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## Foreword

This Technical Report (TR) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Smart Machine-to-Machine communications (SmartM2M).

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# 1 Scope

The present document provides requirements for an initial semantic model extending SAREF for eHealth/Ageing-well. This initial SAREF extension is based on a limited set of use cases and existing data models identified within available initiatives that are summarized in dedicated clauses of the present document. The conducted work is expected to be developed in close collaboration with in particular ETSI (in particular EP eHealth and TC SmartBAN), oneM2M, AIOTI (in particular WG 05 "Smart Living Environment for Ageing Well"), and the H2020 Large Scale Pilots (ACTIVAGE project). Other initiatives coming from eHealth/Ageing-well industrial/medical world and alliances (e.g. HL7, PCHAlliance) will also be investigated. Further extensions are envisaged in the future for entirely covering the eHealth/Ageing-well domain.

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## 3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Terms

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

**metadata:** data about data

**ontology:** formal specification of a conceptualization

NOTE1: It can be viewed as the extension of metadata with the data environment view.

NOTE 2: It is used to explicitly capture the semantics of a certain reality.

**semantic:** meaning of data

### 3.2 Symbols

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### 3.3 Abbreviations

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

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| AAL    | Ambient Assisted Living                                      |
| AHA    | Active and Healthy Ageing                                    |
| AIOTES | ACTIVAGE IoT Ecosystem Suite                                 |
| AIOTI  | Alliance for the Internet of Things Innovation               |
| API    | Application Programming Interface                            |
| ARIB   | Association of Radio Industries and Businesses               |
| ATIS   | Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions           |
| AVPU   | Alert, Verbal, Pain, Unresponsive                            |
| BAN    | Body Area Network  |
| BP     | Blood Pressure   |
| bpm    | beats per minute   |
| BSN    | Body Sensor Network  |
| CCSA   | China Communications Standards Association                   |
| CPS    | Cyber-Physical System  |
| DAM    | Daily Activity Monitoring                                    |
| DICOM  | Digital Imaging and COmmunications in Medicine               |
| DUL    | DOLCE+DnS UltraLite  |
| ECG    | ElectroCardioGram  |
| EHAW   | eHealth/Ageing-Well  |
| EHPAD  | Etablissement d'Hébergement pour Personnes Agées Dépendantes |
| EHR    | Electronic Health Record                                     |
| EIP    | European Innovation Partnership                              |
| EMT    | EMergency Trigger  |
| EP     | ETSI Project   |
| ETSI   | European Telecommunications Standards Institute              |
| EU     | European Union   |
| EWS    | Early Warning System   |

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| EXP         | EXercise Promotion   |
| FHIR        | Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources                               |
| GDPR        | General Data Protection Regulation                                       |
| GEN         | GENeral  |
| HL7         | Health Level Seven international   |
| HR          | Heart Rate   |
| HTTP        | HyperText Transfer Protocol  |
| ICT         | Information and Communication Technology                                 |
| IHE         | Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise                                    |
| IoT         | Internet of Things   |
| JSON        | JavaScript Object Notation   |
| LE          | Low Energy   |
| LSP         | Large Scale Pilot  |
| MAC         | Medium Access Control  |
| MDP         | Mental Decline Prevention  |
| MOH         | Monitoring Outside Home  |
| NASA        | National Aeronautics and Space Administration                            |
| OGC         | Open Geospatial Consortium   |
| OHS         | Office d'Hygiène Sociale   |
| ONT         | ONTological category   |
| OWL         | Ontology Web Language  |
| PCHAlliance | Personal Connected Health Alliance                                       |
| PHD         | Personal Health Device   |
| PSI         | Prevention of Social Isolation   |
| QoL         | Quality of Life  |
| QUDT        | Quantities, Units, Dimensions and Types                                  |
| RDF         | Resource Description Framework   |
| REST        | Representational State Transfer  |
| SAO         | Stream Annotation Ontology   |
| SAREF       | Smart Appliances REference ontology                                      |
| SAREF4EHAW  | SAREF extension for eHealth/Ageing-Well                                  |
| SDO         | Standards Development Organization                                       |
| SEMIOTICS   | Smart End-to-end Massive IoT Interoperability, Connectivity and Security |
| ShEx        | Shape Expressions  |
| SIL         | Semantic Interoperability Layer  |
| SNOMED CT®  | SNOMED Clinical Terms  |
| SOSA        | Sensing, Observation, Sampling and Actuation                             |
| SPARQL      | SPARQL Protocol and RDF Query Language                                   |
| SSN         | Semantic Sensor Network  |
| STF         | Special Task Force   |
| STM         | Support for Transportation and Mobility                                  |
| SWE         | Sensor Web Enablement  |
| TC          | Technical Committee  |
| TIA         | Telecommunications Industry Association                                  |
| TR          | Technical Report   |
| TS          | Technical Specification  |
| TSDSI       | Telecommunications Standards Development Society India                   |
| TTA         | Telecommunications Technology Association                                |
| TTC         | Telecommunication Technology Committee                                   |
| TV          | TeleVision   |
| UCC         | Under Chronic Conditions   |
| USA         | United State of America  |
| VoID        | Vocabulary of Interlinked Datasets                                       |
| W3C         | World Wide Web Consortium  |
| WG          | Working Group  |

