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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION TO RCsolver

1.1 About RCsolver(Software for the design and assessment of reinforced concrete members according to Eurocode specifications)

RCsolver (Reinforced Concrete Solver) is a user friendly robust software program that permits the design and assessment of reinforced concrete structural members according to the general Eurocode specifications and the corresponding National Annexes, a fact that can be valuable for engineering projects in countries that have adopted the Eurocodes. One of the distinct features of RCsolver is its 3-Dimensional overview of the concrete members and the tensile and shear reinforcement, as well as a detailed flow of the entire calculation procedure inclusive of references to the relevant Eurocode clauses and the literature.

1.2 Software Compatibility & Installation

RCsolver is compatible with Windows (OS) XP, Vista and 7. A minimum of 380 Mb must be available on user's hard disk.

1.3 Support & Technical Assistance

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1.5 Activating the software

In order to activate the license, the following steps are required;

1) Download and install the software.

2) Keep the SHIFT key pressed (or CAPS locked) and start RCsolver 2012

3) The activation window should appear (Figure 1.5.1).

4) E-mail us the SITE and MID codes that appear in this window (see Figure 1.5.1).

5) We will then e-mail back the user's activation code

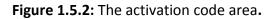
6) Restart the program (with CAPS locked) and enter the activation code in the activation window (select the option Unlock application) (Figure 1.5.2).

(please pay attention not to paste the activation code with any additional space characters)7) Press Continue.

Site code B07AA6DC	MID	2949-F638-FC8F-8153
	Days left: 23	Uses left: N/A
Activation code		
C Unlock application		
Send codes		
		EVALUATION

Figure 1.5.1: The RCsolver activation window – SITE and MID codes.

Site code B07AA6DC	MID	2949-F63B-FC8F-8153
BUTAAODC		29494 0304 001-0155
	Days left: 23	Uses left: N/A
Activation code		
C Unlock application		
		EVALUATION



CHAPTER 2: USING RCsolver

2.1 RCsolver interface

RCsolver interface is modern and unique. RCsolver offers the possibility of a 3D representation of the concrete member designed or assessed as well as the corresponding tensile and shear reinforcement. All calculations performed are described by the program in maximum possible detail thus being a valuable tool not only for the experienced designer but also for the young engineers or engineers that are not yet familiar with the Eurocodes framework. Figure 2.1.1 presents the general interface of RCsolver.

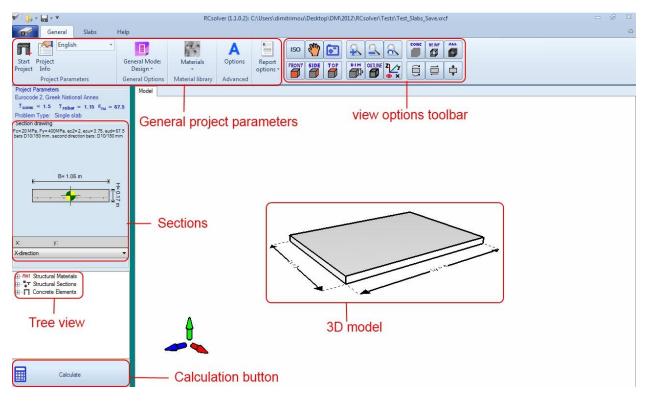
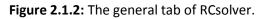


Figure 2.1.1: General interface.

2.1.1. General options

Figure 2.1.2 presents the general options of RCsolver on the main ribbon bar.

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General	Beams	Help				
A	English	•		Α	R	
Start Project Project Info		General Mode: Design *	Materials	Options	Report options *	
Project Parameters	Gene	eral Options	Material library	Advanced		



Project parameters:



By pressing the button Project, the Project options dialog appears (Figure 2.1.3). Here we can define several general parameters of the project, as well as choose the structural member to be designed or assessed.

roject Options			
A. General	a		
1. Calculation mode	e neral Mode: De	sign •	Start here, select the calculation mode. In design mode, the program will determine automatically the required reinforcement based on the design loads.
2. Code Options	_		
Code:	Eurocode 2		Select the design code (Eurocode) and national annex to apply.
National Annex:	Greek Annex	•]
 Single 4. Ductility class 	column		
Output in the second	(DCL)		Describes ductility conditions.
5. Structural Materi	als		
	Concrete	C25/30 -	Select the structural materials to start with. You can always change
Reinfo	orcement steel	B500C -	and add new materials.
			ок

Figure 2.1.3: The Project Options dialog.

All options included in this dialog are described in paragraph 3.2.



By pressing the button info, the project information dialog appears (Figure 2.1.4). Here we can define the project name, the file number of the project, the engineer responsible for the design and a short description of the project.

Project Name	My Project	
File Number	10000	
Prepared By	Engineer	
Additional Descr	iption	

Figure 2.1.4: The Project Information dialog.

General project parameters:

Here we can define the user interface language and the general mode of the program (same as described in the Project Options dialog above).

Material library:

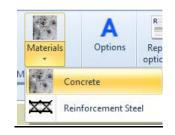


Figure 2.1.5: Material options.

By pressing the buttons appeared in Figure 2.1.5, the Edit Structural Materials dialog appears. We can modify the properties for concrete materials and reinforcement steel materials (Figures 2.1.6 and 2.1.7 respectively).

C20/25 C25/30	Name	C20/25			Import Standard Concrete Materials Reference Standard
C30/37 C35/45	Strength Fc'	20	MPa		None
C40/50 C45/55	Elastic E	30000	MPa		Material
C50/60	Density g	25	kN/m3		
	Tension Strength Ft	10	(% Fc')		
	eC2	2	0/00	The	Import and Replace Selected Material
	eC3	1.75	0/00		Import and Add as new
	eRu	3.75	0/00		material

Figure 2.1.6: Edit concrete materials.

