

Title: LS Reply to Request for close cooperation on future NGN Standardisation
Response to: LS SP-040150 (02bTD077r2)

Source: SA
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Attachments: None

1. Overall Description:

3GPP thanks ETSI TISPAN for the LS on upcoming work on Next Generation Networks (NGN) and looks forward to working with ETSI TISPAN on the development of this functionality. Given the criticality of this work for the industry, 3GPP believes that it is desirable to take concrete steps to ensure a successful collaboration between ETSI TISPAN and 3GPP on use of IMS as a component of NGN.

It was agreed that 3GPP would support the TISPAN decision to use IMS as a component of NGN. 3GPP supports the necessary enhancements to IMS within 3GPP carried out under the normal 3GPP Work Item process. 3GPP work items for NGN harmonisation would need to be created and approved as per the normal 3GPP process. Note that while this liaison statement specifically mentions IMS, many of the criteria identified below could apply to the reuse of other 3GPP specifications if they prove relevant to the NGN work, and ETSI TISPAN so desires.

3GPP would be willing to organize a workshop to discuss the NGN requirements, architecture, and timelines.

3GPP asks ETSI TISPAN to consider the following points:

1. 3GPP understands that ETSI TISPAN will develop documents referencing 3GPP IMS specifications. 3GPP would like to minimise the number of differences from 3GPP specifications, particularly if enhancements and changes would be generally useful to IMS.
2. Work within 3GPP to address any enhancements required for NGN is expected to be driven by 3GPP member companies (many of which are also members of ETSI TISPAN). This work is subject to the standard 3GPP work item definition and approval process. 3GPP intends to address this topic expeditiously.
3. 3GPP TSG CN should be the single point of contact with IETF in addressing extensions to IETF protocols for the support of IMS.
4. ETSI TISPAN is requested to give a presentation of preliminary NGN requirements, architecture, and timelines. The following is a list of suggested items to be addressed by a workshop:
 - What is TISPAN planning to do?
 - What are TISPAN requirements?
 - What are expected TISPAN changes to IMS?
 - 3GPP reactions to these changes
 - Document structure discussions
 - Work programmes

2. Actions:

To SA2 group.

ACTION:

3GPP requests the 3GPP TSG SA WG2 management to organise such a workshop in conjunction with ETSI TISPAN.

To ETSI TISPAN group.

ACTION:

3GPP asks ETSI TISPAN endorse the workshop and to take note of the considerations above.

3. Date of Next 3GPP TSG- Meetings:

TSG#24	26 th May – 4 th June 2004	Seoul, Korea
TSG#25	8 th Sept – 16 th Sept 2004	Palm Springs, CA, USA