The Federation of the European Precast Concrete Industry

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New European product standard for precast concrete products approved

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Following the formal vote concluded on **1 October 2026**, EN 18190 '*Precast concrete products – Performance assessment and declaration*' has been officially approved.

The road to this milestone has not been without challenges. Earlier versions of EN 18190 and its companion standard, EN 18262 'With additional provisions', had failed to secure approval. Furthermore, the standardisation request underpinning EN 18190 still contained a number of gaps and omissions that needed to be addressed. Following revisions to the standardisation request and the incorporation of comments received on EN 18190, these obstacles have now been overcome.

Thanks to the commitment and contributions of all parties involved – particularly CERIB, BIBM and CEN – **CEN/TC 229 has achieved a major milestone: consolidating 27 harmonised product standards and their associated common rules into a single European product standard**.

What happens next?

EN 18190 will shortly be submitted to the European Commission for citation in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU). Once its reference has been published in the OJEU, it will provide the legal basis for CE marking and the Declaration of Performance (DoP) for the precast concrete products covered by its scope. An **18-month coexistence period** is planned, with the official dates to be confirmed through the OJEU citation.

Does this mean the work is complete? Not quite.

The companion non-harmonised standard EN 18262, which contains additional provisions, still needs to be finalised. Moreover, several implementation issues remain to be addressed at national level, including the designation and notification of bodies responsible for assessing sustainability-related characteristics.

Looking ahead

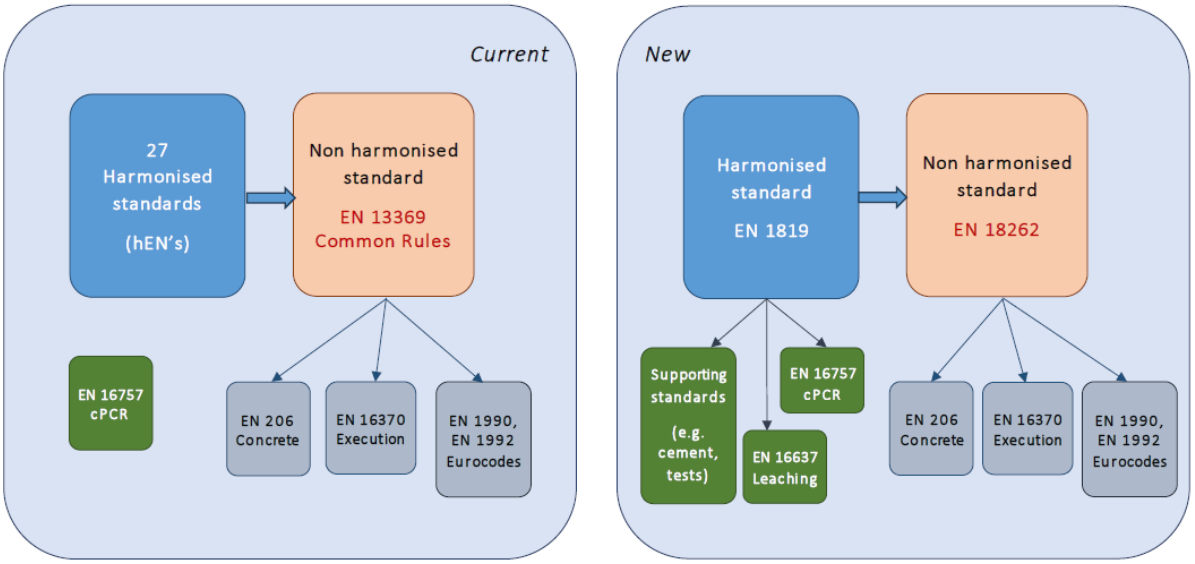
The approval of EN 18190 represents a significant achievement for European standardisation and a major step forward for the precast concrete industry. Nevertheless, important work remains to ensure its smooth and consistent implementation across Europe.

One final point deserves particular attention: **although EN 18190 has been developed under the framework of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 (CPR 2011), it has already been largely aligned with the requirements of the new Regulation (EU) 2024/3110 (CPR 2024)**.

Of particular significance are the provisions concerning environmental sustainability, leaching and emissions of dangerous substances. These characteristics are now addressed within the harmonised framework and, where required, their performance will need to be assessed and declared in the Declaration of Performance (DoP).

In short, a major achievement for CEN/TC 229 and the European precast concrete industry – and an important step towards a simpler, more consistent and future-proof system of European product standards.

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