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# 1 Scope

The present document describes the protocol to be used on the IMS Application Level Gateway (ALG) – IMS Access Gateway (IMS-AGW) interface. The basis for this protocol is the H.248 protocol as specified in ITU-T. The IMS architecture is described in 3GPP TS 23.228 [2]. The underlying reference model and stage 2 information is described in Annex G of 3GPP TS 23.228 [2] and in 3GPP TS 23.334 [23].

This specification describes the application of H.248 on the Iq interface (see Figure 1). Required extensions use the H.248 standard extension mechanism. In addition certain aspects of the base protocol H.248 are not needed for this interface and thus excluded by this profile.

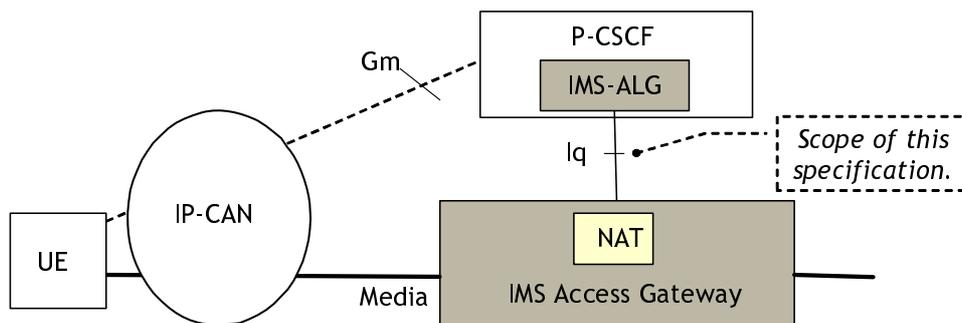


Figure 1: Reference model for IMS access

The reference model for the IMS-ALG and the IMS-AGW supporting the ATCF/ATGW function is shown in Figure 1a below.

