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1 Scope

The present specification provides the stage 3 definition of the Background Data Transfer (BDT) Policy Control Service (Npcf_BDTPolicyControl) of the 5G System.

The 5G System Architecture is defined in 3GPP TS 23.501 [2]. The stage 2 definition and related procedures for BDT Policy Control Service are specified in 3GPP TS 23.502 [3] and 3GPP TS 23.503 [4].

The 5G System stage 3 call flows are provided in 3GPP TS 29.513 [5].

The Technical Realization of the Service Based Architecture and the Principles and Guidelines for Services Definition are specified in 3GPP TS 29.500 [6] and 3GPP TS 29.501 [7].

The Policy Control Function (PCF) provides the BDT Policy Control Service. This service provides background data transfer policy negotiation function.

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- [1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".
- [2] 3GPP TS 23.501: "System Architecture for the 5G System; Stage 2".
- [3] 3GPP TS 23.502: "Procedures for the 5G System; Stage 2".
- [4] 3GPP TS 23.503: "Policy and Charging Control Framework for the 5G System; Stage 2".
- [5] 3GPP TS 29.513: "5G System; Policy and Charging Control signalling flows and QoS parameter mapping; Stage 3".
- [6] 3GPP TS 29.500: "5G System; Technical Realization of Service Based Architecture; Stage 3".
- [7] 3GPP TS 29.501: "5G System; Principles and Guidelines for Services Definition; Stage 3".
- [8] IETF RFC 7540: "Hypertext Transfer Protocol Version 2 (HTTP/2)".
- [9] IETF RFC 8259: "The JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) Data Interchange Format".
- [10] OpenAPI: "OpenAPI 3.0.0 Specification", <https://github.com/OAI/OpenAPI-Specification/blob/master/versions/3.0.0.md>.
- [11] 3GPP TS 29.504: "5G System; Unified Data Repository Services; Stage 3".
- [12] 3GPP TS 29.519: "5G System; Usage of the Unified Data Repository service for Policy Data, Application Data and Structured Data for exposure; Stage 3".
- [13] 3GPP TS 29.571: "5G System; Common Data Types for Service Based Interfaces; Stage 3".
- [14] 3GPP TS 29.122: "T8 reference point for Northbound APIs".
- [15] IETF RFC 7396: "JSON Merge Patch".
- [16] IETF RFC 3986: "Uniform Resource Identifier (URI): Generic Syntax".

3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. A term defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same term, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

Background data transfer: feature that enables a 3rd party service provider to keep their costs lower by favouring time windows for data transfer to specific UEs in a geographical area during non-busy hours that are less costly and able to handle larger bitrates.

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions given in 3GPP TS 23.501 [2], subclause 3.1 apply:

5G System

Network Function

NF service

NF service operation

Service based interface

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. An abbreviation defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same abbreviation, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

AF	Application Function
API	Application Programming Interface
ASP	Application Service Provider
BDT	Background Data Transfer
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
JSON	JavaScript Object Notation
NEF	Network Exposure Function
NF	Network Function
PCF	Policy Control Function
RAI	Routing Area Identification
SBI	Service Based Interface
TAI	Tracking Area Identity
UDR	Unified Data Repository
URI	Uniform Resource Identifier

4 Background Data Transfer Policy Control Service

4.1 Service Description

4.1.1 Overview

The BDT Policy Control Service, as defined in 3GPP TS 23.502 [3] and 3GPP TS 23.503 [4], is provided by the Policy Control Function (PCF).

This service enables the NF service consumer to negotiate policy for a future background data transfer and offers the following functionalities:

- get background data transfer policies based on the request from the NEF; and
- update background data transfer policies based on the selection provided by the NEF.

4.1.2 Service Architecture

The 5G System Architecture is defined in 3GPP TS 23.501 [2]. The Policy and Charging related 5G architecture is also described in 3GPP TS 29.513 [5].

The BDT Policy Control Service (Npcf_BDTPolicyControl) is part of the Npcf service-based interface exhibited by the Policy Control Function (PCF).

The only known NF service consumer of the Npcf_BDTPolicyControl service is the Network Exposure Function (NEF).

The NEF accesses the BDT Policy Control Service at the PCF via the N30 Reference point. In the roaming scenario, the N30 reference point is located between the PCF and the NEF in the home network only.