In this form we can define the following properties:

The material name
The concrete strength f _c
The tension strength ft (% of compressive strength)
The modulus of elasticity E
The density g
The rapture strain of steel e _{Ru}
The concrete strains ϵ_{c2} and ϵ_{c3}

We can add new materials from the program's general material database to the partial database of the specific project. To do so, we can choose the Reference Standard for the materials and choose the materials from the list provided. We can choose to import the new material replacing the selected one, or add it as a new material in the available materials list for the specific project. We can always add a new material manually or delete materials from the list.

oncrete S	teel Rebar			
220 400	Na	me \$220		Import Standard Rebar Materials Reference Standard
500C	Strength	Fy 220	MPa	None
	Elasti	c E 200100	MPa	Material
	e	Ru 67.5	0/00	
			Jsed for tiebacks	Import and Replace Selected Material

Figure 2.1.7: Edit rebar steel materials.

In this form we can define the following properties:

The steel grade name
The yield strength f _y
The modulus of elasticity E
The standard rebar material reference standard
The steel material used
Import and replace selected material
Import and add as a new material

As previously, we can add new materials from the programs general material database to the database of the specific project. To do so, we can choose the Reference Standard for the materials and choose the materials from the list provided. We can choose to import the new material replacing the selected, or add it as a new material in the available materials list for the specific project. We can always add a new material manually or delete materials from the list.

Advanced:

By pressing the button options dialog appears (Figure 2.1.8).

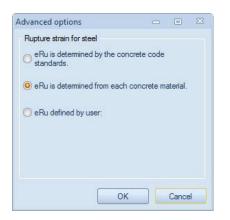


Figure 2.1.8: The advanced options dialog.

Here we can define the rapture strain of steel eRu. The program provides the following options:

- The e_{Ru} is determined directly according to the code standards (i.e., the corresponding National Annexes of the Eurocodes)
- > The e_{Ru} is determined for each concrete material
- ➢ User defined e_{Ru}

Reports:

By pressing the button, the report options dialog appears (Figure 2.1.9). Here we can choose which sections should be included in the report, we can preview the report and we can choose to export it in MSWord or pdf format.

The options included in this dialog are presented in paragraph 3.5.

Report options	Available Report Sections	Report Format	
Advanced Settings - Project Information Select report logo [gooDefault_go] Preview DEEPEXCAVATION	Cover page Summary General properties - Code options Material properties Problem type Side view Loading diagrams Calculations Results Interaction diagrams Interaction tables	Cover page Summary General propeties - Code Problem type Loading diagrams Calculations Results Interaction diagrams and drop	options
Template file name		Select All Unse Generate report options	ect All Erase
Load Save Save As			report to Export report to DF Word

Figure 2.1.9: The report options dialog.

2.1.2 General project parameters

Here we can see the applicable Eurocode part and the National Annex selected, the problem type and the partial loading factors γ_{conc} and γ_{steel} as well as the rapture strain of steel e_{Ru} .

2.1.3 Sections

Here we can see the sections of the structural members that are designed or assessed, and change its properties by double clicking.

2.1.4 Tree view

RCsolver offers features that include a tree-style project view. The tree view enables the user to quickly access vital project data, as well as visualize crucial project settings. The next table briefly describes the functionality of the Tree View items.

MAT Structural Materials	Shows available structural materials
Concrete Concre	Shows all concrete and reinforcement steel materials included in the programs database. It is recalled that we can always create or add new materials. Shows the available structural sections for the selected project
0: Beam 0	Shows the available Structural members for the selected project

2.1.5 Calculation button

By pressing the button calculations, the program performs all the necessary calculations according to the selected codes and the defined loading.

2.1.6 3D Model

In this area, the model is generated in 3D, after the project type, section properties and structural member loading pattern is defined. We can rotate the model, zoom in and out and view model dimensions and loading diagrams. After the calculation is completed we can view the member reinforcement in 3D on the model.

2.1.7 View options toolbar

A vertical toolbox is available on the right screen side. The available tools are described in the table below:

Tool	Description
ISO	Changes between isometric and realistic modes of RCsolver 3D visualization
()	Pan – click to move 3D model into the area without rotation
•	Snapshot – click to take a quick snapshot of the screen
	Top view of the 3D model
SIDE	Side view of the 3D model
FRONT	Front view of the 3D model
	Show concrete and reinforcement in the 3D model (after the calculation is completed)
CONC	Show only concrete in the 3D member
	Show only reinforcement in the 3D member
<u> </u>	Zoom in
<u>_</u>	Zoom out
	Restore model to the center of the screen
	Show/hide outlines of model in the 3D model
₽ ₩ ₽	Show/hide dimensions in the 3D model
Z Y ×	Show/hide global axis in the 3D model
	Show/hide moment diagram in the 3D model
	Show/hide shear diagram in the 3D model
‡	Show/hide axial force diagram in the 3D model

2.2. Project type – Element types analyzed with RCsolver

2.2.1 Concrete slabs

With RCsolver we can easily calculate the tensile reinforcement of slabs on both directions. We have to insert the slab dimensions and slab loading (in terms of bending moment and shear force) at all edges and at the slab middle span in both directions, as well as the slab section (thickness and clearance). Once these parameters are defined, the program performs all calculations for the tensile reinforcement according to Eurocode 2.. Figure s 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 present the slab sections' dialog and the slab properties dialog of RCsolver respectively.

Name Slab section:	n= 15cm
Slab Sections	Concrete slab materials and options.
Slab section: h= 15cm Slab section: h= 17cm Slab section: h= 20cm	Concrete mat. C25/30 ✓ fc' 25 ✓ MPa Rebar steel mat. B500C ✓ fy 500 ✓ MPa
	Section Properties H 0.15 m C 50 mm $d \downarrow$ h_{f}
Add New Slab Section Delete Selected Slab	Reinforcement x-direction: Bars # D10 • y-direction: Bars # D10 •

Figure 2.2.1: The Slab sections dialog.

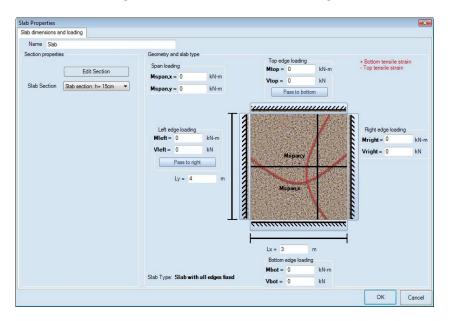


Figure 2.2.2: The Slab properties dialog.

The options included in the dialogs above are presented in paragraph 3.3.1.

