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- 40 **Foreword**
- 41 This document (prEN 50600-1:2011) has been prepared by CLC/TC 215 "Electrotechnical aspects of  
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## 46 Introduction

47 The unrestricted access to internet-based information demanded by the information society has led to an  
 48 exponential growth of both internet traffic and the volume of stored/retrieved data. Data centres, are  
 49 housing and supporting the information technology and network telecommunications equipment for data  
 50 processing, data storage and data transport. They are required both by network operators (delivering  
 51 those services to customer premises) and by enterprises within those customer premises.

52 Data centres need to provide modular, scalable and flexible facilities and infrastructures to easily  
 53 accommodate the rapidly changing requirements of the market. In addition, energy consumption of data  
 54 centres has become critical both from an environmental point of view (reduction of carbon footprint) and  
 55 with respect to economical considerations (cost of energy) for the data centre operator.

56 The implementation of data centres varies in terms of

- 57 a) purpose (enterprise, co-location, co-hosting or network operator facilities),
- 58 b) physical size,
- 59 c) accommodation (mobile, temporary and permanent constructions).

60 The needs of data centres also vary in terms of availability of service, the provision of security and the  
 61 objectives for energy efficiency. These needs and objectives influence the design of data centres in terms  
 62 of building construction, power distribution, environmental control and physical security. Effective  
 63 management and operational information is required to monitor achievement of the defined needs and  
 64 objectives.

65 This series of European Standards specifies requirements and recommendations to support the various  
 66 parties involved in the design, planning, procurement, integration, installation, operation and maintenance  
 67 of facilities and infrastructures within data centres. These parties include

- 68 1) owners, facility managers, ICT managers, project managers, main contractors,
- 69 2) consultants, architects, building designers and builders, system and installation designers,
- 70 3) suppliers of equipment,
- 71 4) installers, maintainers.

72 At the time of publication of this European Standard, EN 50600 series will comprise the following  
 73 standards:

- 74 EN 50600-1: Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures - Part 1: General concepts
- 75 EN 50600-2-1: Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures - Part 2-1: Building  
 76 construction
- 77 EN 50600-2-2: Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures - Part 2-2: Power  
 78 distribution
- 79 EN 50600-2-3: Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures - Part 2-3: Environmental  
 80 control
- 81 EN 50600-2-4: Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures - Part 2-4:  
 82 Telecommunications cabling infrastructure
- 83 EN 50600-2-5: Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures - Part 2-5: Security  
 84 systems
- 85 EN 50600-2-6: Information technology - Data centre facilities and infrastructures - Part 2-6: Management  
 86 and operational information

