



Technical Working Group

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TWG Activity

- The TWG held its annual meeting via a virtual meeting on 26th October 2021. This was well supported with 15 members taking part
- There was also a short virtual meeting in the summer in advance of the TC288 (Executions Standards) meeting
- Progress on background topics has been slow due to Covid, and pressures of the last year
- Progress has been made in significant areas though

Eurocode/Execution standards

- The Ground Freezing execution standard has had problems and the process is about to be restarted. There are still members of the TWG involved with this but less than before
- Execution standards for “Diaphragm walls” and “Bored Piles” are now going to be revised following the decision taken at the CEN/CT288 meeting in July
- This is to align them with the next generation design codes. It was also agreed to revise another 3 execution standards but at the moment those have not yet started

EN206 Appendix D

- Work continues (by TC288) on updating the concrete code appendix relating to geotechnical works.
- A draft was issued and approx. 17 pages of comments received and these are now being worked through
- The EFFC has a significant number of individuals within the group carrying out this task so is well placed to influence the final document

Current activities

- Watertightness of Retaining Walls. After a long delay work has restarted and the editorial group has met to review comments and how to progress with a revised document.
- A meeting is planned for Jan 2022 to finalise this work, after which the guide will be circulated for approval
- Subsequent similar documents for secant walls and sheetpile walls are on hold pending the approval of the diaphragm wall document.

Other topics

- TWG members are involved with the joint DFI/EFfC Working Platform Guide
- Feedback is that to date the focus of the group is more on testing than design methods. Is this what the EFfC wants? Certainly within the TWG the desire is for more information on how to design the platforms.
- Next meeting is hoped to be in person in Autumn 2022