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Foreword

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Introduction

tsits 20 The present document defines a framework to coordinate and promote public demonstrations of Proofs of Concept nt & and a steel a (PoC) illustrating key aspects of Autonomic Management & Control (AMC).

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1 Scope

Proofs of Concept are an important tool to demonstrate the viability of a new technology during its early days and or pre-standardisation phase. The present document defines a framework to coordinate and promote multivendor Proofs of Concept (PoC) projects illustrating key aspects of the autonomic management and control technology [i.1].

The main objectives of this PoC framework are:

- to ensure the PoC projects are scoped around relevant topics;
- to ensure that the PoC results, lessons learnt and identified gaps are feedback to the AFI working group of TC NTECH;
- to build confidence on the viability of autonomic management and control technology;
- to encourage the development of a diverse and open ecosystem by fostering the integration of components from different players;
- to support standardization activities of the AFI working group of TC NTECH.

This framework describes:

- the different roles and responsibilities in the PoC proces
- the PoC process;
- the acceptance criteria for PoC Proposals and Reports.

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[i.1] ETSI TS 103 194 (V1.1.1): "Network Technologies (NTECH); Autonomic network engineering for the self-managing Future Internet (AFI); Scenarios, Use Cases and Requirements for Autonomic/Self-Managing Future Internet". [i.2] ETSI Directives.

NOTE: Available at https://portal.etsi.org/directives/34 directives dec 2014.pdf.

3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply:

contribution: contribution of the PoC Project to the standardization work

NOTE: A contribution can take various forms, e.g. a proposal for modification of one or more ETSI deliverables, a report on lessons learnt, or a set of recommendations on future standardization activities.

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Committed Contribution: contribution that the PoC Team commits to provide

manufacturer: company having a substantial capacity to develop and/or produce and/or install and/or maintain products to be used in, or directly or indirectly connected to, an electronics communications network

NOTE: An association or organization of such manufacturers also falls within this category.

EXAMPLE: Membership category from ETSI Directives [1.2].

network operator: operator of an electronics communications network or part thereof

NOTE: An association or organization of such manufacturers also falls within this category.

EXAMPLE: Membership category from ETSI Directives [i.2].

PoC Demo: public demonstration of a PoC Project

PoC Project: multi-vendor endeavor targeting to prove some concepts in the context of a given technology

PoC Proposal: initial description of a multivendor PoC Project, and the feedback it will provide to a Technical Body (TB)

PoC Report: compilation of test results, lessons learnt and recommendations provided by a PoC Team at the end (of each phase) of a PoC Project

PoC Test Plan: description of the test objectives of each targeted scenario

PoC Topic: specific topic identified by the TB or a WG, where some from-the-field input or feedback is required

WIKI: website whose users can add, modify, or delete its content via a web browser using a simplified markup language or a rich-text editor

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

AFI AMC	Autonomic network engineering for the self-managing Future Internet Autonomic Management & Control of Networks and Services
CTI	Centre for Testing and Interoperability
NTECH	Network Technologies
PoC	Proof of Concept
PPRR	PoC Proposal Review Record
PRRR	PoC Report Review Record
TB	Technical Body
TC	Technical Committee
WG	Working Group

4 PoC Framework

4.1 Roles and responsibilities

TB WG: TB or Working Group interested in the outcome of the PoC projects. In the context of the PoC Framework, it is in charge of:

- identifying PoC Topics, expected contributions and timelines; and
- processing the contributions made by the PoC Teams on those topics.

In the context of the present document, the TB WG role is played by the AFI Working Group of the NTECH Technical Committee.

PoC Support Team: Entity or group in charge of administering the PoC process. It is in charge of:

- maintaining and making available the PoC Topics List;
- reviewing PoC Proposals and PoC Reports against the acceptance criteria;
- declaring the acceptance and end of each PoC;
- compiling the accepted PoC Proposals and Reports and making them available to the TB WG; and
- monitoring the PoC Project timelines, and sending the appropriate reminders to the PoC Teams (for Committed Contributions, PoC Report, etc.).

In the context of the present document, the PoC Support Team role is assigned to a group of experts, including the chairman of the AFI Working Group of the NTECH Technical Committee, other experts from this Working Group appointed by the Technical Committee and experts from the ETSI Centre for Testing and Interoperability (CTI).

PoC Team: Group of organizations participating in a PoC Project. The PoC Team is in charge of:

- writing the PoC Proposal;
- submitting the Committed Contributions to the TB WG; and
- writing the PoC Report.

4.2 PoC Activity Process

Figure 1 provides a description of the PoC activity process.

