at the member and joint level also takes into account geometrical and material imperfections and size effects.

**Appropriate detailing**

Background

Eurocomp [1], citations:  
4.13.2, P(5): The designer shall ensure by appropriate detailing that, wherever possible, the theoretical point of failure of FRP (composite) components subject to fatigue loading would occur away from joints, connections, changes of section and areas of stress concentration.  
4.13.3 (4): When designing for fatigue, the designer should pay particular attention to areas where stress concentrations are likely to be present. These may occur at connections, re-entrant corners and points of acute change of direction. The resulting stresses may be far greater than those present in the adjacent plane section and thus significantly reduce the member's resistance to fatigue.

References

[1] CLARKE, John L. (ed.). *Structural design of polymer composites: EUROCOMP Design code and handbook*. London: E & FN Spon, 1996. ISBN 0 419 19450 9

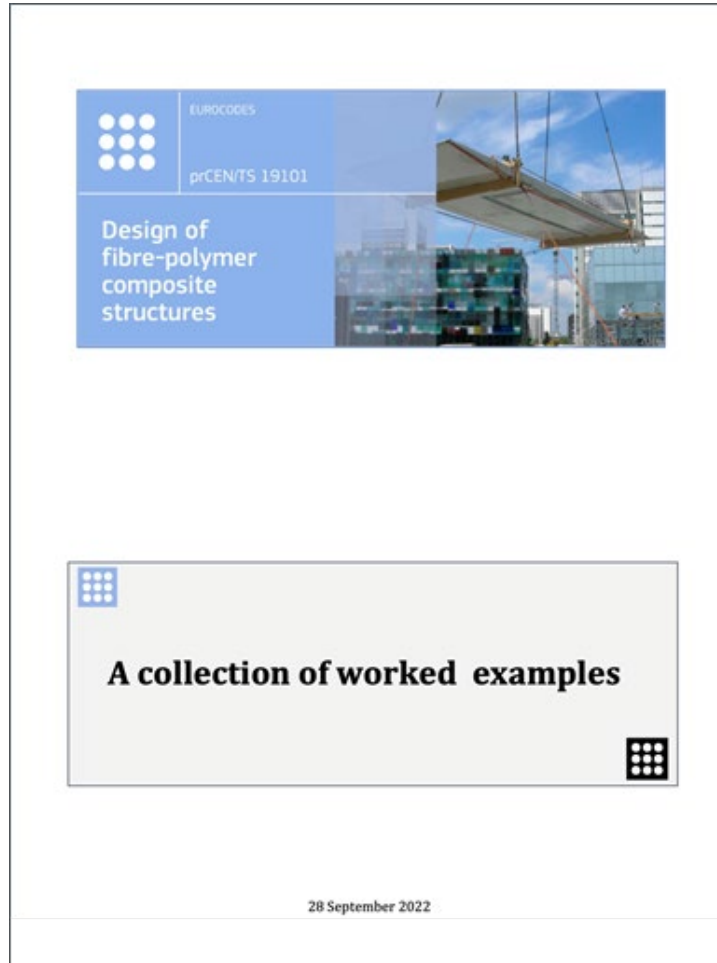
**Testing at structural member level**

Background

See BR\_10.3\_PAR\_1.



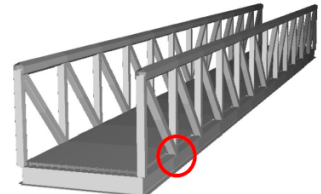
# A textbook will help engineers and designers applying TS 19101 with worked examples on structural elements ...



No.	TITLE	AUTHOR(S)	REVIEWER(S)
1	<i>ULS verifications of a balanced symmetrical laminate subjected to in-plane and out-plane loading</i>	José Sena-Cruz	João Ramoa Correia, Luigi Ascione
2	<i>ULS verifications of a balanced symmetrical laminate subjected to in-plane and out-plane loading (preliminary design)</i>	Wouter De Corte	João Ramoa Correia, Luigi Ascione
3	<i>ULS verifications of a simply supported FRP profile with double symmetric cross-section subjected to axial compression</i>	Mário Sá and João Ramoa Correia	Luigi Ascione and José Gonilha
4	<i>ULS and SLS verifications of a simply supported FRP profile with double symmetric cross-section subjected to a uniformly distributed transverse load</i>	Mário Sá and João Ramoa Correia	Luigi Ascione and José Gonilha
5	<i>USL verifications of a uniformly loaded, simply supported sandwich beam (verifications with respect to the face sheets, core, web, interface, local and global buckling)</i>	Wendel Sebastian and Andre Pitt	Thomas Keller, Marko Pavlovic
6	<i>ULS and SLS verifications of a simply supported sandwich panel subjected to a uniformly distributed transverse load</i>	Mário Garrido and João Ramoa Correia	Thomas Keller, Marko Pavlovic
7	<i>ULS and SLS verifications of a simply supported web-core sandwich panel subjected to a uniformly distributed transverse load</i>	João Ramoa Correia and Mário Garrido	Thomas Keller, Marko Pavlovic
8	<i>ULS verification of double-lap adhesive joint with pultruded adherends (stress-based approach)</i>	M. Pavlovic and A. Christoforidou	Thomas Keller, Luigi Ascione
9	<i>ULS verification of an adhesive double-lap joint with pultruded adherends (fracture-mechanics approach)</i>	M. Pavlovic and A. Christoforidou	Thomas Keller, Luigi Ascione
10	<i>Design of the loading device configuration to perform fatigue testing on composite bridge deck specimens</i>	Wendel Sebastian	Thomas Keller, Marko Pavlovic

