



# *Bridge Life Cycle Optimisation*

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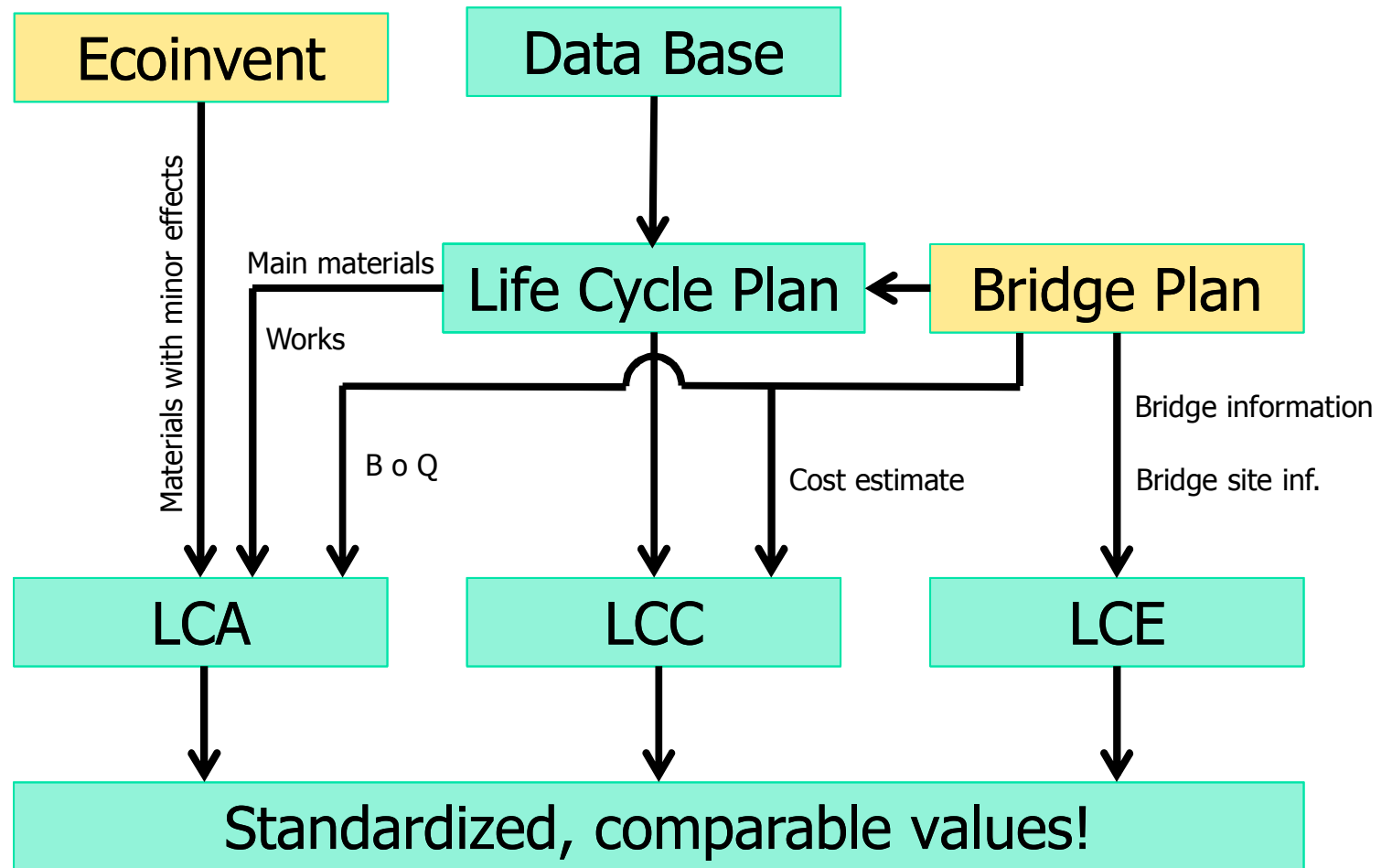
**New ways to include life cycle issues into design, decision making and procurement**

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# New Design Culture

Bridge designer makes a life cycle plan and calculates the life cycle effects

## Bridge Life Cycle Optimisation



## Bridge Life Cycle Optimisation

From the data base designer gets life cycle information of bridge parts. Cost and duration times of actions are also given.

