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1 Scope

The present document focuses on the functionalities enabled via the Mp1 reference point between MEC applications and MEC platform, which allows these applications to interact with the MEC system. Service related functionality includes registration/deregistration, discovery and event notifications. Other functionality includes application availability, traffic rules, DNS and time of day. It describes the information flows, required information, and specifies the necessary operations, data models and API definitions.

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3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms given in ETSI GS MEC 001 [1] apply.

3.2 Symbols

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3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in ETSI GS MEC 001 [1] and the following apply:

API	Application Programming Interface
DSCP	Differentiated Services Code Point
FQDN	Fully Qualified Domain Name
GRE	Generic Routing Encapsulation
GTP	GPRS Tunnelling Protocol
HTTP	HyperText Transfer Protocol
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
JSON	JavaScript Object Notation
MAC	Media Access Control
MQTT	Message Queue Telemetry Transport
NFVI	Network Functions Virtualisation Infrastructure
NTP	Network Time Protocol
PoP	Point of Presence
PTP	Precision Time Protocol
QCI	Quality Class Indicator
REST	Representational State Transfer
RFC	Request For Comments
RNI	Radio Network Information
RPC	Remote Procedure Call
TC	Traffic Class
TLS	Transport Layer Security
ToD	Time of Day
URI	Uniform Resource Indicator
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time
VIM	Virtualised Infrastructure Manager
VNF	Virtualised Network Function
XML	eXtensible Markup Language

4 Overview

The present document specifies two MEC Platform Application Enablement APIs that support the requirements defined for Multi-access Edge Computing in ETSI GS MEC 002 [2], namely the MEC application support API and the MEC service management API.

Clause 5 introduces the functionalities enabled via the Mp1 reference point between MEC applications and MEC platform. It provides the high level information flows and describes the necessary operations.

The common data types are defined in clause 6, while the corresponding data models and API definitions are specified in clause 7 for the MEC application support API and clause 8 for the MEC service management API.

5 Description of the services (informative)

5.1 Introduction

The MEC platform, as defined in ETSI GS MEC 003 [3], offers an environment where MEC applications may discover, advertise, consume and offer MEC services. Upon receipt of update, activation or deactivation of traffic rules from the MEC platform manager, applications or services, the MEC platform instructs the data plane accordingly. The MEC platform also receives DNS records from the MEC platform manager and uses them to configure a DNS proxy/server.

Via Mp1 reference point between the MEC platform and the MEC applications, as defined in ETSI GS MEC 003 [3], the basic functions are enabled, such as:

- MEC service assistance:
 - authentication and authorization of producing and consuming MEC services;
 - a means for service producing MEC applications to register/deregister towards the MEC platform the MEC services they provide, and to update the MEC platform about changes of the MEC service availability;
 - a means to notify the changes of the MEC service availability to the relevant MEC application;
 - discovery of available MEC services;
- MEC application assistance:
 - MEC application start-up procedure;
 - MEC application graceful termination/stop;
- traffic routing:
 - traffic rules update, activation and deactivation;
- DNS rules:
 - DNS rules activation and deactivation;
- timing:
 - providing access to time of day information;
- transport information:
 - providing information about available transports.

These functions are grouped into those considered to provide MEC application support (i.e. application specific traffic routing, DNS rules and timing, as well as graceful termination/stop) and those that provide MEC service management (i.e. MEC service assistance and associated service transport information).

5.2 Sequence diagrams

5.2.1 General

Clauses 5.2.2 to 5.2.10 describe how MEC applications and/or MEC services may be supported by the MEC platform via Mp1 reference point. The related sequence diagrams are presented.

5.2.2 MEC application start-up

Figure 5.2.2-1 shows three alternative messages that a MEC application can use to communicate with a MEC platform during the start-up phase of the application instantiation process, steps 5 to 7 in clause 5.3.1 of ETSI GS MEC 010-2 [4].

In this flow, the MEC platform can verify the authenticity of the MEC application with the aid of an AA entity that contains the registration related information about the MEC application in question. For actual authentication, the MEC application uses access token based on OAuth2.0.

MEC platform also has possibility to verify the correctness of the service registration or services query of the MEC application, as it is assumed that MEC platform has received the valid configuration for service consuming and service producing MEC applications. The related information about this MEC application instance (including the required and the optional services, the services to be offered by this application instance and the associated transport dependency, the traffic rules and DNS rules associated with this application instance, etc.) can be compared to those included in the service registration or services query messages, which can be used to determine whether to accept or reject the request.