2.2.2 Concrete beams

With RCsolver we can easily calculate required the tensile and shear reinforcement of concrete beams according to Eurocode specifications for a given loading pattern. We have to insert the beam dimensions and beam loading (bending moment and shear force) at the edges and span of the beam, as well as the beam section (in terms of the section type, its dimensions, the clearance and preferred longitudinal and shear reinforcement bar diameters). Then, the program performs all necessary calculations prescribed in Eurocode 2. Figure s 2.2.3 and 2.2.4 present the beam sections dialog and the beam properties dialog of RCsolver respectively.

Concrete Sections			23
Concrete Sections Rectangular Section	Section name and type Section name	Concrete Section Drawing	
T-Beam Section Reversed T-Beam Section G-Beam Section	Rectangular Section Rectangular *	B= 0.25 m	
	Concrete wale materials and options. Concrete mat. (<u>C25/30</u> v) fc ² (<u>25</u> v) MPa Rebar steel mat. (<u>B500C</u> v) fy <u>500</u> v MPa Section Properties		
	Dimensions Proposed reinforcement		
	H 0.65 m Top Rebars Bw 0.25 m Bars ≢ D18 ▼	o 85 m	
	C 50 mm Bottom Rebars Bars # D18 V		
	Alo 1625 cm2		
Add New Concrete Section	ο 21.8 deg α 90 deg		
Delete Selected Concrete Section		OK Cance	sl

Figure 2.2.3: The Beam sections dialog.

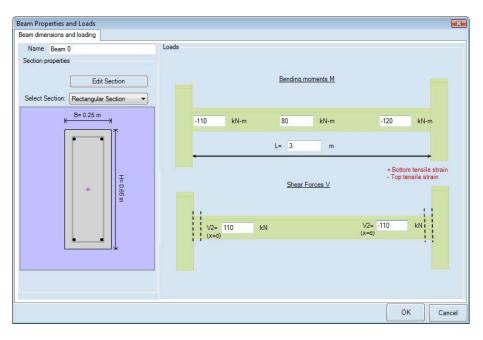


Figure 2.2.4: The Beam properties dialog.

The options included in the dialogs above are presented in paragraph 3.3.2.

2.2. C. Concrete columns

With RCsolver we can easily calculate the tensile and shear reinforcement of concrete columns according to Eurocode specifications. We have to insert the column dimensions and column loading (bending moments, shears and axial forces) for the top and bottom edge of the column, as well as the column section (section type, dimensions, clearance and preferred longitudinal and shear reinforcement bar diameters). Then, the program performs all necessary calculations prescribed in Eurocode 2.. Figures 2.2.5 and 2.2.6 present the column sections dialog and the column properties dialog of RCsolver respectively.

Concrete Sections		
Concrete Sections Rectangular Section	Section name and type	Concrete Section Drawing
Circular Section	Rectangular Section Rectangular *	<u>В= 0.5 m</u>
	Concrete wale materials and options. Concrete mat. C25/30 • fc' 25 • MPa Rebar steel mat. B500C • fy 500 • MPa	
	Section Properties	
	Dimensions Proposed reinforcement H 0.6 m Bw 0.5 m Bars # D14 •	° 88
	Shear Reinforcement Bars # 010 - Number of stirrup legs 4 -	
Add New Concrete Section	© 21.8 deg α 90 deg	
Delete Selected Concrete Section		OK Cancel

Figure 2.2.5: The Column sections dialog.

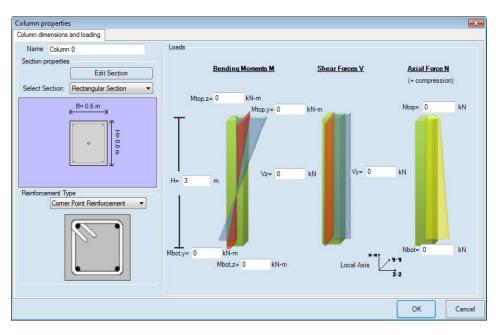


Figure 2.2.6: The Column properties dialog.

The options included in the dialogs above are presented in paragraph 3.3.3.

CHAPTER 3: DESIGN PROJECTS USING RCsolver

3.1 Project design steps

In RCsolver, we can easily design or assess concrete members. The user-friendly interface, the ability to review the calculation procedure step by step and the 3D representation of members and its reinforcement make the program RCsolver unique. We can easily create a project following the steps below:

- Start project: Define basic project parameters, Code, National Annex, member type to be analyzed and material properties.
- > Define structural sections of members.
- > Define member dimensions and loading.
- Perform calculations.
- > Produce a report containing all calculations made and a detailed overview of the results.

3.2 Start project



In order to start a new project in RCsolver, we can either press the button **Project** in the General RCsolver

ribbon, or press the button and then choose "New project" from the window that appears (Figure 3.2.1). In this case, the Project options dialog appears (Figure 3.2.2). Here we can define several general parameters of the project, as well as choose the structural member to be analyzed.

	General	Columns	Help		
Sav	w project re as Settings				
				Options	Exit

Figure 3.2.1: Create new project.

-		
. Calculation mod	le	
Ge	eneral Mode: Design	Start here, select the calculation mode. In design mode, the program will determine automatically the required reinforcement based on the design loads.
2. Code Options		
Code:	Eurocode 2	
National Annex:	Greek Annex	and national annex to apply.
Single	e beam 🛛 💮 Single sla e column	b Select the basic problem type that has to be solved.
J 🔿 Singl		
. Ductility class	e column	
IIII I. Ductility class	e column (DCL) rials	has to be solved.
IIII I. Ductility class	e column (DCL)	 bas to be solved. Describes ductility conditions. Select the structural materials to start with. You can always change
 Ductility class Low Ductility Structural Mate 	e column (DCL) rials	 has to be solved. Describes ductility conditions. Select the structural materials to
 Ductility class Low Ductility Structural Mate 	e column (DCL) rials Concrete	 bas to be solved. Describes ductility conditions. Select the structural materials to start with. You can always change

Figure 3.2.2: The Project Options dialog.