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## 4 SAREF extension for eHealth/Ageing-well domain

SAREF [i.1] is a reference ontology for IoT created in close interaction with the industry during a study requested by the European Commission in 2015 [i.2] and subsequently transferred into an ETSI Technical Specification [i.3]. SAREF contains core concepts that are common to several IoT domains and, to be able to handle specific data elements for a certain domain, dedicated extensions of SAREF can be created. Each domain can have one or more extensions, depending on the complexity of the domain. As a reference ontology, SAREF serves as the means to connect the extensions in different domains. The earlier document ETSI TR 103 411 [i.4] specifies the rationale and methodology used to create, publish and maintain the SAREF extensions.

The present document specifies the requirements for an initial SAREF extension for eHealth/Ageing-well. This initial SAREF extension will be based on a limited set of use cases and existing data models identified within available initiatives that will be summarized in dedicated clauses of the present document. The work conducted in the present document has been developed in the context of the STF 566, which was established with the goal of creating SAREF extensions for the following domains: Automotive, eHealth/Ageing-well, Wearables and Water. This work is expected to be developed in close collaboration with ETSI, oneM2M, AIOTI, eHealth/Ageing-well related H2020 Large Scale Pilots and EU projects. However, other initiatives coming from eHealth/Ageing-well industrial/medical world and alliances will also be investigated.

STF 566 consists of the following two main tasks:

- 1) Gather requirements, collect use cases and identify existing sources (e.g. standards, data models, ontologies, etc.) from the domains of interest (Automotive, eHealth/Ageing-well, Wearables and Water) in order to determine the requirements for an initial semantic model for each of the aforementioned domains, based on at least 2 use cases and existing data models (STF 566 Task 2).
- 2) Specify and produce the extensions of SAREF for each of the aforementioned domain based on the requirements resulting of STF 566 Task 2 (STF 566 Task 3).

The present document focuses on STF 566 Task 2 and the extension of SAREF for eHealth/Ageing-well domain. The present document sets the requirements of an initial semantic model that will result in a new SAREF ontology extension for eHealth/Ageing-well, called SAREF4EHAW and to be published in ETSI TS 103 410-8 [i.21] as part of STF 566 Task 3 SAREF extensions series.

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## 5 Related initiatives

### 5.0 Introduction

Within clause 5 of the present document, some of the main related initiatives in term of modelling and standardization in the eHealth/Ageing-well domain are reviewed. Existing efforts range from national or international standards to rather specific models used in certain software solutions provided by industrial/medical world actors. Therefore, the potential stakeholders identified for this SAREF extension might be classified as: public administrations, associations related to the Internet of Things and eHealth/Ageing-well, European projects and Large Scale Pilots, standardization bodies and alliances related to the Internet of Things and eHealth/Ageing-well domain, as well as industrial/medical world and alliances initiatives of the eHealth/Ageing-well domain. For each type of stakeholder, the initiatives that have been taken into account are described next.

### 5.1 Standardization bodies

#### 5.1.1 IEEE

**IEEE 802.15.6 Working Group on Body Area Network [i.5]:** "A communication standard optimized for low power devices and operation on, in or around the human body (but not limited to humans) to serve a variety of applications including medical, consumer electronics/personal entertainment and other." However, only aspects related to radio technologies and Physical and MAC layers are addressed.