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European foreword

This document (EN 15643-5:2017) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 350 "Sustainability of construction works", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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- EN 15643-3, *Sustainability of construction works - Assessment of buildings - Part 3: Framework for the assessment of social performance*
- EN 15643-4, *Sustainability of construction works - Assessment of buildings - Part 4: Framework for the assessment of economic performance*
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Introduction

This European Standard forms part of a series of European Standards, written by CEN/TC 350, that provide a system for the sustainability assessment of civil engineering works using a life cycle approach. The sustainability assessment quantifies aspects and impacts to assess the environmental, social and economic performance of civil engineering works using quantifiable indicators measured without value judgements. The purpose of this series of standards is to enable comparability of the results of assessments. This series of European Standards does not set benchmarks or levels of performance.

This series of standards will allow the sustainability assessment, i.e. the assessment of environmental, social and economic performance of a civil engineering works, to be made concurrently and on an equal footing, on the basis of the technical characteristics and functionality of the object of assessment.

The sustainability assessment of civil engineering works uses different types of information. The results of a sustainability assessment of a civil engineering works provide information on the different types of indicators, the related civil engineering works scenarios, and the life cycle stages included in the assessment.

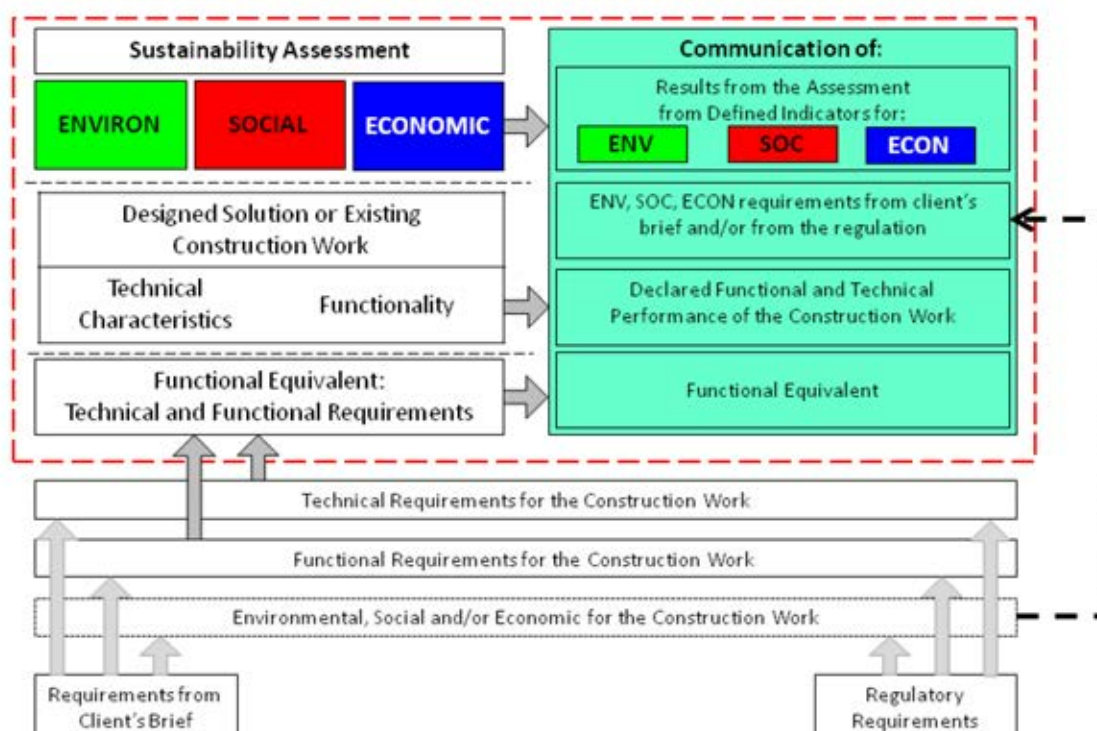
In carrying out assessments, scenarios and a functional equivalence are determined at the civil engineering works level. Assessment at the civil engineering works level means that the descriptive model of the works with the major technical and functional requirements has been defined in the client's brief or in the regulations, as illustrated in Figure 1.

Assessments can be undertaken either for the whole civil engineering works, for a part of the civil engineering works or for a combination of several civil engineering works.

Although the evaluation of technical and functional performance is beyond the scope of this series of standards, the technical and functional characteristics are considered within this framework by reference to the functional equivalence. The functional equivalence takes into account the technical and functional requirements and forms the basis for comparisons of the results of the assessment.

Any particular demands for, or related to, the environmental, social and economic performance defined in the client's brief, or in regulations, may be declared and communicated. Figure 1 shows how the functional equivalence, and the technical and functional characteristics that differ from those required, either by the client's brief or through regulations, are to be declared and communicated with the results of the assessment.

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NOTE The outer box with the dotted line represents the area standardized by CEN/TC 350.

