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## Foreword

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# 1 Scope

The present document specifies a security architecture for Intelligent Transport System (ITS) communications. Based upon the security services defined in ETSI TS 102 731 [4], it identifies the functional entities required to support security in an ITS environment and the relationships that exist between the entities themselves and the elements of the ITS reference architecture defined in ETSI EN 302 665 [1].

The present document also identifies the roles and locations of a range of security services for the protection of transmitted information and the management of essential security parameters. These include identifier and certificate management, PKI processes and interfaces as well as basic policies and guidelines for trust establishment.

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- [1] ETSI EN 302 665: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Communications Architecture".
- [2] ETSI EN 302 637-2: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Vehicular Communications; Basic Set of Applications; Part 2: Specification of Cooperative Awareness Basic Service".
- [3] ETSI EN 302 637-3: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Vehicular Communications; Basic Set of Applications; Part 3: Specifications of Decentralized Environmental Notification Basic Service".
- [4] ETSI TS 102 731: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Security; Security Services and Architecture".
- [5] ETSI TS 102 941: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Security; Trust and Privacy Management".
- [6] ETSI TS 102 942: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Security; Access Control".
- [7] ETSI TS 102 943: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Security; Confidentiality services".
- [8] ETSI TS 103 097: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Security; Security header and certificate formats".
- [9] ETSI TS 103 301: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Vehicular Communications; Basic Set of Applications; Facilities layer protocols and communication requirements for infrastructure services".
- [10] ETSI EN 302 636-4-1: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Vehicular communications; GeoNetworking; Part 4: Geographical addressing and forwarding for point-to-point and point-to-multipoint communications; Sub-part 1: Media-Independent Functionality".

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The following referenced documents are not necessary for the application of the present document but they assist the user with regard to a particular subject area.

- [i.1] ETSI TR 102 638: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Vehicular Communications; Basic Set of Applications; Definitions".
- [i.2] ETSI TR 102 863: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Vehicular Communications; Basic Set of Applications; Local Dynamic Map (LDM); Rationale for and guidance on standardization".
- [i.3] IEEE 1609.3™ 2010: "Wireless Access in Vehicular Environments (WAVE) - Networking Services".
- [i.4] CEN/TS 16439: "Electronic fee collection - Security framework".
- [i.5] ETSI TS 102 890-2: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Facilities layer function; Part 2: Position and time facility specification".
- [i.6] IETF RFC 4949: "Internet Security Glossary", Version 2, August 2007.
- [i.7] ETSI TS 102 723-8: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); OSI cross-layer topics; Part 8: Interface between security entity and network and transport layer".
- [i.8] C-ITS Platform WG5: "Security & Certification Final Report ANNEX 1: Trust models for Cooperative - Intelligent Transport System (C-ITS)".
- [i.9] Certificate Policy for Deployment and Operation of European Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems (C-ITS), Release 1, June 2017.

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## 3 Definitions, abbreviations and notation

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in ETSI TS 102 731 [4], IETF RFC 4949 [i.6] and the following apply:

**certificate revocation list (CRL):** signed list indicating a set of certificates that are no longer considered valid by the certificate issuer

**certificate revocation list for authorities (CRL CA):** certificate revocation list issued by a Root CA which contains only revoked certificates of the subordinate CAs within the hierarchical trust domain managed by the Root CA

**certificate trust list:** signed list indicating a set of trusted services of a PKI hierarchy controlled by a Root CA or a set of trusted Root CAs within the C-ITS Trust Domain controlled by a top-level authority (Trust List Manager)

**identifier:** attribute or a set of attributes of an entity which uniquely identifies the entity within a certain context

**security management:** operations that support acquiring or establishing the validity of certificates for cooperative ITS communications

## 3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in ETSI EN 302 665 [1], ETSI TS 103 301 [9] and the following apply:

