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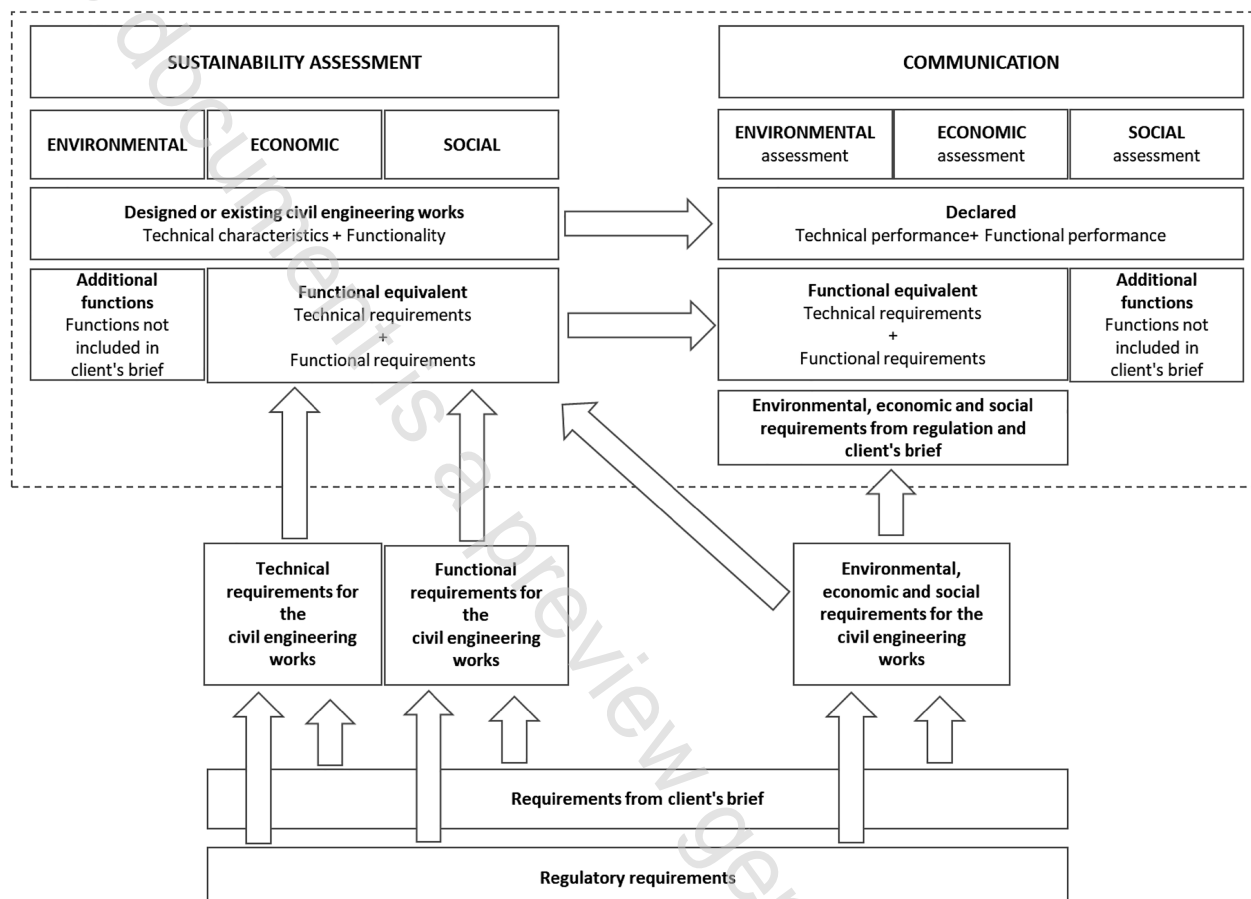
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## Introduction

This document provides rules for the assessment of the sustainability of civil engineering works including environmental, economic and social aspects.

Figure 1 illustrates how the assessment of the environmental, economic and social performances fits within the concept of the sustainability assessment of a civil engineering works.



NOTE The outer box with the dashed line represents the area standardized by CEN/TC 350 – Sustainability of construction works.

**Figure 1 — Concept of sustainability assessment of civil engineering works**

Those economic, social or environmental requirements not expressed in the sustainability assessment are communicated, too.

This document supports quantification of the contribution of the assessed civil engineering works to sustainable construction and sustainable development.

The evaluation of technical and functional performance is beyond the scope of this document. Technical and functional characteristics are taken into account here by reference to the functional equivalent, which also forms a basis for comparison of the results of assessments.

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 of construction works and, therefore, is taken into account, as illustrated in Figure 1.

The method of assessment of sustainability described in this document is based on a life cycle approach and provides a consistent model for describing and recording the civil engineering works and its life cycle for assessing the environmental, economic and social performance. For the assessment of the three aspects, the same reference study period is used.