➢ General mode:

We can define analysis modes in RCsolver:

- The **Design** mode of a new member, where the program will determine automatically the required reinforcement based on the design loads and the Eurocode 2 provisions.
- The **Analysis** mode of an existing member, where the capacity of an existing structural member will be assessed.
- Code options:

Here we can choose the code framework and the National Annex to be used. The Eurocode 2 National Annexes for the following countries are included:

- Greece
- Italy
- Germany
- Cyprus
- France
- United Kingdom
- Austria

Structural member:

Here we can choose the structural member to be analyzed (designed or assessed). The following options are available:

- Single beam
- Single column
- Single slab

Ductility class:

Here we can define the ductility class for the project. It is recalled, that only low ductility class is permitted for Eurocode 2 analysis calculations.

Structural materials:

Here we can predefine the concrete and reinforcement steel materials to be used in the project. We can always change and add new materials from the database.

3.3 Data entry

3.3.1 Data entry: Concrete Slabs

After we choose to calculate a concrete slab, the slab section dialog appears (Figure 3.3.1).

Slab Sections	
Name Slab section: h	15cm
Slab Sections Slab section: h= 15cm Slab section: h= 17cm Slab section: h= 20cm	Concrete slab materials and options. Concrete mat. C25/30 ▼ Rebar steel mat. B500C ▼ Section Properties
	$\begin{array}{c} H & 0.15 & m \\ C & 50 & mm \end{array} \qquad $
Add New Slab Section Delete Selected Slab Section	x-direction: Bars # D10 v y-direction: Bars # D10 v OK Cancel

Figure 3.3.1: The Slab sections dialog.

In this dialog we can define:

- The concrete and rebar steel materials, choosing from the project's database. These parameters have been already predefined in the project options dialog, but can always be modified here.
- The slab height h_f.
- > The clearance c.
- > The user-preferred bar diameters for each direction.

On the left side of the screen there is a database with sections already created by the program. We can modify an existing section, delete a section from the list or choose to add a new one. Creating all possible sections can help us analyze different cases quickly.

When we press the button OK, the slab properties dialog appears (Figure 3.3.2).

lab dimensions and loading			
Name Slab			
Section properties Edit Section Slab Section Slab section: h= 15cm v	Geometry and slab type Span loading Mspan.x = 0 kN-m Mspan.y = 0 kN-m	Top edge loading Mtop = 0 kN-m Vtop = 0 kN Pass to bottom	+ Bottom tensile strain - Top tensile strain
	Left edge loading Mieft = 0 kN-m Vieft = 0 kN Pass to right Ly = 4 m	Mspany Mspany Mspanx	Right edge loading Mright = 0 kN Vright = 0 kN
	Slab Type: Slab with all edges fixed	Bottom edge loading Mbot = 0 kN-m Vbot = 0 kN	
			OK Cance

Figure 3.3.2: The Slab properties dialog.

In this dialog we can define:

- The slab section to be used (from the sections that we have previously created). By pressing the button we are guided to the slab sections dialog.
- \succ The slab dimensions L_x and L_y.
- The slab loading. We can define the action effects (bending moment and shear forces) directly at all slab edges and the middle of the slab span. Bear in mind that positive values are used for bottom tensile strain.
- The support conditions of the slab. By pressing the buttons around the slab we can define whether the specific edge is fixed or free. Choosing a free boundary condition, the internal forces along the particular edge will be automatically set to zero.

When we press the button OK in this dialog, the program automatically generates a 3D model of the slab (Figure 3.3.3). We can easily access and modify the slab properties by pressing the button in the Slab tab of RCsolver that appears on top (Figure 3.3.4), or by double clicking the slab element in the tree view on the left. In order to modify the slab section properties, we can double click on the section drawing on the left side of main screen as well (Figure 3.3.5).

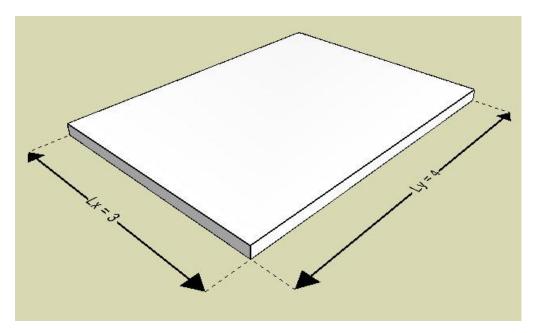


Figure 3.3.3: The Slab 3D model.

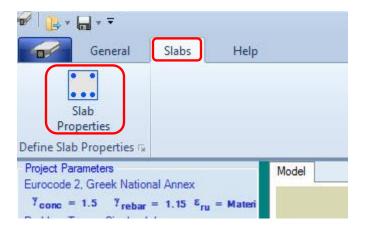


Figure 3.3.4: The Slab properties button in the slab tab of RCsolver.

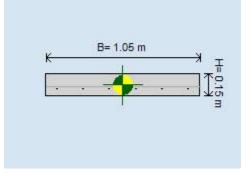


Figure 3.3.5: Slab section – double click to modify.

3.3.2 Data entry: Concrete Beams

After we choose to calculate a concrete beam, the beam section dialog appears (Figure 3.3.6).

Concrete Sections		
Concrete Sections	Section name and type	Concrete Section Drawing
Rectangular Section T-Beam Section Reversed T-Beam Section G-Beam Section	T-Beam Section T-Section *	
G-beam Section	Concrete wale materials and options. Concrete mat. C25/30 ▼ fc' 25 ▼ MPa Rebar steel mat. B500C ▼ fy 500 ▼ MPa	Bf= 1 m →
	Section Properties	
Add New Concrete Section	Dimensions Proposed reinforcement H 0.65 m Bw 0.25 m Beff 1 m tf 0.2 m C 50 mm A 0 cm2 Θ 21.8 deg α 90 deg	Bw= 0.25 m
Delete Selected Concrete Section		OK Cancel

Figure 3.3.6: The Beam sections dialog.

In this dialog we can define:

- The concrete and rebar steel materials, choosing from the project's database. These parameters have been already predefined in the project options dialog, but can always be modified here.
- The section type. The options in figure 3.3.7 are available.

			T-Section *
•	fc'		Rectangular
•	fy	T	T-Section
		Д	Reverse T
Propose Top Re Bar	ebars	F	Gamma

Figure 3.3.7: Available beam section types.

- > The beam height h.
- \succ The beam width b_w.

