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# Introduction

To ensure competitiveness in a longer time frame an evolution of the overall 3GPP system needs to be considered.

This document compiles requirements to ensure that an Evolved Packet System can cope with the rapid growth in IP data traffic and demanding requirements for new multimedia type of applications in terms of performance and quality, delivered to the user, whilst at the same time enabling cost effective deployment and operation.

The Evolved Packet System is characterised by:

- Reduced latency
- Higher user data rates equating to broadband performance
- Improved system capacity and coverage
- Lower operational costs

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# 1 Scope

The present document describes the service requirements for the Evolved Packet System. Requirements for 5G E-UTRA-NR Dual Connectivity in E-UTRAN connected to EPC, are included in this document.

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## 3 Definitions and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in TR 21.905 [2] and the following apply.

**Communication Range:** The range between UEs and /or between UEs and eNBs such that ProSe Communication is possible.

**Evolved Packet System:** is an evolution of the 3G UMTS characterized by higher-data-rate, lower-latency, packet-optimized system that supports multiple RATs. The Evolved Packet System comprises the Evolved Packet Core together with the evolved radio access network (E-UTRA and E-UTRAN).

**Firewall:** a functional entity which blocks or permits the flow of various traffic types based on a set of policy rules and definitions

**EPC Path:** the user plane communication path through EPC.

**Open ProSe Discovery:** is ProSe Discovery without explicit permission from the ProSe-enabled UE being discovered.

**ProSe Broadcast Communication:** a one-to-all ProSe Communication, between all authorized UEs in proximity, by means of a common ProSe Communication Path established between these UEs.

**ProSe E-UTRA Communication:** a ProSe Communication using a ProSe E-UTRA Communication path.

**ProSe-assisted WLAN direct communication:** a ProSe Communication using a ProSe-assisted WLAN direct communication path.

**ProSe Communication path:** the communication path supporting ProSe Communication. The communication path of a ProSe E-UTRA Communication (ProSe E-UTRA Communication path) could be established e.g. directly between the ProSe-enabled UEs using E-UTRA, or routed via local eNB(s). The communication path of a ProSe-assisted WLAN direct communication (ProSe-assisted WLAN direct communication path) is established directly between the ProSe-enabled UEs using WLAN.

**ProSe Group Communication:** a one-to-many ProSe Communication, between more than two UEs in proximity, by means of a common ProSe Communication path established between the UEs.



**ProSe UE-to-UE Relay:** is a form of relay in which a Public Safety ProSe-enabled UE acts as a ProSe E-UTRA Communication relay between two other Public Safety ProSe-enabled UEs.

**ProSe-enabled Network:** a network that supports ProSe Discovery and/or ProSe Communication.

**Proximity:** proximity is determined ("a UE is in proximity of another UE") when given proximity criteria are fulfilled. Proximity criteria can be different for discovery and communication.

**Range Class:** Rough indication of distance for use in ProSe Discovery, for example, based on geographical distance, radio conditions.

**Restricted ProSe Discovery:** ProSe Discovery that only takes place with explicit permission from the ProSe-enabled UE being discovered.

**Service Continuity:** The uninterrupted user experience of a service that is using an active communication (e.g. an ongoing voice call) when a UE undergoes a radio access technology change or a CS/PS domain change without, as far as possible, the user noticing the change.

Note: In particular Service Continuity encompasses the possibility that after a RAT / domain change the user experience is maintained by a different telecommunication service (e.g. tele- or bearer service) than before the RAT / domain change.

**Service Reachability:** Functionality to enable user access to PLMN IP-based services from outside of the PLMN's domain via non-3GPP access technologies that have IP traffic-flow restrictions (e.g. such as firewall functions that only allow HTTP traffic).

## 3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in TR 21.905 [2] and the following apply.

GW	Gateway
GWCN	Gateway Core Network
HD	High Definition
MNO	Mobile Network Operator
MOCN	Multi-Operator Core Network
ProSe	Proximity Services
RCS	Rich Communication Services
SGW/PGW	Serving Gateway / Packet data network Gateway

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## 4 General description

### 4.1 Objectives

The Evolved Packet System is a higher-data-rate, lower-latency, packet-optimized system that supports multiple RATs. The focus of the Evolved Packet System work is on enhancement of Packet Switched technology to cope with rapid growth in IP traffic.

The objectives of the Evolved Packet System are to:

- Provide higher data rates, lower latency, high level of security and enhanced QoS;
- Support a variety of different access systems (existing and future), ensuring mobility and service continuity between these access systems;
- Support access system selection based on a combination of operator policies, user preference and access network conditions;
- Realise improvements in basic system performance whilst maintaining the negotiated QoS across the whole system;
- Provide capabilities for co-existence with legacy systems and migration to the Evolved Packet System.

