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1 Scope

The present document describes the whole-system security framework required to manage NFV-based virtualised networks securely. The present document provides an architecture and capabilities for security management, which includes MANO, NFVI (including the underlying compute hardware infrastructure), the virtualised function application layer (e.g. 5G) and PNFs. The security management architecture addresses all network and VNF lifecycle stages from VNF onboarding, instantiation, VNF instance runtime and post-VNF instance teardown cleanup.

The present document considers both baseline security requirements and policies which need to be applied across all network functions and additional requirements that are applicable to sensitive network functions.

The present document is intended to include, update and replace NFV Security Management and Monitoring concepts that were defined in ETSI GS NFV-SEC 013 [i.2].

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- [1] [ETSI GS NFV-IFA 026 \(V3.2.1\)](#): "Network Functions Virtualisation (NFV) Release 3; Management and Orchestration; Architecture enhancement for Security Management Specification".
- [2] [ETSI GS NFV-SEC 025](#): "Network Functions Virtualisation (NFV) Release 4; Security; Secure End-to-End VNF and NS management specification".
- [3] [ETSI GS NFV-SEC 021](#): "Network Functions Virtualisation (NFV) Release 5; Security; VNF Package Security Specification".
- [4] [ETSI GS NFV-SEC 026](#): "Network Functions Virtualisation (NFV) Release 5; Security; Isolation and trust domain specification".
- [5] [ETSI TS 104 000](#): "Lawful Interception (LI); Internal Network Interface X0".
- [6] [ETSI TS 104 007](#): "Lawful Interception (LI); Lawful Interception Architecture".
- [7] [NIST SP 800-88 Rev.2](#): "Guidelines for Media Sanitization".

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- [i.1] ETSI GR NFV 003: "Network Functions Virtualisation (NFV); Terminology for Main Concepts in NFV".
- [i.2] ETSI GS NFV-SEC 013: "Network Functions Virtualisation (NFV) Release 3; Security; Security Management and Monitoring specification".

3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms given in ETSI GR NFV 003 [i.1] and the following apply:

Security Agent: distributed security function performing security monitoring/management with a local actionable behaviour

Security Management: functionality that applies security policy to a virtualised network based on both predefined default policy and active analysis of information provided through security monitoring

NOTE: Security management actions will consist of both passive default security policy automatically applied by NFV-MANO (including through VNFDs or of vendor / CSP configuration) and active real-time security management actions where the Security Management system actively updates or overrides default passive policy.

Security Monitoring: functionality that collects and performs analysis of relevant events from across the virtualised network, which allow the Security Management and Monitoring system to make informed security management decisions

NOTE: Security monitoring is not restricted to real-time (or near real-time) collection and analysis of network events. Virtual network-wide monitoring will include security analysis of longer-term logging, AI data set analysis and human intelligence to predict and update monitoring criteria.

3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the symbols given in ETSI GR NFV 003 [i.1] apply.

3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in ETSI GR NFV 003 [i.1] and the following apply:

ABAC	Attribute Based Access Control
AI/ML	Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning
A-SA	Adjunct Security Agent
CA	Certificate Authority
CSP	Communication Service Provider
DLP	Data Loss Prevention
EOL	End-Of-Life
E-SM	Embedded Security Agent
FQDN	Fully Qualified Domain Name
GUID	Globally Unique Identifier
HA	High Availability
HMEE	Hardware-Mediated Execution Enclave
IDS	Intrusion Detection System
IPS	Intrusion Prevention System
I-SA	Infrastructure Security Agent
M-SA	MANO Security Agent
OSSM	OSS/BSS Security Manager