> The effective width b_{eff} (for T-section and Gamma-section beams). We can manually define a

calculation (Figure 3.3.8).

value for the b_{eff}, or compute it explicitly by pressing the button

Beff Calculation X Define case and lengths Calculations b1 = (L1 - bw) / 2 = 1.375 b2 = (L2 - bw) / 2 = 1.375 Internal beam supporting two adjacent (internal) beams External beam (no cantilever) = 0.7 * L1 = 2. *L2 Beff 1 = 0.2 + 0.2 + 0.2 + 0.2 + 0.2 + 0.2 + 0.2 + 0.2 + 0.2 + 0.1 + 1.02 = 0.485Beff 2 = 0.2 + 0.2 + 0.1 + 1.02 = 0.485Beff 1 = Beff 1 + Beff 2 + bw = 1.22 b = b1 + b2 + bw = 3 Beff 2 + b2 + bw = 3 rnal beam supporting a cantilever rnal beam supporting an internal and an external slab beff Beff.1 Beff,2 Bw b1 b2 bз b4 b 田 Calculate 1 3 m 12 3 m OK Cancel

Figure 3.3.8: B_{eff} calculation dialog.

Here we can define the characteristic length l_1 and l_2 and then choose the beam type. The following options are available:

- Internal beam supporting two, adjacent (internal) slabs.
- External beam (without a cantilever).
- External beam supporting a cantilever.
- Internal beam supporting an internal and an external slab.
- > The slab thickness t_f (for T-section and Gamma-section beams).
- > The cover thickness c. We can manually define a value, or compute it explicitly by pressing the

button through the Cover calculation dialog (Figure 3.3.9).

- In this dialog, the Eurocode 2 cover parameters can be defined. In particular:
 - The preferred diameter of the tensile reinforcement.
 - The preferred diameter of the shear reinforcement.
 - The additional safety parameter.
 - The steel corrosion parameter.
 - A reduction factor for the use of stainless steel
 - A reduction factor for additional protection
 - The design tolerance

Cover Calculation			
°I			
Properties			Calculations
Define Tensile Reinf. diameter:	D18 -		Cmin = 25 Cnom = Cmin + DCDev= 35
Define Shear Reinf, diameter:	D10 -		C = Cnom + Dw + DL / 2 = 54
Additional Safety Value:	0	mm	
Steel Corrosion	0	mm	
Additional Reduction	0	mm	
Additional Reduction	25	mm	
Design Tolerance to Deviation	10	mm	Calculate
			Cancel OK

Figure 3.3.9: Clearance calculation dialog.

- > The preferred number of stirrup legs.
- > The shear reinforcement inclination angles, alpha and theta.

On the left side of the screen there is a database with sections already created by the program. We can modify an existing section, delete a section from the list or choose to add a new one. Creating all possible sections can help us analyze different cases quickly.

When we press the button OK, the beam properties dialog appears (Figure 3.3.10).

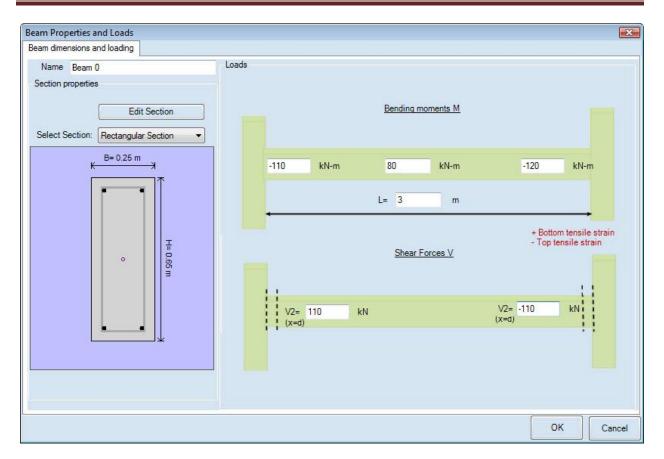


Figure 3.3.10: Beam properties dialog.

In this dialog we can define:

- The beam section to be used (from the sections that we have previously created). By pressing the button we are guided to the beam sections dialog.
- > The beam length L.
- The beam loading pattern (i.e., bending moments and shear force at the edges of the beam and the span middle).

Bear in mind that positive values are used for bottom tensile strain.

When we press the button OK in this dialog, the program automatically generates a 3D model of this beam (Figure 3.3.11) inclusive of its effective width, as it has been already defined or computed. We can easily access and modify the beam properties by pressing the button in the Beam tab of RCsolver that appears on top (Figure 3.3.12), or by double clicking the beam element in the tree view. In order to modify the beam section properties, we can double click on the section drawing on the left side of main screen (Figure 3.3.13).

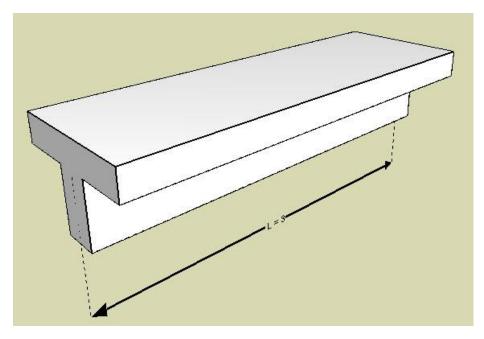


Figure 3.3.11: Beam 3D model.

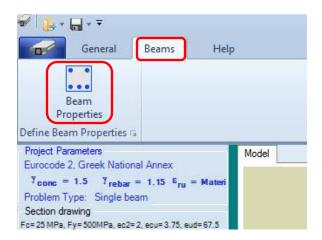


Figure 3.3.12: The Beam properties button in the beam tab of RCsolver.

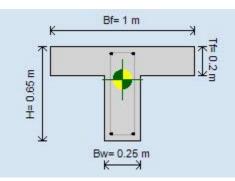


Figure 3.3.13: Beam section – double click to modify.

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By pressing the buttons and we can see the Bending Moment and Shear Force diagrams on the 3D model respectively (Figures 3.3.14 and 3.3.15).