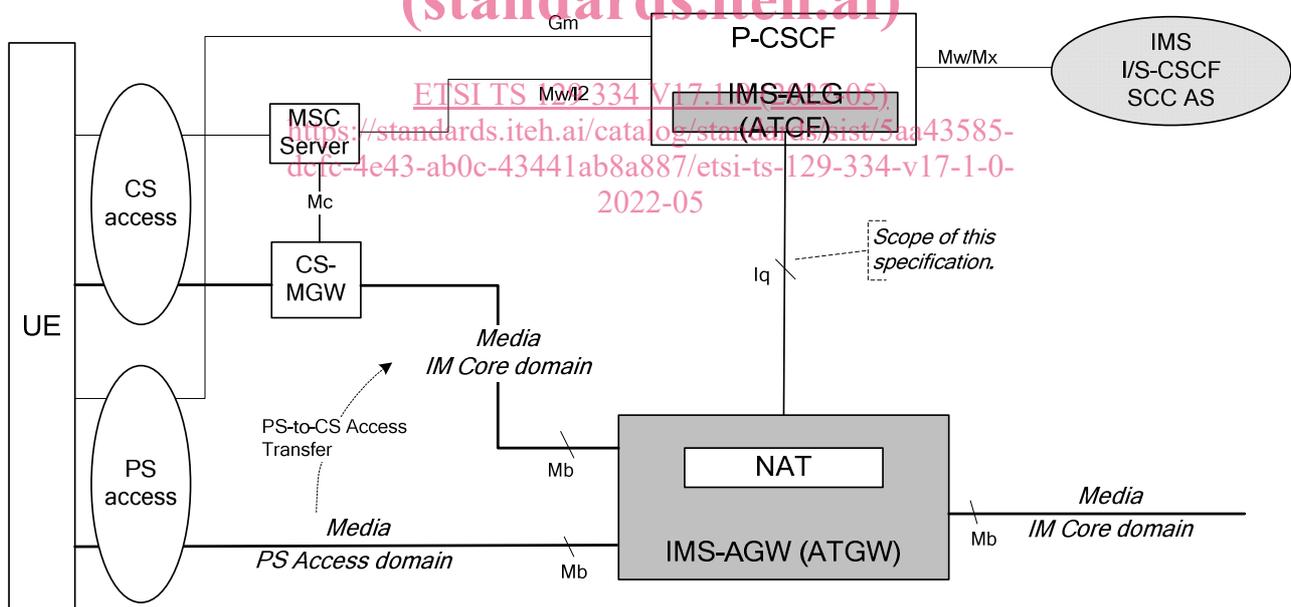
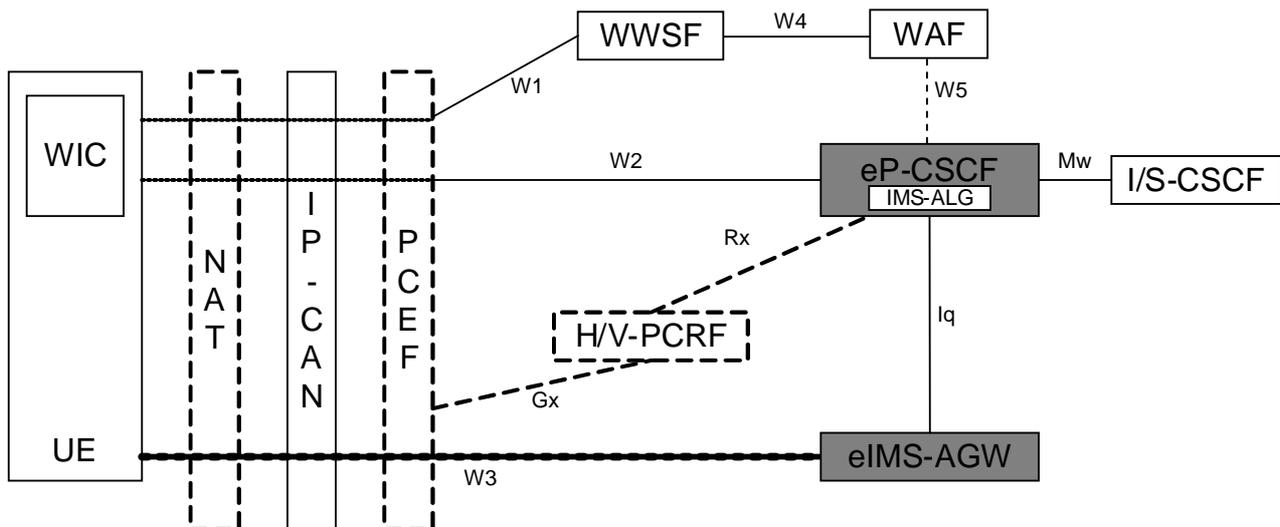


Figure 1a: Reference model for IMS-ALG/IMS-AGW with ATCF/ATGW function

See 3GPP TS 23.237 [38] clause 5.2 for a comprehensive description of the reference model.

The reference model for the P-CSCF enhanced for WebRTC (eP-CSCF) and the IMS-AGW enhanced for WebRTC (eIMS-AGW) to support WebRTC client access to IMS is shown in Figure 1b as below, see 3GPP TS 23.228 [2] Annex U for a comprehensive description of the reference model.



**Figure 1b: Reference Architecture for eP-CSCF/eIMS-AGW supporting WebRTC access to IMS**

NOTE: The presence of dashed elements in the figure depends on the configuration. PCC functional elements are present only for EPC access with QoS. The corresponding PCC elements for fixed access are also optionally supported but not shown. The NAT in figure 1b is meant for non-cellular access to IMS.

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## 3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply.

**Address:** term used for "network address" (IP address)

**End-to-access edge security:** media protection extending between an IMS UE and the first IMS core network node in the media path without being terminated by any intermediary node.

**Port:** term used for "transport port" (L4 port).

**Transcoding:** transcoding in general is the translation from one type of encoded media format to another different media format, e.g. G.711 A-law to  $\mu$ -law or vice versa, G.729 to AMR with 4.75 rate.