87 The inter-relationship of the standards within the EN 50600 series is shown in Figure 1.

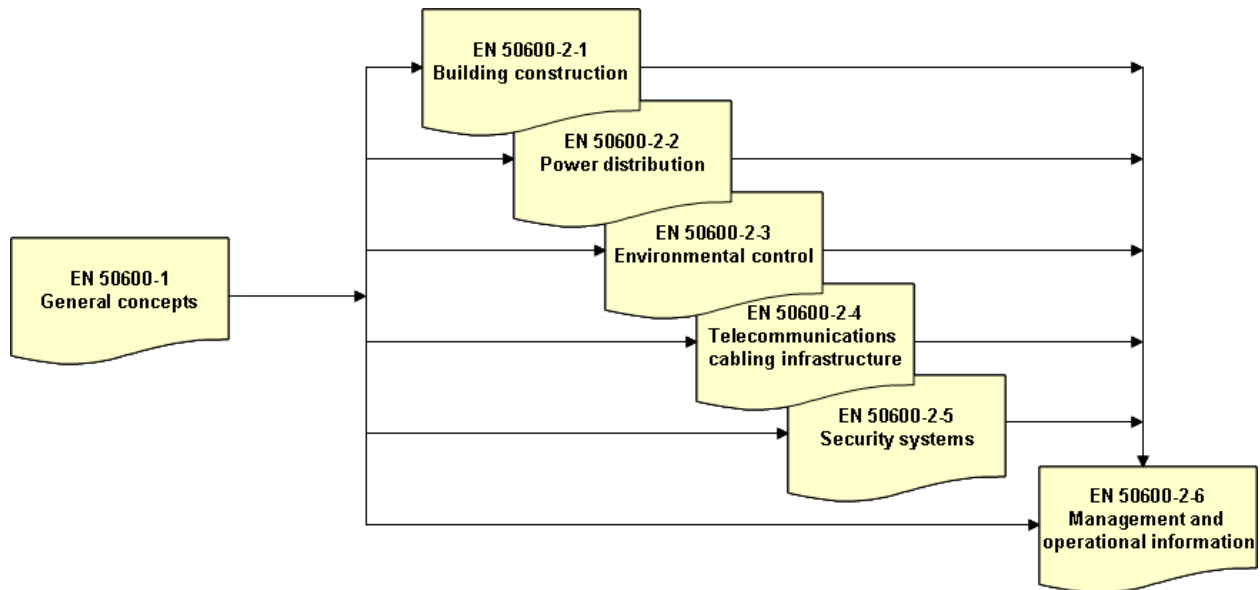


Figure 1 – Schematic relationship between EN 50600 series of standards

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## 1 Scope and conformance

### 1.1 Scope

This European standard

- a) details the issues to be addressed in a business risk and operating cost analysis enabling application of an appropriate classification of the data centre,
- b) defines the common aspects of data centres including terminology, parameters and reference models (functional elements and their accommodation) addressing both the size and complexity of their intended purpose,
- c) describes general aspects of the facilities and infrastructures required to support effective operation of telecommunications within data centres,
- d) specifies a classification system, based upon the key criteria of “availability”, “security” and “energy-efficiency” over the planned lifetime of the data centre, for the provision of effective facilities and infrastructure,
- e) describes the general design principles for data centres upon which the requirements of the EN 50600 series are based including symbols, labels, coding in drawings, quality assurance and education,
- f) specifies the measurement methodologies and report formats to monitor the performance of the data centre facilities and infrastructures and to provide the necessary management and operational information specified in EN 50600-2-X standards.

The following topics are outside of the scope of this series of European standards:

- 1) the selection of information technology and network telecommunications equipment, software and associated configuration issues are outside the scope of this European Standard;
- 2) safety and electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements (covered by other standards and regulations. However, information given in this European Standard may be of assistance in meeting these standards and regulations).

### 1.2 Conformance

For a data centre design to conform to this European Standard

- a) a business risk analysis according to Clause 4 shall be done,
- b) an appropriate availability class in 6.2 shall be selected using a business risk analysis in Clause 4,
- c) an appropriate protection class in 6.3 shall be selected using a business risk analysis in Clause 4,
- d) an appropriate energy efficiency enablement level in 6.4 shall be selected,
- e) the general design principles in Annex A shall be applied.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 50174-2, *Information technology – Cabling installation – Part 2: Installation planning and practices inside buildings*

EN 50310, *Application of equipotential bonding and earthing in buildings with information technology equipment*

EN 50600-2-1 <sup>1)</sup>, *Information technology – Data centre facilities and infrastructures – Part 2-1: Building construction*

EN 50600-2-2 <sup>1)</sup>, *Information technology – Data centre facilities and infrastructures – Part 2-2: Power distribution*

EN 50600-2-3 <sup>1)</sup>, *Information technology – Data centre facilities and infrastructures – Part 2-3: Environmental control*

EN 50600-2-4 <sup>1)</sup>, *Information technology – Data centre facilities and infrastructures – Part 2-4: Telecommunications cabling infrastructure*

EN 50600-2-5 <sup>1)</sup>, *Information technology – Data centre facilities and infrastructures – Part 2-5: Security systems*

EN 62305 (all parts), *Protection against lightning* (IEC 62305 (all parts))

## 3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document the following definitions apply.

#### 3.1.1

##### **availability**

ratio of time (or equivalent measure) during which the facilities and infrastructures of the data centre provide functional capability of the data centre to the total time (functional capability and non-functional capability) expressed as a percentage

#### 3.1.2

##### **building entrance facility**

facility that provides all necessary mechanical and electrical services for the entry of telecommunications cables into a building and which may allow for transition from external to internal cable

[EN 50173-1:2011, 3.1.17]

#### 3.1.3

##### **building security**

facilities and systems necessary to provide the required levels of security at the entrance to and within the building containing the data centre

#### 3.1.4

##### **cabinet**

enclosed construction for housing closures and other information technology equipment

[EN 50174-1:2009, 3.1.4]

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<sup>1)</sup> Under consideration.

163 **3.1.5**164 **co-hosting data centre**

165 data centre in which multiple customers are provided with access to network(s), servers and storage  
 166 equipment on which they operate their own services/applications

167 NOTE Both the information technology equipment and the support infrastructure of the building are provided as a service by the  
 168 data centre operator.

169 [EN 50174-2:2009/A1:2011, 3.1.2]

170 **3.1.6**171 **co-location data centre**

172 data centre in which multiple customers locate their own network(s), servers and storage equipment

173 NOTE The support infrastructure of the building (such as power distribution and environmental control) is provided as a service by  
 174 the data centre operator.

175 [EN 50174-2:2009/A1:2011, 3.1.3]

176 **3.1.7**177 **computer room space**

178 area within the data centre that accommodates the data processing, data storage and telecommunication  
 179 equipment that provides the primary function of the data centre

180 **3.1.8**181 **control room space**

182 area within the data centre used to control the operation of the data centre and to act as a central point  
 183 for all control and monitoring functions

184 **3.1.9**185 **data centre**

186 building or space, whose primary function is to accommodate equipment that processes, delivers and/or  
 187 stores information

188 NOTE A data centre can consist of multiple spaces with specific functions to support the primary function.

189 [EN 50174-2:2009/A1:2011, 3.1.5]

190 **3.1.10**191 **data centre security**

192 facilities necessary and systems that provide the required levels of security at the entrance to and within  
 193 the data centre

194 **3.1.11**195 **demarcation point**

196 point where the operational control or ownership changes

197 **3.1.12**198 **downtime planned**

199 period of time during which a system or sub-system does not provide functional capability whilst it  
 200 undergoes maintenance or is switched off to test the response of a related system or sub-system

201 **3.1.13**202 **downtime unplanned**

203 time taken, following a failure of functional capability, to repair the relevant infrastructure together with the  
 204 "re-boot" time necessary to recover functional capability following that repair

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