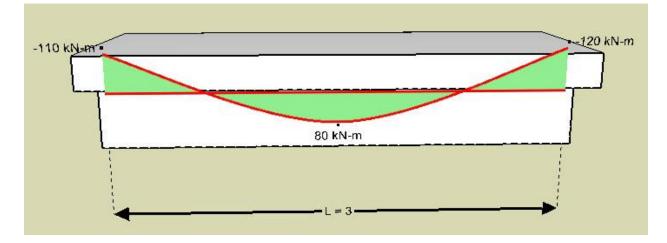


Figure 3.3.14: Beam moment diagram on 3D model.

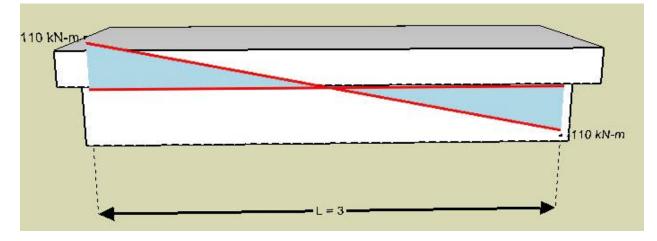


Figure 3.3.15: Beam shear diagram on 3D model.

3.3.3 Data entry: Concrete Columns

After we choose to calculate a concrete column, the column section dialog appears (Figure 3.3.16).

Concrete Sections		
Concrete Sections	Section name and type	Concrete Section Drawing
Rectangular Section Circular Section	Rectangular Section Rectangular *	В= 0.5 m — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
	Concrete wale materials and options. Concrete mat. C25/30	
	Section Properties	
	Dimensions Proposed reinforcement H 0.6 m Rebars Bw 0.5 m Bars # D14 • C 50 mm	° 40.6 m
	Shear Reinforcement Bars # D10 v Number of stirrup legs 4 v A 0.1625 cm2 Θ 21.8 deg α 90 deg	
Section		
Delete Selected Concrete Section		OK Cancel

Figure 3.3.16: The Column sections dialog.

In this dialog we can define:

- The concrete and reinforcing steel materials, choosing from the project's database. These parameters have been already predefined in the project options dialog, but can always be modified here.
- > The section type. The options in figure 3.3.17 are available.



Figure 3.3.17: Available column section types.

- The column section height h (for rectangular sections).
- > The column section width b_w (for rectangular sections).

- The cover thickness c. We can manually define a value, or by pressing the button described in paragraph 3.3.2.
- > The user-preferred bar diameters for longitudinal and shear reinforcement.
- The number of stirrup legs.
- > The shear reinforcement inclination angles alpha and theta.

On the left side of the screen there is a database with sections already created by the program. We can modify an existing section, delete a section from the list or choose to add a new one. Creating all possible sections can help us analyze different cases quickly.

When we press the button OK, the column properties dialog appears (Figure 3.3.18).

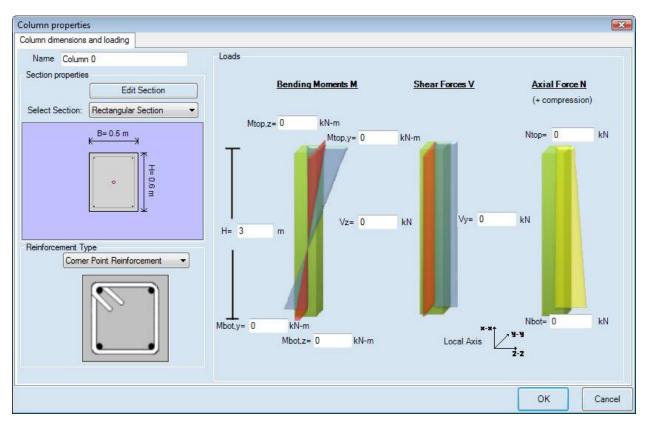


Figure 3.3.18: Column properties dialog.

In this dialog we can define:

- The column section to be used (from the sections that we have previously created). By pressing the button we are leaded to the column sections dialog.
- The column height H.
- The column top and bottom internal forces (in terms of moment, shear and axial force). Bear in mind that positive axial force is used for compression.

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When we press the button OK in this dialog, the program automatically generates a 3D model of this column (Figure 3.3.19). We can easily access and modify the column properties by pressing the button in the Column tab of RCsolver that appears on top (Figure 3.3.20), or by double clicking the column element in the tree view. In order to modify the column section properties, we can double click on the section drawing on the left side of main screen (Figure 3.3.21).

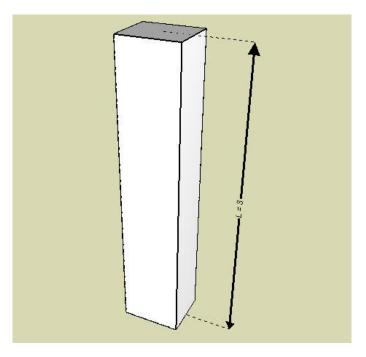
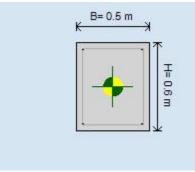


Figure 3.3.19: Column 3D model.

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General Columns H	elp
Column Properties Define Column Properties IS	
Project Parameters Eurocode 2, Greek National Annex	Model
$\overline{\gamma}_{conc} = 1.5$ $\overline{\gamma}_{rebar} = 1.15$ $\varepsilon_{ru} = 67.5$ Problem Type: Single column	

Figure 3.3.20: The Column properties button in the column tab of RCsolver.





By pressing the buttons and and we can visualize the Bending Moment, Shear and Axial force diagrams on the 3D model respectively (Figures 3.3.22, 3.3.23 and 3.3.24).

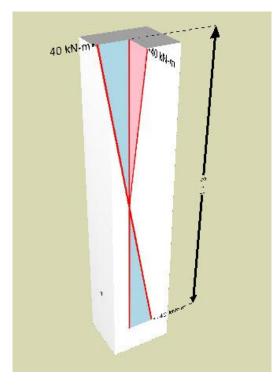


Figure 3.3.22: Column moment diagram on 3D model.

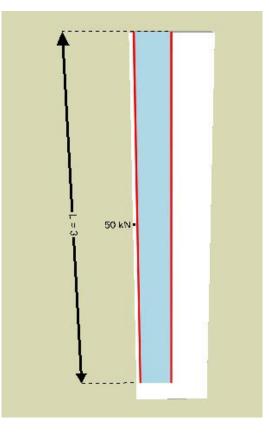


Figure 3.3.23: Column shear diagram on 3D model.