# ... and full structures or parts thereof.

No.	TITLE	AUTHOR(S)	REVIEWER(S)
1	<b>Ultimate Limit State (ULS) verifications for bolted connections of pultruded profiles of a truss bridge with a span length of 13.50 m</b>	Matthias Oppe Reza Haghani Dogaheh	Toby Mottram Jan Knippers
2	<b>ULS verifications of a GFRP footbridge</b>	Jean-François Caron, Emilie Lepretre, Samuel Durand	Carlo Paulotto, Wendel Sebastian
3	<b>Design of a vacuum infused composite web-core sandwich traffic deck.</b>	Liesbeth Tromp, Fibercore	Thomas Keller, Wendel Sebastian
4	<b>ULS verification of an adhesive joint at a truss node, between pultruded chord and brace member (stress-based approach)</b>	Teodor Gheorghe, Angeliki Christoforidou,, Marko Pavlovic	Thomas Keller Luigi Ascione

EXAMPLE NO. B4	
<b>TITLE</b>	ULS verification of an adhesive joint at a truss node, between pultruded chord and brace member (stress-based approach)
<b>AUTHOR(S)</b>	Teodor Gheorghe; Angeliki Christoforidou; Marko Pavlovic
<b>REVIEWER(S)</b>	Thomas Keller, Luigi Ascione
<b>DATE</b>	September 2020 (version v1.0)
<b>TS DRAFT NO.</b>	Second draft, 25/09/2020
<b>UNITS</b>	Length / Force / Stress: [mm] / [N] / [MPa]
	<p><b>1. Data of the problem</b></p> <p>In this example, Ultimate Limit States (ULS) verifications are performed for a symmetrical truss joint with pultruded profiles. The analysis of the adhesive joint is done by finite element analysis (FEA). The geometry of interest is the connection between the chord and brace member, and presents the following characteristics (see Figure 1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cross-section dimensions brace member (SHS 100x8): Length <math>L (x_u) \times</math> width <math>b (y_u) \times</math> thickness <math>t (z_u) = 100 \times 100 \times 8</math> [mm];</li> <li>- Cross-section dimensions chord member (U 240x72x10): Height <math>H (x_m) \times</math> width <math>b (y_m) \times</math> thickness <math>t (z_m) = 240 \times 72 \times 10</math> [mm];</li> <li>- Dimensions adhesive: Length <math>L (x_a) \times</math> width <math>b (y_a) \times</math> thickness <math>t (z_a) = 240 \times 100 \times 2</math> [mm];</li> <li>- Adhesive: SikaDur 330 two-component epoxy adhesive;</li> <li>- Manufacturing process for truss members: pultrusion;</li> <li>- Manufacturer of truss members: Fiberline;</li> <li>- Laminates: E-glass fibers and isophthalic polyester resin; 2 combi-mats (CSM + 0/90 woven) on each side and main roving layer in the middle; architecture of the laminate is shown below.</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>Figure 1 - Truss girder</b></p> <p>The example is focused on the joint at the bottom chord of the truss structure shown in Figure 1. The chosen joint, shown in Figure 2 is close to the support, having the largest axial force in the diagonal. The joint configuration between two C-profiles, forming the bottom chord, and the brace diagonal, made of a square hollow section and placed at a 45° angle, is shown in Figure 2.</p>

# Unfortunately TC 250 eliminated our elaborate execution and quality assurance clauses ...

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## 13 Production, installation and maintenance

### 13.1 General

(1) In the absence of an European standard on the execution of composite structures, this clause – addressed to designers, contractors and manufacturers – gives general provisions for the design, production, assembly, installation and maintenance of composite structures.

NOTE: It is assumed that the project is delivered according to a design-build system led by the contractor.

(2) The design, production, assembly, installation and maintenance procedures of composite structures shall be described in the project execution plan.

(3) When determining the necessary level of experience of the personnel, for all activities, the complexity and consequence class of the structure shall be taken into account according to prEN 1990.

### 13.4 Execution quality

#### 13.4.1 Composite production quality

(1) For composite members and joints used in a structure, the manufacturer shall carry out, under a system of Production Quality Management (PQM), a factory production control, based on a quality assurance plan and a quality control plan and should follow the AVCP-system (Assessment of Verification of Consistency of Product) or a comparable approach.



