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# Social responsibility: Croatia's experience in drafting new building regulations

Regulator's view

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# New building regulations

- Situation in period 1992 – 2002: ex-Yu heritage – “recognized technical rules”
- 2002 – start of drafting of the first technical regulations
- 2005 – first three technical regulations published

# TR on concrete structures

- In 2002 MEPPPC set up a committee for drafting the new TR on concrete structures
- Committee included representatives of:
  - public sector (ministries, standardisation office)
  - private sector (professional groups and economic operators)
  - others (RD, independent experts)

# TR on concrete structures

- Concrete structures are one of the most common structures used in Croatia
  - response of private professionals and economic operators on the call for public inquiry on ENV-s = 0
  - response of private professionals and economic operators on the call for public inquiry on TR = 5/15

# TR on concrete structures

- Short (by telephone) inquiry among contractors few days prior to publishing shows total lack of understanding of the changes in future

# TR on concrete structures

- Post publishing reactions:
  - discussions in professional periodicals: lack of understanding of the processes, responsibilities, duties (both in standardisation and in regulatory domain)
  - close to the end of transitional period: shows dangerous lack of interest of professional associations

# TR on concrete structures

- During the time
  - strong discussion between professionals on actions on structures (standardisation)
  - suggestions to change regulations (in direction to make structures less safe) was (luckily) contra-argued by other respected professionals

# Other TR

- 14+ technical regulations during the time
- Responses (only for TR on structures):

TR/year	called by letter	called via web	total
Concrete/2005	5/15	0	5
Masonry/2007	4/13	2	6
Timber/2007	1/17	0	1
Steel/2008	2/12	5	7
Composite/2009	1/14	0	1
Concrete/2009	4/15	2	6
	6/12	16	22



# Other TR

- We can not say that stakeholders are getting more involved and interested in the process
- It is hard to say if “no response” means approval of the TR or just negligence, but we can say that lack of response shows very low level of social responsibility

# Future

Problem: attitude (among some professionals in private sector)

that administrative staff has no technical competence,

and

EN's are solution for all technical issues

therefore,

drafting of the TR's is a waste of time

# Sources

A photograph of a traditional stone structure, likely a kiln or oven, with a conical roof made of stacked stones. The structure is built from rough-hewn stones and has a small, rectangular opening on its side. It is situated in a natural setting with green trees and a clear blue sky in the background.

**MEPPPC documentation**

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