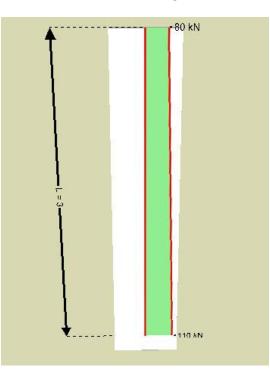


Figure 3.3.24: Column axial force diagram on 3D model.

3.4 Results overview in RCsolver

3.4.1 Results: Concrete Slabs

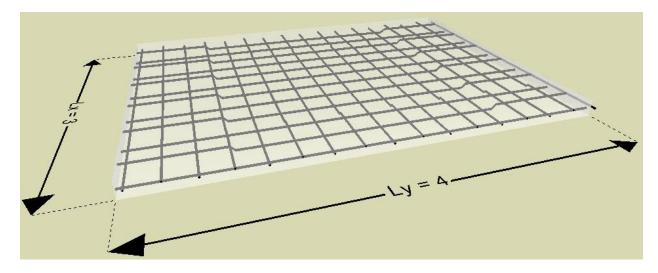
After the calculation is completed we can graphically visualize the results in the corresponding tab of RCSOLVER (Figure 3.4.1). Here we can see the slab plan with the reinforcement. On the right side of the screen we can see a table summarizing all reinforcement bars with their lengths and orientation.

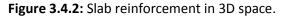
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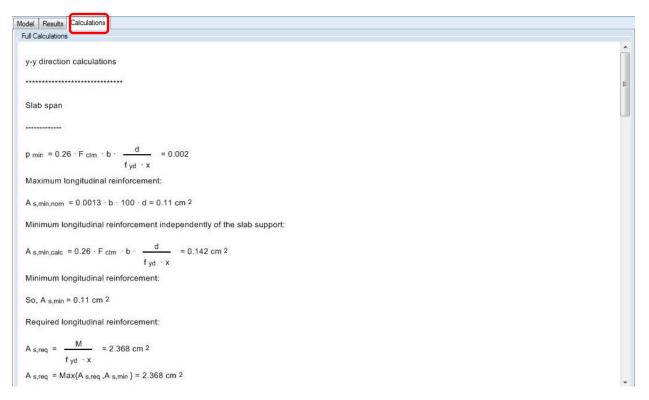
Figure 3.4.1: Slab graphical results.

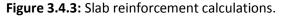
In the 3D model tab we can graphically see the reinforcement inserted in the model (Figure 3.4.2). Finally, in the Calculations tab of RCsolver we can see all Eurocode 2 calculations for the analysis of the slab on both directions and the calculation of the provided longitudinal reinforcement (Figure 3.4.3).

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3.4.2 Results: Concrete Beams

After the calculation is completed we can graphically see the results in the Results tab of RCsolver(Figure 3.4.4). Here we can see the beam plan with the reinforcement. On the right side of the screen we can see a table, summarizing all reinforcement bar details, inclusive of their lengths. At the bottom of the screen we can see characteristic cross-sections (i.e., left and right beam edge and span middle).

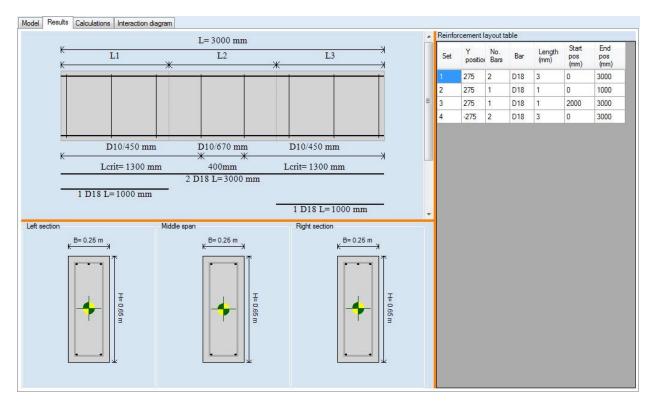


Figure 3.4.4: Beam graphical results.

In the 3D model tab we can graphically see the reinforcement inserted in the model (Figure 3.4.5). By

pressing the button IP we can see the reinforcement on the 3D model without the concrete member (Figure 4.4.6). Finally, in the Calculations tab of RCsolver we can review all Eurocode 2 calculations for the analysis of the beam and the calculation of the required and provided longitudinal and shear reinforcement (Figure 3.4.7).

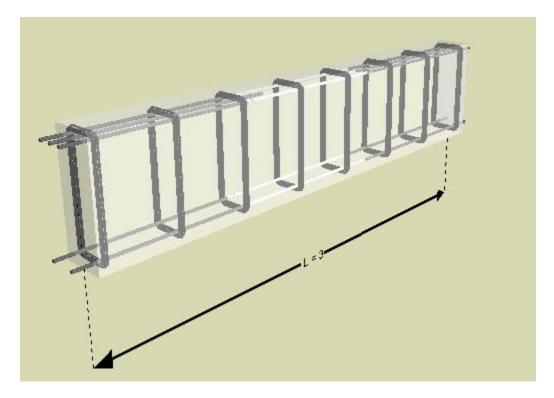


Figure 3.4.5: 3D layout of the reinforced concrete beam.