The assessment of social performance differs from the assessment of economic and environmental aspects because it requires both quantitative and descriptive approaches.

The document sets requirements for:

- the description of the object of assessment;
- the system boundary that applies at the civil engineering works level;
- the procedure to be used for the analysis;
- definition of the indicators to be declared, information to be provided and the way in which they are collated and reported;
- presentation of the results in reporting and communication; and
- the data necessary for the application of the standard and calculation.

The economic assessment is undertaken at the civil engineering works level. However, it requires technical and cost information about individual products and components within the civil engineering works and its services and systems, including service life data, type and frequency of maintenance, replacement and repair, and deconstruction and disposal. This information is used as input quantities for the calculation of cost in the life cycle of the civil engineering works.

The framework and the general requirements for sustainability assessments of civil engineering works are specified in EN 15643. Further documents on sustainability assessment have already been developed by CEN/TC 350 or are currently under development. Table 1 gives an overview on relevant standards related to sustainability of construction works. Each standard has been assigned to either the framework level, the works level, or the product level according to the specifications it contains.



**Table 1 — Overview on relevant sustainability of construction works standards**

	Sustainability assessment			Technical characteristics	Functionality
	environmental	social	economic		
Framework level	EN 15643 Framework for assessment of buildings and civil engineering works			ISO 15686-1 <sup>c</sup> Service life planning	a
Works level	prEN 15978-1 Environmental performance of buildings	EN 16309 <sup>b</sup> Social performance of buildings	EN 16627 <sup>b</sup> Economic performance of buildings	EN ISO 52000-1 Energy performance of buildings	
	prEN 17680 Evaluation of potential for sustainable building refurbishment				
	EN 17472 Sustainability assessment of civil engineering works				
Product level	EN 15804 EPD core rules			ISO 15686-2 <sup>c</sup> Service life prediction procedures  ISO 15686-7 <sup>c</sup> Performance evaluation for feedback of service life data from practice  ISO 15686-8 <sup>c</sup> Reference service life and service-life estimation	
	CEN/TR 16970 Guidance for EN 15804				
	prEN 15941 data quality				
	EN 15942 Communication format B-to-B				
	prEN 17672 Horizontal rules for B-to-C communication				
	prEN ISO 22057 Data templates for the use of EPDs in BIM				
	CEN/TR 17005 Additional impact categories and indicators				
NOTE 1 The complete titles of the documents shown above can be found in Clause 3 or in the Bibliography.					
NOTE 2 The documents in the grey fields are part of the current CEN/TC 350 work programme.					
a Functional requirements are part of the client’s brief and building regulations.					
b The revision of EN 16309 and EN 16627 as parts 2 and 3 of EN 15978 is under preparation in CEN/TC 350.					
c The document has been developed by ISO/TC 59/SC 14 “Design life”.					

## 1 Scope

This document establishes the requirements and specific methods for the assessment of environmental, economic and social performances of a civil engineering works while taking into account the civil engineering works' functionality and technical characteristics. By the means of this document the decision making for a project is supported by providing a standardized method for enabling comparability of scheme options.

The assessment of environmental and economic performances of a civil engineering works is based on Life Cycle Assessment (LCA), Life Cycle Cost (LCC), Whole-Life Cost (WLC) and other quantified environmental and economic information. The approach to the assessment covers all stages of the civil engineering works life cycle and includes all civil engineering works related construction products, processes and services, used over its life cycle.

This document is applicable to new and existing civil engineering works and refurbishment projects. The environmental performance is based on data obtained from Environmental Product Declarations (EPD) and additional indicators.

This document is not applicable for the assessment of the environmental, social and economic performance of building(s) as part of the civil engineering works; instead, EN 15978, EN 16309 and EN 16627 apply.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. 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 16309, *Sustainability of construction works — Assessment of social performance of buildings — Calculation methodology*

EN ISO 52000-1, *Energy performance of buildings — Overarching EPB assessment — Part 1: General framework and procedures (ISO 52000-1)*

ISO 15686-1, *Buildings and constructed assets — Service life planning — Part 1: General principles and framework*

ISO 15686-2, *Buildings and constructed assets — Service life planning — Part 2: Service life prediction procedures*

ISO 15686-5, *Buildings and constructed assets — Service life planning — Part 5: Life-cycle costing*

ISO 15686-7, *Buildings and constructed assets — Service life planning — Part 7: Performance evaluation for feedback of service life data from practice*

ISO 15686-8, *Buildings and constructed assets — Service-life planning — Part 8: Reference service life and service-life estimation*

ISO 1996-2, *Acoustics — Description, measurement and assessment of environmental noise — Part 2: Determination of sound pressure levels*