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| AA    | Authorization Authority                                |
| CA    | Co-operative Awareness                                 |
| CAM   | Co-operative Awareness Message                         |
| C-ITS | Cooperative Intelligent Transport System               |
| CN    | Co-operative Navigation                                |
| CPOC  | C-ITS Point Of Contact                                 |
| CRL   | Certificate Revocation List                            |
| CS    | Communities Services                                   |
| CSM   | Co-operative Speed Management                          |
| CCMS  | Cooperative-ITS security Certificate Management System |
| DENM  | Decentralized Environment Notification Message         |
| EA    | Enrolment Authority                                    |
| GN    | GeoNetworking  |
| HSM   | Hardware Security Module                               |
| ID    | Identity   |
| IP    | Internet Protocol                                      |
| IPv6  | Internet Protocol version 6                            |
| ITS   | Intelligent Transport System                           |
| ITS-S | ITS Station  |
| LBS   | Location Based Services                                |
| LCM   | Life Cycle Management                                  |
| MAC   | Medium Access Control                                  |
| MBD   | MisBehaviour Detection                                 |
| OSI   | Open System Interconnect                               |
| PDA   | Personal Data Appliance                                |
| PKI   | Public Key Infrastructure                              |
| RHW   | Road Hazard Warning                                    |
| RSU   | Road Side Unit   |
| SAP   | Service Access Point                                   |
| TLM   | Trust List Manager                                     |
| UML   | Unified Modeling Language                              |
| WAVE  | Wireless Access in Vehicular Environments              |
| WSA   | WAVE Service Announcement                              |

## 3.3 Notation

The requirements identified in the present document include:

- mandatory requirements strictly to be followed in order to conform to the present document. Such requirements are indicated by clauses without any additional marking;
- requirements strictly to be followed if applicable to the type of ITS Station concerned.

Such requirements are indicated by clauses marked by "[CONDITIONAL]"; and where relevant are marked by an identifier of the type of ITS-S for which the clauses are applicable as follows:

- [Itss\_WithPrivacy] is used to denote requirements applicable to ITS-S for which pseudonymity has to be assured and re-identification by the AA is not allowed. This includes for instance personal user vehicle ITS-S or personal ITS-S Portable.
- [Itss\_NoPrivacy] is used to denote requirements applicable to ITS-S for which pseudonymity does not have to be assured and are allowed to be re-identified by the AA. This may be for instance fixed or mobile RSUs or special vehicles.



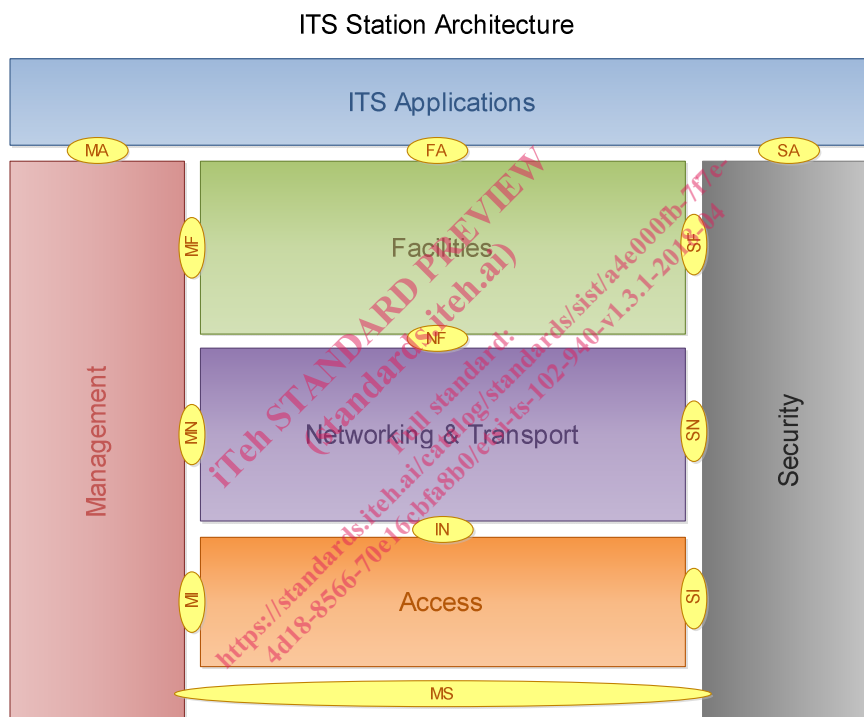
## 4 ITS reference architecture

### 4.1 Background

ETSI EN 302 665 [1] describes an ITS station architecture based upon four processing layers identified as follows:

- Access Layer;
- Networking & Transport Layer;
- Facilities Layer; and
- Applications Layer.

These horizontal layers are bounded on each side by a vertical Management entity and a Security entity (Figure 1).



**Figure 1: ITS station architecture (from ETSI EN 302 665 [1])**

The layers in this architecture do not represent directly the Open System Interconnect (OSI) protocol modelling layers but the functionality expected in each can be mapped to OSI model quite simply. Having mapped the OSI protocol layers to the ITS station architecture, this can be extended into an ITS communications architecture in which the protocol layers communicate on a peer-to-peer basis as shown in Figure 2.