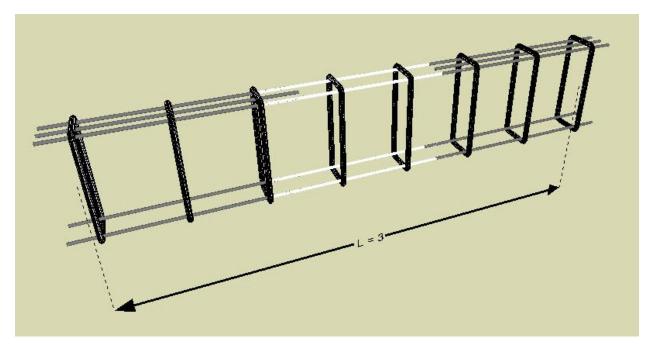
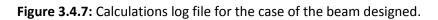


Figure 3.4.6: 3D layout of the reinforced concrete beam reinforcement.

ull Calculations					
Longitudinal	Reinforcemer	nt Calculation	s		
*****		*****	****		
Beam calcu	ations at left e	dge			
Maximum lo	ngitudinal rein	forcement:			
A _{s,max} = 0.	04 · b · 100 · d	= 60 cm ²			
Required re	nforcement ind	dependently	of the slat	o support:	
As,min,nom	0.0013 · b · 1	100 · d = 1.95	cm 2		
Calculated r	iinimum longit	udinal reinfor	cement:		
A s,min,calc =	0.26 · f ctm ·	$b \cdot \frac{d}{f_{yk}} = 1$	2.501 cm	2	
Minimum lor	gitudinal reinf	orcement:			
So, A s,min	1.95 cm ²				
	=			0.08	
b - d 2	• f cd 0.2	25 - 0.6 2 - 10	5667		



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3.4.3 Results: Concrete Columns

After the calculation is completed we can graphically visualize the results in the Results tab of RCsolver (Figure 3.4.8). Here we can see the column side view with the reinforcement and the top and bottom column sections. On the right side of the screen we can see a table, summarizing all reinforcement bar details, inclusive of their lengths

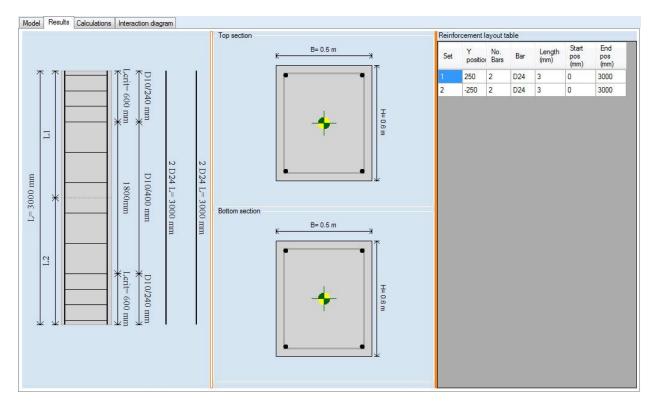


Figure 3.4.8: Column graphical results.

In the 3D model tab we can graphically visualize the required reinforcement computed (Figure 3.4.9). By REINF

pressing the button 🗭 we can see the reinforcement on the 3D model without the concrete member. Finally, in the Calculations tab of RCsolver we can review all Eurocode 2 calculations for the analysis of the column and the calculation of the required and provided longitudinal and shear reinforcement (Figure 3.4.11).

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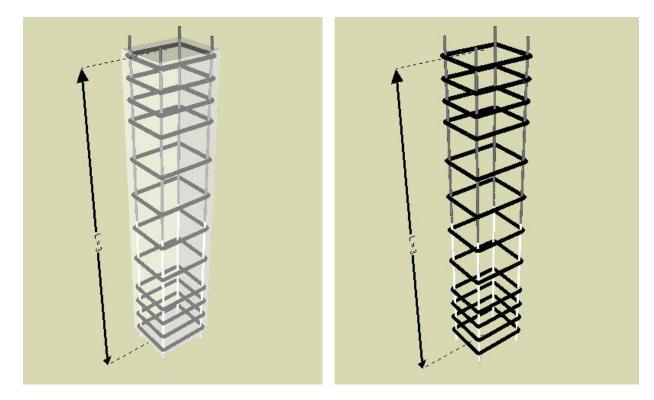
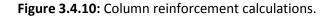


Figure 3.4.9: Column reinforcement in the 3D model.





3.4.4 Results: Interaction diagram

After the calculation is succeeded, the Bending Moment – Axial Load interaction diagram appears in the relevant tab on the main screen of RCsolver.

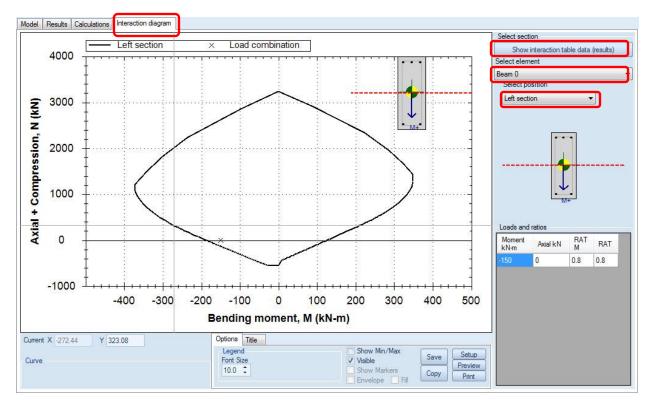


Figure 3.5.1: M-N interaction diagram.

In this tab user can:

- Choose the structural member
- Choose the structural section of the selected member
- Choose to show interaction table data (Figure 3.5.2)

In addition, user can modify here the axis titles, as well as the font size.

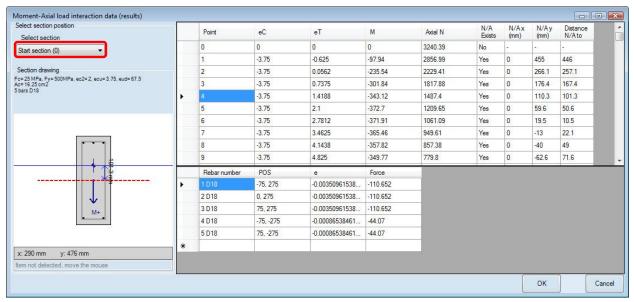


Figure 3.5.2: M-N interaction tables for each section.

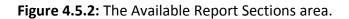
3.5 Report options (Printed reports)

Once a project is analyzed, full analysis reports can be generated by selecting the Reports option at the General tab. By selecting this, we can modify the included output sections. On the left side of the dialog, we can select which company logo will be included in the current report (Figure 4.5.1). From the Available Report Sections area, we can select the results and options that shall be included (Figure 4.5.2). We can also drag and drop these items at the Report Format area (Figure 4.5.3). Next, the user can select to see a preview of the report and export it in a word or PDF format at the area indicate in Figure 4.5.3.

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Figure 4.5.1: The included company logo area.

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Figure 4.5.3: The Report Format area and the preview and export buttons.