

### ***1.2.4 TISPAN: Telecommunications and Internet converged Services and Protocols for Advanced Networking (Alain Le Roux, France Telecom, ETSI TISPAN Chairman; presented by John Visser)***

The ancestry of ETSI TISPAN gives a clear indication of the nature of its work. TISPAN came about as the combination of SPAN (Services and Protocols for Advanced Networks) with TIPHON (Telecommunications and Internet Protocol Harmonization Over Networks.) SPAN was itself the joining of SPS (Services, Protocols & Switching) and NA (Network Aspects). TIPHON was an ETSI Project to study VoIP and was subsequently extended to any Telecom (including Multimedia) services over IP.

TISPAN is defining ETSI's Next Generation Networks vision and producing under its TISPAN\_NGN Release Project a first set of specifications to enable its realization to fulfill the short term market requirements. This presentation will provide an overview of the objectives, timelines, results to date, near term goals, and forward looking directions of TISPAN. As part of the larger whole, TISPAN aims to meet its regional market needs, and meet everyone's need for fixed and mobile convergence, while ensuring a fit into a global framework. The presentation includes a view of how TISPAN relates to the ITU-T's NGN Focus Group.