NOTE 1: The definition of "transcoding" is according clause 3.10 of ITU-T Recommendation V.152 [23].

NOTE 2: Transcoding belongs to the category of "media aware" IP-to-IP interworking.

**Transparent Forwarding:** media gateway packet forwarding behaviour with the characteristic of Lx-PDU integrity. This is a unidirectional characteristic of an Lx-PDU flow.

NOTE 3: The definition is according clause 3.2.10 of ITU-T Recommendation H.248.88 [71].

NOTE 4: The semantic covers both traffic directions when applied on H.248 Streams (due to their inherent characteristic of bidirectionality).

**Transport Address:** term used for the combination of a *Network Address* and a *Transport Port*.

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions as defined in 3GPP TS 23.334 [23] apply:

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**Full ICE.**

### 3.2 Symbols

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

Iq                      Interface between the IMS Application Level Gateway (ALG) (IMS-ALG) and the IMS Access Gateway (IMS-AGW)

### 3.3 Abbreviations

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

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| ABNF  | Augmented Backus-Naur Form             |
| ATCF  | Access Transfer Control Function       |
| ATGW  | Access Transfer Gateway                |
| B-ALG | Bearer Level Application-Level Gateway |
| BFCP  | Binary Floor Control Protocol          |
| CCM   | Codec Control Messages                 |
| CVO   | Coordination of Video Orientation      |
| DBI   | Delay Budget Information               |
| DSCP  | Differentiated Service Code Point      |
| e2ae  | End-to-Access-Edge (security model)    |
| ECN   | Explicit Congestion Notification       |

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| eIMS-AGW  | IMS Access Gateway enhanced for WebRTC   |
| eP-CSCF   | P-CSCF enhanced for WebRTC   |
| FECC      | Far End Camera Control   |
| FIR       | Full Intra Request   |
| GTT       | Global Text Telephony  |
| ICE       | Interactive Connectivity Establishment   |
| IMS-AGW   | IMS Access Gateway   |
| IMS-ALG   | IMS Application Level Gateway  |
| IP        | Internet Protocol  |
| LD        | Local Descriptor (H.248 protocol element)  |
| MG        | Media Gateway  |
| MGC       | Media Gateway Controller   |
| MPS       | Multimedia Priority Service  |
| MSRP      | Message Session Relay Protocol   |
| MTSI      | Multimedia Telephony Service for IMS   |
| NA        | Not Applicable   |
| NAPT      | Network Address and Port Translation   |
| NAPT-PT   | NAPT and Protocol Translation  |
| NAT       | Network Address Translation  |
| RD        | Remote Descriptor (H.248 protocol element)   |
| ROI       | Region of Interest   |
| RTCP      | RTP Control Protocol   |
| SCTP      | Stream Control Transport Protocol  |
| SDP       | Session Description Protocol   |
| SDPCapNeg | SDP Capability Negotiation   |
| SRVCC     | Single Radio Voice Call Continuity   |
| STUN      | Session Traversal Utilities for NAT  |
| TCP       | Transmission Control Protocol  |
| TLS       | Transport Layer Security (protocol)  |
| TMMBN     | Temporary Maximum Media Stream Bit Rate Notification                                     |
| TMMBR     | Temporary Maximum Media Stream Bit Rate Request  |
| ToS       | Type-of-Service  |
| TISPAN    | Telecommunications and Internet converged Services and Protocols for Advanced Networking |
| WebRTC    | Web Real Time Communication  |
| WIC       | WebRTC IMS Client  |
| WWSF      | WebRTC Web Server Function   |

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## 4 Applicability

The support of the Iq interface capability set shall be identified by the H.248 Iq profile and support of this profile shall be indicated in H.248 ServiceChange procedure (during the (re-)registration phase(s)).

### 4.1 Architecture

See Annex G and Annex U of 3GPP TS 23.228 [2].

## 5 Profile Description

### 5.1 Profile Identification

**Table 5.1.1: Profile Identification**

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Profile name:</b> | <b>threeglq</b> |
| Version:             | 7               |