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## 5 High-level requirements – user and operational aspects

### 5.0 General

The Evolved Packet System shall be capable of accommodating a variety of different access systems thus providing a multi-access system environment to the user.

The Evolved Packet System shall provide mobility functionality within and across the different access systems.

The Evolved Packet System shall provide capabilities to support the efficient integration of E-UTRAN PS Core Network Nodes and GERAN/UTRAN PS Core Network Nodes.

The Evolved Packet System shall optimize mobility functionality meaning that it shall offer minimal signalling overhead, minimal handover interruption time, secure handover procedure and local breakout.

The Evolved Packet System shall provide capabilities to inter-work with a variety of broadband networks based on IP technologies including those not specified by 3GPP.

The Evolved Packet System shall provide enhanced performance e.g., low communication delay, low connection set-up time and high communication quality.

The Evolved Packet System shall be able to efficiently support a variety of traffic models e.g. user-to-user, user-to-group and traffic models generated by ubiquitous services.

The Evolved Packet System shall provide functionality to support outbound roaming subscribers on other Evolved Packet Systems and legacy networks.

The Evolved Packet System shall provide functionality to support inbound roaming subscribers from other Evolved Packet Systems and legacy networks.

The Evolved Packet System shall be capable of supporting and inter-working with PS services provided on Rel-7 and earlier networks. The Evolved Packet System shall be capable of inter-working with CS services provided on Rel-7 and earlier networks.

The Evolved Packet System shall support service continuity between 3GPP access systems and also between 3GPP access systems and non 3GPP access systems whether the UE supports simultaneous radio transmission or not.

The Evolved Packet System shall be able to accommodate fixed access systems and to inter-work with fixed networks in order to provide service continuity over fixed/mobile converged networks.

The Evolved Packet System service capability set shall include, as a minimum, support for the following categories of services that are likely to be used by the majority of operators:

- Voice
- Video
- Messaging
- Data file exchange

The Evolved Packet System shall provide for efficient usage of system resources, especially of radio resources through both signalling and transport optimization, e.g. overhead, terminal power, radio resources, mobility state, signalling load.

The Evolved Packet System shall support efficient delivery of text-based broadcast messages received from a legacy CBC.

The Evolved Packet System shall support E-UTRAN only operators. The system shall allow these operators to offer national roaming to their subscribers.

The Evolved Packet System shall be capable of uniquely identifying each device that connects via 3GPP access networks and 3GPP2 access networks. For a dual mode device supporting both 3GPP and 3GPP2 access technologies,

there shall be a single persistent identifier used to identify the device. This device identifier shall be the same even when the device moves between 3GPP and 3GPP2 access types.

Note: The 3GPP2 device identifier structure is consistent with the IMEI structure [26].

The EPC shall be capable of restricting access of specific 3GPP devices, 3GPP2 devices and dual mode 3GPP/3GPP2 devices.

## 5.1 Requirements for Fixed Mobile Interworking

The Evolved Packet System shall support the following scenarios: a single Operator offering both fixed and mobile access; different Operators collaborating to deliver services across both networks. These scenarios will be supported by interworking between the access networks.

The Evolved Packet System shall support access to services on the mobile network via interworking with a fixed access network for the following scenarios:

- Residential scenarios for operators that own both wireless and wireline access networks
- Residential scenarios for operators that own wireless access networks only
- Enterprise scenarios with managed connectivity between mobile operators and enterprise networks

The Evolved Packet System shall be able to support the following functions for interworking between the fixed access in the above scenarios and Evolved Packet Core:

- connectivity,
- subscriber authentication/authorization,
- offline charging
- online charging for traffic routed via the Evolved Packet Core
- Policy Control and
- Quality of Service.

The Evolved Packet Core shall support the following for fixed access:

- policy management,
- authentication for WLAN terminals and fixed devices,
- charging

The EPS shall be capable to set operator policies to support simultaneous access to PLMN services and traffic offloading to the fixed network.

Interworking shall support the following scenarios:

When traffic is routed via EPC

- When H(e)NB is being used and traffic is offloaded in the local wireline network
- When WLAN is being used and traffic is offloaded in the local wireline network (i.e. non-seamless WLAN offloading)

Additionally the Evolved Packet System shall be able:

- to minimize QoS and Policy management signalling overhead while interworking between the fixed access and Evolved Packet Core.
- to route different simultaneously active PDN connections through different accesses while interworking between the fixed access and Evolved Packet Core.