Figure 1 — Concept of sustainability assessment of Civil engineering works

In concept, the integrated civil engineering works performance incorporates environmental, social and economic performance as well as the technical and functional performance, and these are intrinsically related to each other, as illustrated in Figure 2. Although the assessment of technical and functional performance does not form part of this series of standards, their interrelationship with environmental, social and economic performance is a prerequisite for an assessment of sustainability performance of civil engineering works and, therefore, is taken into account.

The users utilization impacts and aspect are part of the assessment, including those related to the possible ways of use of the infrastructure, the users utilization, and the way of capitalizing from the investment (e.g. the fuel consumed by the cars users of a road).

It is advisable to carry out an assessment at the earliest opportunity during the conceptual stages of a construction or refurbishment project such as in the initial planning stage in order to provide a broad estimate of the environmental performance, social performance and economic performance. As the project evolves, the assessment may be periodically reviewed and updated to support decision-making. A final assessment (as-built) should be carried out. The results of this final assessment can be used to inform all parties concerned, and also serve as the database for future new similar projects.

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Framework level	EN 15643-1 Sustainability of buildings – Part 1: general framework (TG)			Technical Characteristics	Functionality
	EN 15643-2 Assessment of buildings – Part 2: framework for the assessment of environmental performance (WG1)	EN 15643-3 Assessment of buildings – Part 3: framework for the assessment of social performance (WG5)	EN 15643-4 Assessment of buildings – Part 4: framework for the assessment of economic performance (WG4)		
Works level	PrEN 15643-5 Assessment of building and Civil Engineering Works – Part 5: Framework on specific principles and requirement for civil engineering works (WG6)				
	EN 15978 Assessment of environmental performance of buildings – Calculation method (WG1)	EN 18309 Assessment of social performance of buildings – Calculation methodology (WG5)	EN 16627 Assessment of economic performance of buildings – Calculation Method (WG4)		
Product level	WI00350028 ASustainability of construction works – Sustainability assessment civil engineering works – Calculation methods (WG6)				
	EN 15804 Environmental Product Declarations – Core rules for product category of construction products (WG3)	(See Note Below)	(See Note Below)		
	EN 15942 Environmental Product Declarations – Communication format – Business (WG3)	Note At present, technical information related to some aspects of social and economic performance are included under the provision of EN 15804 to form part of the EPD.			
	CEN/TR 15941 Environmental Product Declarations – Methodology for selection and use of generic data (WG3)				

NOTE The coloured boxes represent the current work programme of CEN/TC 350.

Figure 2 — Work program of CEN/TC 350

This framework is a part of the framework standards for sustainability assessment of civil engineering works. The purpose of this EN 15643-5 is to provide a framework with principles, requirements and guidelines for the assessment of the environmental, social and economic performance of a civil engineering works at the “framework level”. In the drafting of this European Standard, ISO 21930 and ISO/TS 21929-2 have been taken into consideration.

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1 Scope

This European Standard provides specific principles and requirements for the assessment of environmental, social and economic performance of civil engineering works taking into account its technical characteristics and functionality. Assessments of environmental, social and economic performance are the three aspects of sustainability assessment of civil engineering works.

The framework applies to all types of civil engineering works, both new and existing, and it is relevant for the assessment of the environmental, social and economic performance of new civil engineering works over their entire life cycle, and of existing civil engineering works over their remaining service life and end of life stage.

The sustainability performance assessment of civil engineering works concentrates on the assessment of aspects and impacts of civil engineering works expressed with quantifiable indicators. It includes the assessment of a civil engineering works' influence on the environmental, social and economic impacts and aspects of the local infrastructure beyond the area of the civil engineering works, and environmental impacts and aspects resulting from transportation of the users of the civil engineering works and the use and exploitation of the infrastructure itself. It excludes environmental, social and economic risk assessment, but the results of the risk assessment should be taken into consideration.

The European Standards developed under this framework do not set the rules for how the different assessment methodologies may provide valuation methods; nor do they prescribe levels, classes or benchmarks for measuring performance.

NOTE Valuation methods, levels, classes or benchmarks can be prescribed in the requirements for environmental, social and economic performance in the client's brief, construction regulations, national standards, national codes of practice, civil engineering works assessment and certification schemes, etc.

The rules for assessment of environmental, social and economic aspects of organizations, such as management systems, are not included within this framework. However, the consequences of decisions or actions that influence the environmental, social and economic performance of the object of assessment are taken into account.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 15804, *Sustainability of construction works - Environmental product declarations - Core rules for the product category of construction products*

EN 15978, *Sustainability of construction works - Assessment of environmental performance of buildings - Calculation method*

EN 16309, *Sustainability of construction works - Assessment of social performance of buildings - Calculation methodology*

EN 16627, *Sustainability of construction works - Assessment of economic performance of buildings - Calculation methods*

EN ISO 14044, *Environmental management - Life cycle assessment - Requirements and guidelines (ISO 14044)*

ISO 15392:2008, *Sustainability in building construction — General principles*