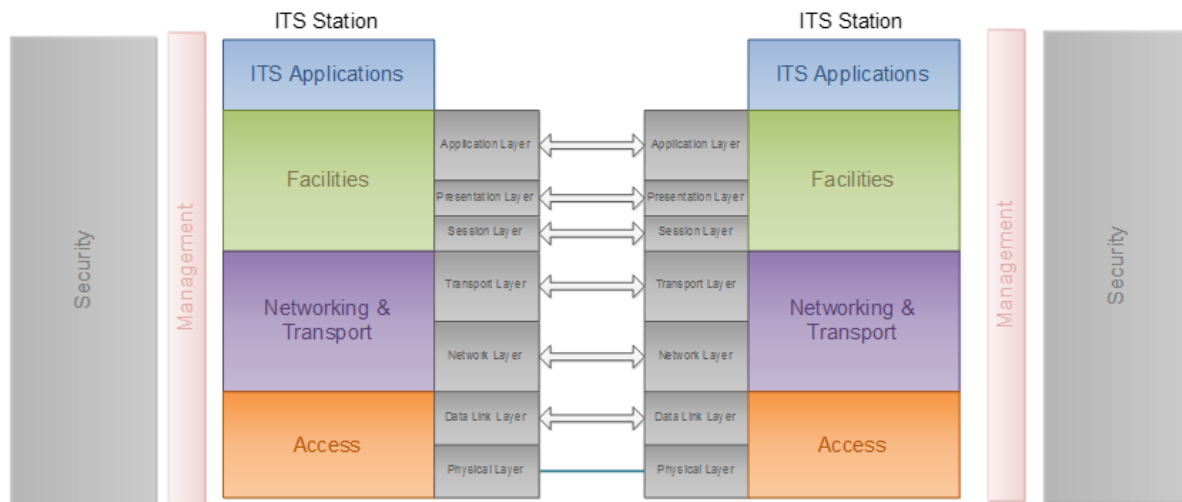


Figure 2: ITS communications architecture

## 4.2 ITS applications groups

### 4.2.1 ITS applications groups and their communication characteristics

ETSI TR 102 638 [i.1] defines the basic set of ITS applications which it divides into groups according to the functionality provided. Based on this a further analysis in ETSI TR 102 863 [i.2] takes into account some additional sources. The resulting list of functional groupings from this analysis is shown in Table 1. A more detailed description can be found in ETSI TR 102 863 [i.2], clause A.1.

Table 1: ITS application classes

| Applications Class             | Application   | Use case   |   |
|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Active road safety             | Driving assistance - Co-operative Awareness (CA)          | Emergency vehicle warning                            |   |
|                                |   | Slow vehicle indication                              |   |
|                                |   | Across traffic turn collision risk warning           |   |
|                                |   | Merging Traffic Turn Collision Risk Warning          |   |
|                                |   | Co-operative merging assistance                      |   |
|                                |   | Intersection collision warning                       |   |
|                                |   | Co-operative forward collision warning               |   |
|                                | Driving assistance - Road Hazard Warning (RHW)            | Lane Change Manoeuvre                                |   |
|                                |   | Emergency electronic brake lights                    |   |
|                                |   | Wrong way driving warning (infrastructure based)     |   |
|                                |   | Stationary vehicle - accident                        |   |
|                                |   | Stationary vehicle - vehicle problem                 |   |
|                                |   | Traffic condition warning                            |   |
|                                |   | Signal violation warning                             |   |
|                                |   | Roadwork warning                                     |   |
|                                |   | Decentralized floating car data - Hazardous location |   |
|                                |   | Decentralized floating car data - Precipitations     |   |
|                                |   | Decentralized floating car data - Road adhesion      |   |
|                                |   | Decentralized floating car data - Visibility         |   |
|                                |   | Decentralized floating car data - Wind               |   |
| Cooperative traffic efficiency | Co-operative Speed Management (CSM)                       | Vulnerable road user Warning                         |   |
|                                |   | Pre-crash sensing warning                            |   |
|                                | Co-operative Navigation (CN)                              | Co-operative glare reduction                         |   |
|                                |   | Regulatory/contextual speed limits notification      |   |
|                                |   | Curve Warning  |   |
| Co-operative local services    | Location Based Services (LBS)                             | Traffic light optimal speed advisory                 |   |
|                                |   | Traffic information and recommended itinerary        |   |
|                                |   | Public transport information                         |   |
|                                |   | In-vehicle signage                                   |   |
| Global internet services       | Communities Services (CS)                                 | Point of Interest notification                       |   |
|                                |   | Automatic access control and parking management      |   |
|                                |   | ITS local electronic commerce                        |   |
|                                |   | Media downloading                                    |   |
|                                | ITS station Life Cycle Management (LCM)                   | Insurance and financial services                     |   |
|                                |   | Fleet management                                     |   |
|                                |   | Loading zone management                              |   |
|                                | Transport related electronic financial transactions [i.4] |  | Theft related services/After theft vehicle recovery |
|                                |   |  | Vehicle software/data provisioning and update       |
|                                |   |  | Vehicle and RSU data calibration                    |