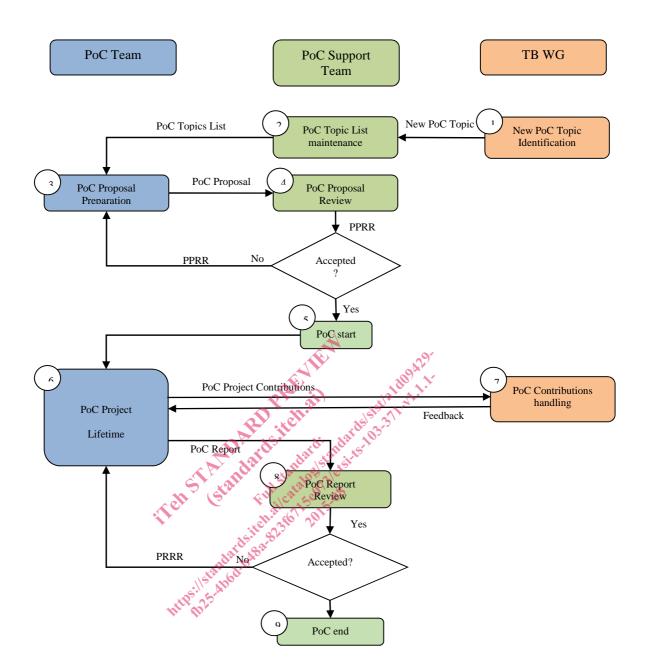


Figure 1: POC process overview

It includes 9 stages:

Stage 1: New PoC Topic identification

- Main task: To identify and describe a new PoC Topics
- Responsibility: NTECH/AFI WG
- Input: Member contributions, ETSI deliverables produced by the NTECH AFI WG
- Output: New PoC Topic
- Duration: Any
- **Description:** The NTECH/AFI WG identifies the topics and feedback expected from the PoC Projects. This information is sent to the PoC Support Team to feed the PoC Topics List. For each PoC Topic, the NTECH AFI WG provides detailed information on:
 - the contribution(s) expected from the PoC; and

the expected timing for the contributions.

Stage 2: PoC Topics List maintenance

- **Main task:** To maintain and make available the PoC Topics list. To notify the community when there is a change in the list
- Responsibility: PoC Support Team
- Input: New PoC Topics
- **Output:** PoC Topics list, notifications (e.g. New PoC Topic)
- Duration: Any
- **Description:** The PoC Support Team maintains and gives visibility to the PoC Topics List. The PoC topics and the description of the specific feedback expected for each of them helps PoC Teams to concentrate their efforts on the most valuable topics for the NTECH AFI WG. The PoC Topics list is made widely available among the community, and appropriate notifications are sent to the community when it is updated.

Stage 3: PoC Proposal Preparation

- Main task: To prepare and submit the PoC Proposal
- Responsibility: PoC Team
- **Input:** Previous TB publications, PoC Topics, PoC Proposal Template
- **Output:** PoC Proposal
- **Duration:** Any
- **Description:** During this stage, the PoC Team is formed. The PoC Team prepares a PoC Proposal according to the PoC Proposal template available on the AFI PoC WIKI (see clause 5.2) and the PoC Topics from stage 2. PoC proposals are submitted as follows:
 - 1) PoC Proposals are uploaded to the ETSI portal as regular contributions to the NTECH AFI WG.
 - 2) The PoC Team informs the community of the PoC proposal submission by emailing the contribution link to <u>NTECH_AFI@LIST.ETSI.ORG</u>.

Stage 4: PoC Proposal Review

- Main task: To review the PoC Proposal according to the PoC Proposal Acceptance Criteria
- Responsibility: PoC Support Team
- Input: PoC Proposal, PoC Proposal Acceptance Criteria
- **Output:** PoC Proposal Review Record (PPRR)
- **Duration:** 2 weeks
- **Description:** The PoC Support Team reviews the PoC Proposal against the PoC Proposal Acceptance Criteria identified in clause 4.3. During the review, a PoC Proposal Review Record (PPRR) is generated to support the discussion and decision. The PPRR is sent back to the PoC Team with the response: Accepted/Not Accepted.

The PoC Team can incorporate the comments received in the PPRR to the PoC Proposal and re-submit it as follows:

- 1) The new PoC Proposal is uploaded to the ETSI portal as a revision of the original PoC Proposal contribution.
- 2) The PoC Team informs the PoC Support Team of the PoC proposal re-submission by emailing the revised contribution link to <u>NTECH_AFI@LIST.ETSI.ORG</u>.