





# **General Introduction**

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### **Background of the project**



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### New simple design method (1)

- Full scale fire tests have revealed that the fire performance of global composite floor systems could be much higher than that obtained in standard fire tests with isolated structural members
- A new innovative simple design method was developed in UK on the basis of natural fire tests
- More experimental evidences have been obtained about such good behaviour in long duration ISO fire condition
- It provides economic and robust fire resistance solutions for various steel framed buildings



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### Project FRACOF (ArcelorMittal & CTICM )

- Background Technical Report
   To provide in-depth information on the development and verification of the simple design method
- 2. Design Guide
  The design guide provides the fundamental principles of
  the design process using the simple design method as
  well as necessary construction details
- 3. Design Software
  The design software is made available free of charge via
  the website of ArcelorMittal
- 4. Dissemination over French market Introduction of the simple design concept in French fire regulation



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### New simple design method (2)

- However, because of the innovative nature of this new design concept, it remains still very unfamiliar for most of engineers and authorities in Europe
- Clear explanations need to be given for its scientific basis as well as important construction details
- Its application through user-friendly design tool is necessary to be demonstrated
- Set-up of current dissemination project in various European countries
  - It is to allow all engineers in Europe to get plenty of benefit from the application of this design concept



## Partnership of the project



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#### Consortium of the project composed of:

- ArcelorMittal (Luxembourg)
- CTICM (France)
- LABEIN (Spain)
- CTU Ceske vysoke uceni technicke v Praze (Czech Republic)
- ITB (Poland)
- Politehnica University Timisoara (Romania)
- University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)



### Acknowledgment



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- Technical background of simple design method
  - Fire performance of steel and concrete composite floor systems in real fires (full scale fire tests and accidental fires)
  - Technical fundamentals of simple design method
  - New experimental evidences derived from long duration standard fire furnace tests
  - Numerical investigation of simple design method
- Application recommendations of the simple design method (Design Guide)
- User-friendly software and working examples