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Title: UTRAN LTE Work plan revisions and way forward
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1 Introduction

In the TSG RAN#27 meeting in Tokyo, the work plan was agreed for the UTRAN long term evolution meeting. As indicated in the work plan itself as well, necessary revisions are to be done in every TSG RAN meeting. Also in [1] the way of working and reacting to deviations was discussed though the main focus was on the work plan itself.

2 Discussion

2.1 Work plan

Following the agreed work plan TSG RAN should approve TR 25.913 for the basis for future work in UTRAN LTE in RAN WG's and revise work plan on need basis. Following the requirements discussion we can note that for the key requirements have been now identified. Thus in light of the discussion during TSG RAN WG's meeting on UTRAN LTE it could be concluded that requirements have reached the milestone, and requirements in TR 25.913 could be approved for the basis of UTRAN LTE study item. Regarding possible revisions to the work plan, it is still considered that we can use the existing work plans, and hence there is no need to revise work plan in this meeting.

We would also like to remind on the decision we made in TSG RAN#27 meeting to include work plan to the requirement TR and hence not to loose this valuable information.

2.2. Working process

In [1] it was written regarding the working methods:

“As the whole stage 2 is planned to be ready by June –06, decision-making needs to be swift and blocking situations over several meetings should be avoided in WG's. As the overall responsibility of the work is in RAN, it should be considered that needed decisions are done in RAN plenary if there is no consensus in working groups. Even voting could be organized, as based on work plan each contributor knows decisions point well in advance. Naturally building consensus has the first priority but the schedule cannot be compromised either.

This will ensure fruitful discussions in working groups, but also that original timelines are kept. “

And the related proposal was presented as:

“ It is also proposed that TSG RAN agrees that in case of blocking opinions, voting will take place immediately in the next RAN plenary, unless no agreement is found prior the plenary. In case formal timing restrictions prevent the formal vote (WG too close to TSG RAN) then TSG RAN can have an indicate vote and leave the actual formal vote (unless agreement in TSG RAN) to be done in the beginning of the next relevant WG meeting. “

It is important to highlight that each WG chair should flag promptly if there is a deviation experienced or expected once the work progresses further in the working groups. Other aspect of the work plan worth noting is that when there is consensus emerging, obviously decisions could be done earlier than indicated to get some more margin for other issues.

For the TSG RAN meeting agenda, possible voting topics should be added again early enough if voting looks likely.

3. Proposal

Following actions are proposed:

1. Include work-plan related to TSG RAN work (at minimum slide 2) from [2] into the TR 25.913 and create a section for work plan and possible revisions.
2. Confirm process that WG chairs will promptly report possible blocking situation in the WG's, and indicate possible actions needed in RAN plenary.
3. Decisions are possible to be made even earlier if consensus is reached.
4. RAN chair agenda indicates possible voting topics, and it is made available early enough, following current 3GPP procedures. The decision whether or not a vote is the best way forward is the chairman's privilege.

4. References

[1] REV-05029 Evolved UTRA and UTRAN work plan, Nokia

[2] RP-050167 Work plan of evolved UTRA and UTRAN, RAN WG joint meeting