# ... WG4 will investigate our options with EuCIA.



- Designing with the Eurocodes
- EN Eurocodes & related standards
- Execution standards**
- Product standards
- Test standards
- ISO standards
- Eurocodes Software
- Structures designed to EN Eurocodes

## Execution Standards

Within the Construction domain, CEN is developing European Standards which cover a wide range of products, materials and structures. For the complete design and construction of buildings and other civil engineering works, the EN Eurocodes are intended to be used in combination with Execution Standards that cover, for example, concrete, steel and aluminium structures, special geotechnical works as well as laboratory and field testing of soil.

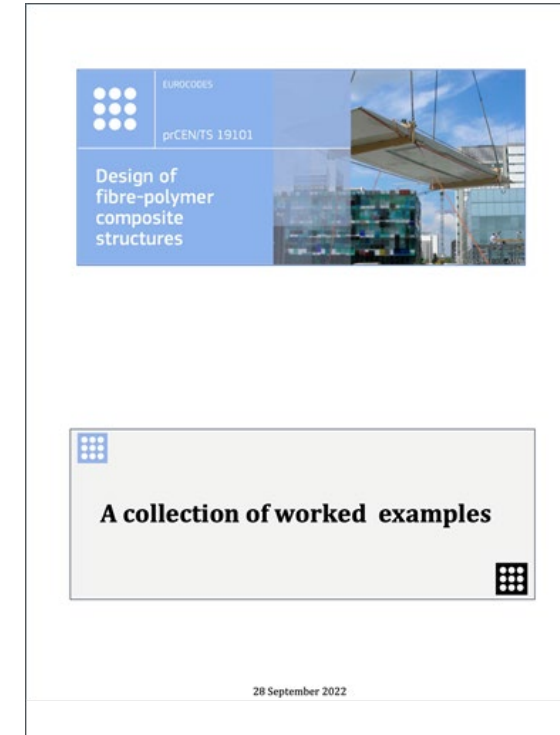
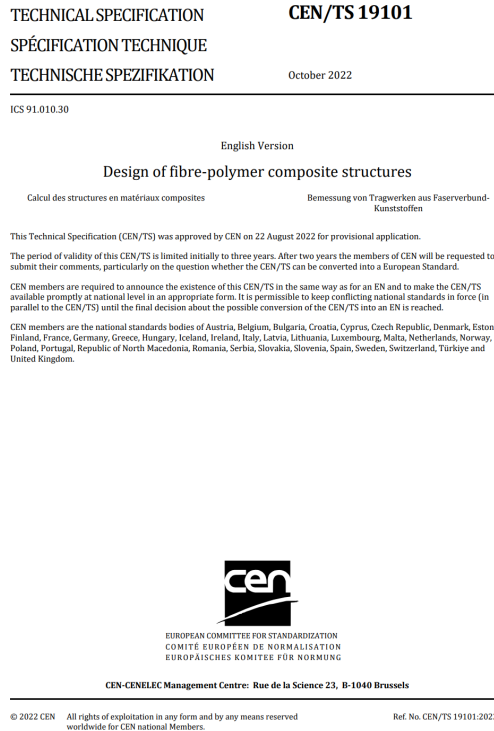
### Execution Standards related to EN Eurocodes

ENV 13670	Execution of concrete structures
EN 1090	Execution of steel structures – Technical requirements
EN 1536	Execution of special geotechnical work – Bored piles
EN 1537	Execution of special geotechnical work – Ground anchors
EN 14199	Execution of special geotechnical work – Micro piles
EN 12063	Execution of special geotechnical work – Sheet-pile walls
EN 12699	Execution of special geotechnical work – Displacement piles
EN 1011	Recommendations for arc welding of steels
EN 12732	Gas supply systems – Welding steel pipe work – functional requirements
EN 25817	Arc-welded joints in steel: Guidance on quality levels for imperfections
EN 30042	Arc-welded joints in aluminium and its weldable alloys – Guidance on quality levels for imperfections

# Recent developments and next steps towards our Eurocode for composites

- ...
- CEN TC 250 approved FprCEN/TS 19101 on July 21st 2022 → now CEN/TS 19101
  - 23 countries (National Standard Bodies) voted positively, 0 countries voted negatively, 9 countries abstained
- CEN TS 19101 Design of Fibre-Polymer Composites structures was published in October 2022
  - CEN/TS 19101 is now for sale in several countries like all other EN standards
  - Several countries are upgrading the CEN TS to a National Standard
- The trial phase of the CEN/TS 19101 takes two to three years
  - the TS is utilized in the field for design by anyone in Europe who wants to try it
- Final approval : After the period for trial use and commenting, CEN/TC250 will decide to convert the CEN Technical Specifications into Eurocode Parts.
- A communication plan has been made by EuCIA
  - Press release, new EuCIA paper ([www.eucia.eu](http://www.eucia.eu))
  - WG4 members will present at conferences, professors are encouraged to add the TS parts to their courses.
- On March 27th 2023, after a unanimously positive vote, CEN TC 250 gave the green light to develop the 'Execution code for composite structures'

# Conclusion : our Eurocode has great value for the whole composites industry



- It provides clear and reliable design methods for the engineer to safely design a composites structure, be it a pultruded beam and column, a large infused 3D or another sandwich structure
- Above all, it solidly confirms fibre-polymer composites as a credible structural material.



THANK YOU