Nomenclature		Title	Unit	Year of Action	Maximum delay	Unit cost of repair		Unit duration	Duration	Traffic disturbance (of the repair duration)
ETSI	FIN					€/unit	% of construction cost			
<b>1</b>		<b>FOUNDATION</b>								
1.1	4207	Foundation slab <i>1 Patching the surface</i> * underwater, sea * underwater, fresh water	m2	100 -50 -25	+25		50%	0,1 +0,1 +0,1		
1.2	4201.2.1	Excavation, soil								
1.3	4201.2.2	Excavation, rock								
1.4	1320	Pile	m							
1.4.1	1321	Driven piles								
1.4.1.1	1321.1	Concrete piles <i>1 Repair</i> * design service life 100 years		70 +50	+30		200%	0,05		25%
1.4.1.2	1321.2	Steel piles <i>1 Repair</i> * design service life 100 years		70 +50	+30		200%	0,05		25%
1.4.1.3	1321.3	Wooden piles <i>1 Repair</i>		50	+20		100%	0,05		25%
1.4.2	1324	Excavated piles								
1.4.3	1325	Bored piles								

Data base is maintained nationally by the whole branch and in co-operation with other ETSI countries. It is distributed by road authorities.

## Bridge Life Cycle Optimisation

Bridge designer chooses bridge parts and plans the maintenance actions according to Data Base aiming for the most sensible service life

- When to go to the bridge and what actions to take
- What is the cost and duration of the visit
- How long the traffic is disturbed

Life cycle plan										
General information					Common costs					21 %
Project / name										
Design service life										
Bridge type										
Span length										
Repair action	Unit	Quantity	Unit price	Unit duration		1st Repair		2nd Repair		3rd Repair
						year=	price	year=	price	year=
			[€/unit]	[days/unit]		duration [days]	VAT 0%, discount rate 0%	duration [days]	VAT 0%, discount rate 0%	duration [days]
<b>FOUNDATION</b>										
Foundation slab										
Pile										
Erosion protection										
<b>SLOPE AND EMBANKMENT</b>										
Embankment, embankment end, back fill										
Soil reinforcement and slope protection										

### Bridge Life Cycle Optimisation

- Bridge designer is calculating life cycle costs and environmental effects with the new LCC and LCA tools
- In certain projects aesthetical factor is calculated by bridge designer based preferably on a survey of experts and people affected
- These factors and values are based on **standardized** values, methods and tools and are thus easily **comparable**



# Applications in design and decision making

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## Bridge Life Cycle Optimisation

- Bridge designer can optimize his/hers plans according to life cycle issues and verify the benefits to the client
- Client can utilize life cycle view in decision between proposed alternatives and also in project guidance
- Client can utilize the life cycle plan in maintenance planning



## Applications in procurement using standardized methods and tools

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### Bridge Life Cycle Optimisation

- Instead of comparing investment prices one can compare life cycle costs. This opens truly remarkable possibilities for new innovations!
- Limits for environmental burdens may be set or different bonus systems created based on the values calculated from LCA.
- Aesthetical values may be compared (even in monetary terms) using LCE. This is particularly suitable in bridge design competitions

## Bridge Life Cycle Optimisation

### Life cycle view changes materials and design solutions

- 100 years service life affects material choices and their protection
- Use of LCA friendly wood increases?
- Maintainability and access to the structures gets more attention?
- More surface treatments and protective layers to postpone or avoid reparations?



### Bridge site affects materials and design solutions

- Aesthetical and cultural values of a site affects design solutions
- Transporting costs affects material choices
- Amount of traffic and possibilities of detours affect materials and design solutions



# New ideas on heavily trafficked bridges

## Bridge Life Cycle Optimisation

- Why not sometimes build extra broad bridges to be able to fix the parapets without traffic disturbance?
- Why not make the water isolation of “gold” if it would last 100 years?
- Should we learn from the quick erection and repair methods used in railway bridges?



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### Bridge Life Cycle Optimisation

Road authorities are in key position.



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