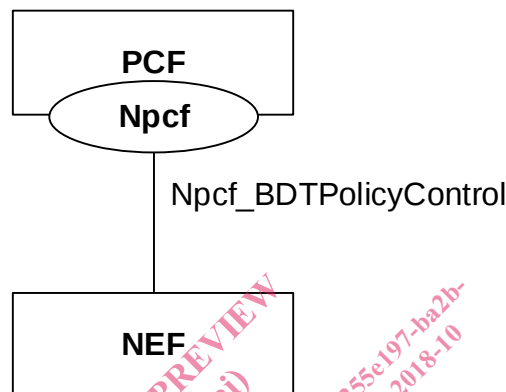


Figure 4.1.2-1: Reference Architecture for the Npcf_BDTPolicyControl Service; SBI representation

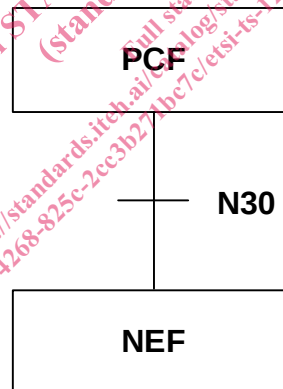


Figure 4.1.2-2: Reference Architecture for the Npcf_BDTPolicyControl Service; reference point representation

4.1.3 Network Functions

4.1.3.1 Policy Control Function (PCF)

The Policy Control Function (PCF):

- Provides background data transfer policies based on the request from the NEF. The PCF determines, based on information provided by the NEF and other available information (e.g. network policy, load status estimation for the requested time window, network area, etc.) one or more transfer policies.
- Updates background data transfer policy based on the selection provided by the NEF.

4.1.3.2 NF Service Consumers

The Network Exposure Function (NEF):

- requests the PCF to provide background data transfer policies; and
- provides the selected background data transfer policy to the PCF.

4.2 Service Operations

4.2.1 Introduction

Table 4.2.1-1: Operations of the Npcf_BDTPolicyControl Service

Service operation name	Description	Initiated by
Npcf_BDTPolicyControl_Create	Provides the requested background data transfer policies to the NF service consumer.	NF service consumer (NEF)
Npcf_BDTPolicyControl_Update	Updates the PCF with the background data transfer policy selected by the NF service consumer.	NF service consumer (NEF)

4.2.2 Npcf_BDTPolicyControl_Create service operation

4.2.2.1 General

The Npcf_BDTPolicyControl_Create service operation is used by an NF service consumer to retrieve BDT policies from the PCF.

The following procedure using the Npcf_BDTPolicyControl_Create service operation is supported:

- retrieval of BDT policies.

4.2.2.2 Retrieval of BDT policies

This procedure is used by the NEF to request BDT policies from the PCF, as defined in 3GPP TS 23.501 [2], 3GPP TS 23.502 [3] and 3GPP TS 23.503 [4].

Figure 4.2.2.2-1 illustrates a retrieval of BDT policies.

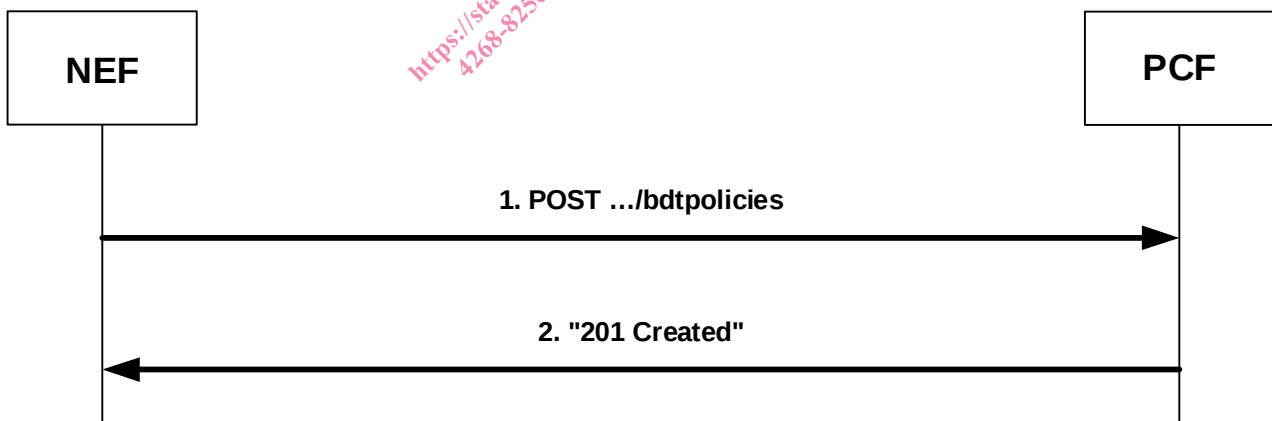


Figure 4.2.2.2-1: Retrieval of BDT policies

Upon reception of a Background Data Transfer request from the AF indicating a transfer policy request, the NEF shall invoke the Npcf_BDTPolicyControl_Create service operation by sending an HTTP POST request to the URI representing a "BDT policies" collection resource of the PCF (as shown in figure 4.2.2.2-1, step 1). The NEF shall include a "BdtReqData" data type in a payload body of the HTTP POST request. The "BdtReqData" data type shall contain:

- an ASP identifier in the "aspId" attribute;