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1 Scope

The present document specifies the radio network layer signalling procedures of the control plane between eNBs in E-UTRAN. X2AP supports the functions of X2 interface by signalling procedures defined in this document. X2AP is developed in accordance to the general principles stated in TS 36.401 [2] and TS 36.420 [3].

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- [1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".
- [2] 3GPP TS 36.401: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN); Architecture Description".
- [3] 3GPP TS 36.420: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN); X2 General Aspects and Principles".
- [4] 3GPP TS 36.413: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN); S1 Application Protocol (S1AP)".
- [5] ITU-T Recommendation X.691 (2002-07): "Information technology - ASN.1 encoding rules - Specification of Packed Encoding Rules (PER) ".
- [6] 3GPP TS 32.422: "Telecommunication Management; Subscriber and Equipment Trace; Trace Control and Configuration Management".
- [7] 3GPP TS 32.421: "Telecommunication Management; Subscriber and Equipment Trace; Trace concepts and requirements".
- [8] 3GPP TS 36.424: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN); X2 data transport".
- [9] 3GPP TS 36.331: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRAN); Radio Resource Control (RRC) Protocol Specification".
- [10] 3GPP TS 36.211: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); Physical Channels and Modulation".
- [11] 3GPP TS 36.213: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); Physical layer procedures ".
- [12] 3GPP TS 23.401: "General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) enhancements for Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN) access".
- [13] 3GPP TS 23.203: "Policy and charging control architecture".
- [14] 3GPP TS 24.301: "Non-Access-Stratum (NAS) protocol for Evolved Packet System; Stage 3".
- [15] 3GPP TS 36.300: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA), Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN); Overall description; stage 2".
- [16] 3GPP TS 36.104: "Base Station (BS) radio transmission and reception ".

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- [19] 3GPP TS 36.414: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN); S1 data transport".
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- [29] 3GPP TS 23.003: "Technical Specification Group Core Network and Terminals; Numbering, addressing and identification".
- [30] 3GPP TR 25.921, (version.7.0.0): "Guidelines and principles for protocol description and error handling".

3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in 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 TR 21.905 [1].

Elementary Procedure: X2AP protocol consists of Elementary Procedures (EPs). An X2AP Elementary Procedure is a unit of interaction between two eNBs. An EP consists of an initiating message and possibly a response message. Two kinds of EPs are used:

- **Class 1:** Elementary Procedures with response (success or failure),
- **Class 2:** Elementary Procedures without response.

E-RAB: Defined in TS 36.401 [2].

CSG Cell: as defined in TS 36.300 [15].

Dual Connectivity: as defined in TS 36.300 [15].

Hybrid cell: as defined in TS 36.300 [15].

Master eNB: as defined in TS 36.300 [15].

Secondary Cell Group: as defined in TS 36.300 [15].

Secondary eNB: as defined in TS 36.300 [15].

3.2 Symbols

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

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3.3 Abbreviations

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ABS	Almost Blank Subframe
BBF	Broadband Forum
BL	Bandwidth reduced Low complexity
CCO	Cell Change Order
CE	Coverage Enhancement
CoMP	Coordinated Multi Point
DC	Dual Connectivity
DL	Downlink
EARFCN	E-UTRA Absolute Radio Frequency Channel Number
E-CID	Enhanced Cell-ID (positioning method)
eNB	E-UTRAN NodeB
EP	Elementary Procedure
EPC	Evolved Packet Core
E-RAB	E-UTRAN Radio Access Bearer
E-UTRAN	Evolved UTRAN
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
GUMMEI	Globally Unique MME Identifier
HFN	Hyper Frame Number
IE	Information Element
L-GW	Local GateWay
LWA	LTE-WLAN Aggregation
MCG	Master Cell Group
MDT	Minimization of Drive Tests
MeNB	Master eNB
MME	Mobility Management Entity
NAICS	Network-Assisted Interference Cancellation and Suppression
PDCP	Packet Data Convergence Protocol
PLMN	Public Land Mobile Network
ProSe	Proximity Service
SCG	Secondary Cell Group
S-GW	Serving Gateway
SeNB	Secondary eNB
SIPTO	Selected IP Traffic Offload
SIPTO@LN	Selected IP Traffic Offload at the Local Network
SN	Sequence Number
TAC	Tracking Area Code
UE	User Equipment
UL	Uplink
V2X	Vehicle-to-Everything
WLAN	Wireless Local Area Network
WT	WLAN Termination