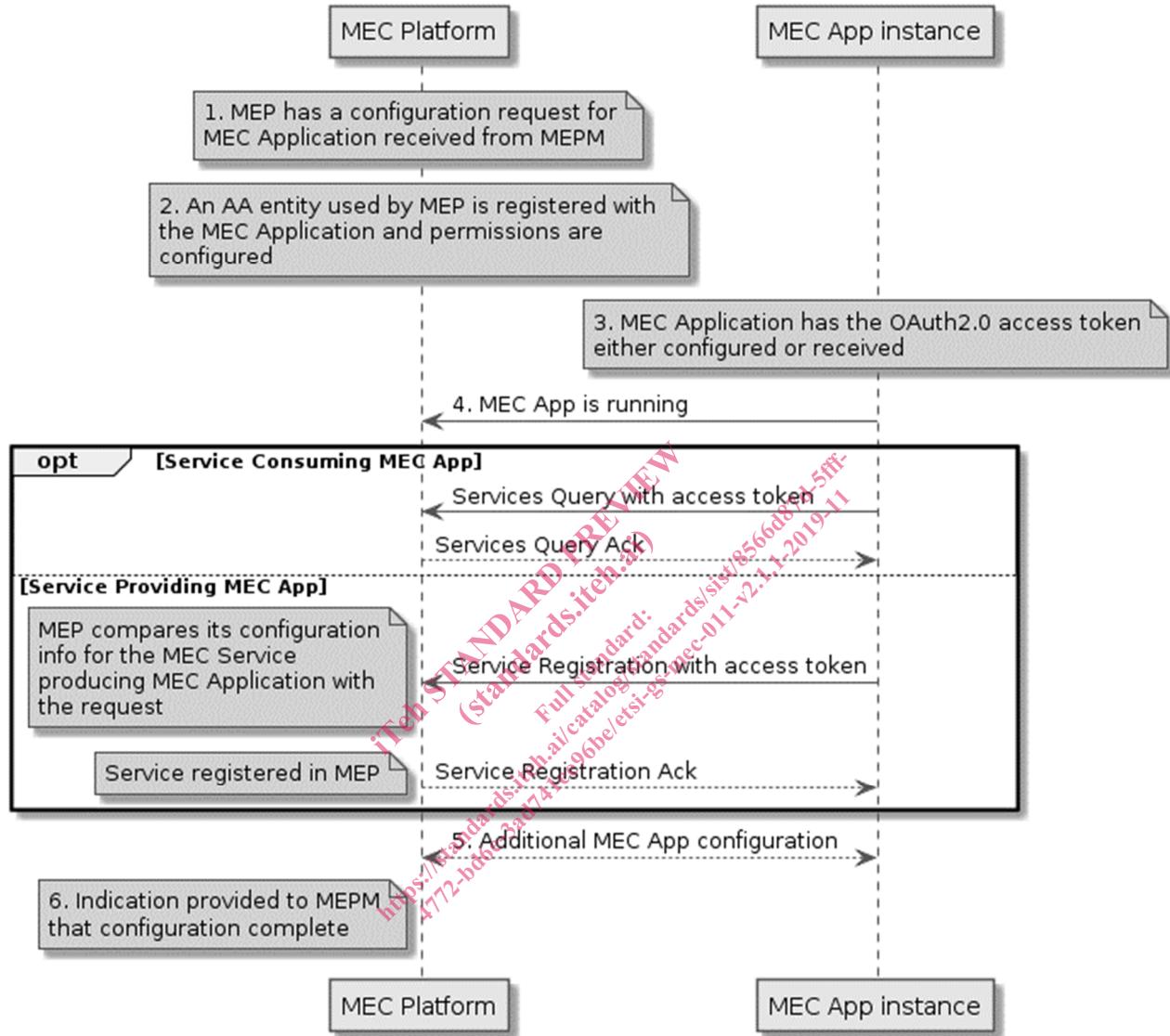


Figure 5.2.2-1: Flow of MEC application start up

MEC application start up procedure, following the MEC application instantiation procedure (as defined in ETSI GS MEC 010-2 [4]), consists of the following steps:

- 1) MEC platform has received a configuration request from MEC Platform Manager. The configuration request contains detailed information about the parameters related to the MEC application, including the required and the optional services, the services to be offered by this application instance and the associated transport dependency, the traffic rules and DNS rules associated with this application instance, etc.
- 2) An AA entity associated with the MEC platform has been configured with the MEC application related identity and permissions.
- 3) MEC application that intends to communicate with MEC platform has the Oauth2.0 access token either received or configured.