In order to define security classes the communication patterns of the different applications also need to be considered. Table 2 summarizes the communication behaviour of each application.

**Table 2: ITS applications communication behaviour**

| Use case   | Addressing    | Hops              | Frequency | Direction | Session |     |
|--|---------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----|
| Emergency vehicle warning                            | Broadcast     | Single            | High      | V2V/V2I   | No      |     |
| Slow vehicle indication                              | Broadcast     | Single            | High      | V2V       | No      |     |
| Across traffic turn collision risk warning           | Broadcast     | Single            | High      | V2V       | No      |     |
| Merging Traffic Turn Collision Risk Warning          | Broadcast     | Single            | High      | V2V/I2V   | No      |     |
| Co-operative merging assistance                      | Broadcast     | Single            | High      | V2V/I2V   | No      |     |
| Intersection collision warning                       | Broadcast     | Single            | High      | V2V/I2V   | No      |     |
| Co-operative forward collision warning               | Broadcast     | Single            | High      | V2V       | No      |     |
| Lane Change Manoeuvre                                | Broadcast     | Single            | High      | V2V       | No      |     |
| Emergency electronic brake lights                    | Broadcast     | Multi             | Low       | V2V       | No      |     |
| Wrong way driving warning (infrastructure based)     | Broadcast     | Single            | Low       | I2V       | No      |     |
| Stationary vehicle - accident                        | Broadcast     | Multi             | Low       | V2V/V2I   | No      |     |
| Stationary vehicle - vehicle problem                 | Broadcast     | Multi             | Low       | V2V/V2I   | No      |     |
| Traffic condition warning                            | Broadcast     | Multi             | Low       | V2V/I2V   | No      |     |
| Signal violation warning                             | Broadcast     | Single            | High      | I2V       | No      |     |
| Roadwork warning                                     | Broadcast     | Multi             | Low       | I2V       | No      |     |
| Decentralized floating car data - Hazardous location | Broadcast     | Multi             | Low       | V2V/I2V   | No      |     |
| Decentralized floating car data - Precipitations     | Broadcast     | Multi             | Low       | V2V       | No      |     |
| Decentralized floating car data - Road adhesion      | Broadcast     | Multi             | Low       | V2V       | No      |     |
| Decentralized floating car data - Visibility         | Broadcast     | Multi             | Low       | V2V       | No      |     |
| Decentralized floating car data - Wind               | Broadcast     | Multi             | Low       | V2V       | No      |     |
| Vulnerable road user Warning                         | Broadcast     | Single            | Low       | V2V/I2V   | No      |     |
| Pre-crash sensing warning                            | Indication    | Broadcast         | Single    | High      | V2V     | No  |
|  | Data exchange | Unicast           | Single    | High      | V2V     | Yes |
| Co-operative glare reduction                         | Broadcast     | Single            | Low       | V2V/I2V   | No      |     |
| Regulatory/contextual speed limits notification      | Broadcast     | Single            | Low       | I2V       | No      |     |
| Curve Warning  | Broadcast     | Single            | Medium    | I2V       | No      |     |
| Traffic light optimal speed advisory                 | Broadcast     | Multi             | Medium    | I2V       | No      |     |
| Traffic information and recommended itinerary        | Advertisement | Broadcast         | Single    | Low       | I2V     | No  |
|  | Service       | Unicast/Multicast | Multi     | Medium    | I2V     | Yes |
| Public transport information                         | Advertisement | Broadcast         | Single    | Low       | I2V     | No  |
|  | Service       | Multicast         | Multi     | Medium    | I2V     | Yes |
| In-vehicle signage                                   | Broadcast     | Single            | Medium    | I2V       | No      |     |
| Point of Interest notification                       | Advertisement | Broadcast         | Single    | Low       | I2V     | No  |
|  | Service       | Multicast         | Single    | Low       | I2V     | Yes |