Overview of the federated testbeds framework

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This Recommendation contains a technical framework consisting of guidelines, which provides a common reference for developers in order to facilitate the implementation and promotion of interoperability of testbeds.

Objectives of this Recommendation:

- 1. Definition of potential improvements for the testbed interoperability and federation.
- 2. Description of a reference model for interoperable testbed federations.
- 3. Specification of open APIs for the interconnection and interoperability among testbeds.
- Definition of reference metrics easing the integration and the interoperability of testbeds.



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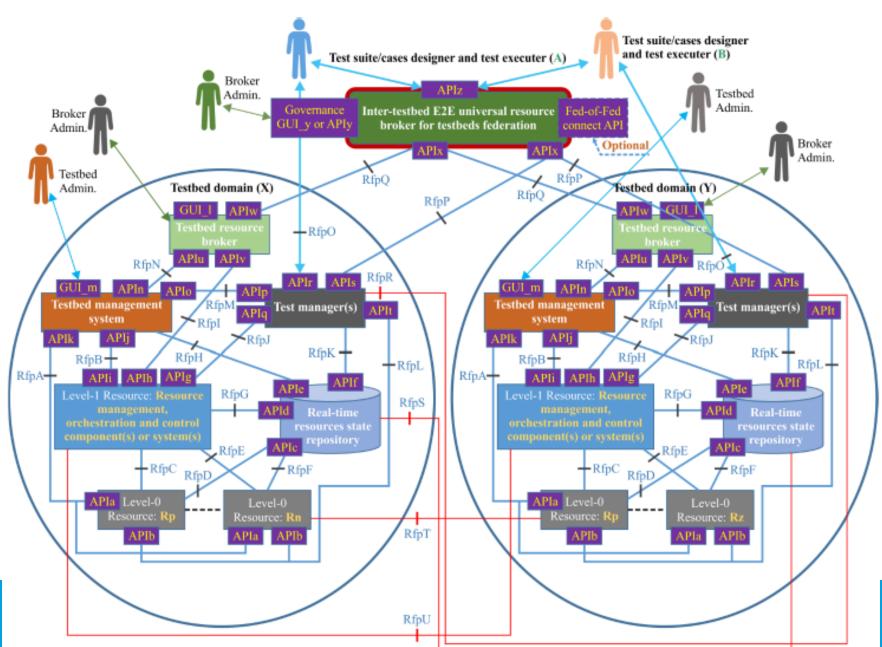
- A generic reference model for testbeds federation and key players, based on GANA (Generic Autonomic Networking Architecture) from ETSI.
- A general architecture for the testbed interoperability and federation.
- Proposed elements of a reference model of testbed federation.
- Testbeds federation APIs requirements.
- Some APIs instantiating the generic model, based on Fed4FIRE+ and GENI.
- Proposed reference metrics.

Appendixes of the Recommendation (not part of the Recommendation itself):

- GENI testbed federation.
- Fed4FIRE+ testbed federation.
- Different use cases for testbed federations.



Generic federated testbed model





Elements of the generic federated testbed model

- Testbed domain:
 - Testbed resource broker
 - Testbed management system
 - Test manager(s)
 - Level-1 resource: resource management, orchestration and control components or systems
 - Level-0 resource
 - Real-time resources state repository
- Inter-testbed E2E universal resource broker for testbeds federation



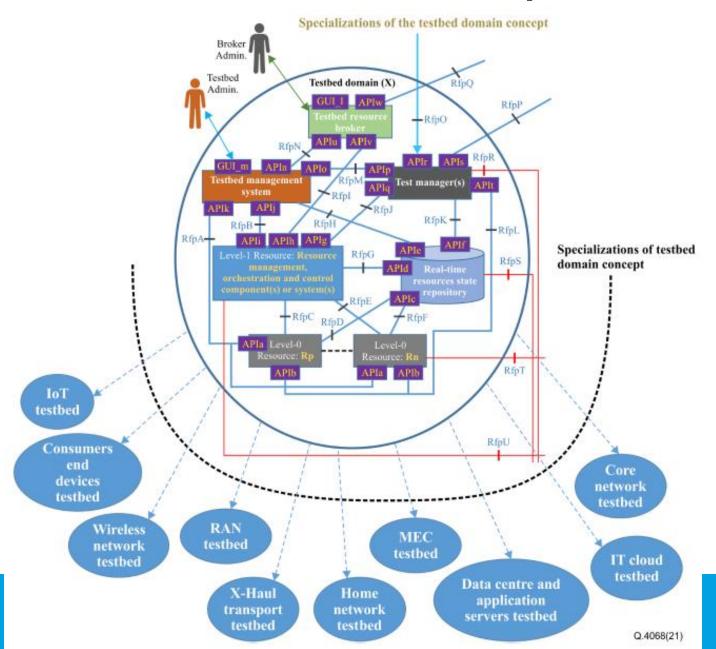
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- Roles or actors:
 - Testbed admin
 - Broker admin
 - Test suite/cases designer and test executer

26 APIs with high-level description

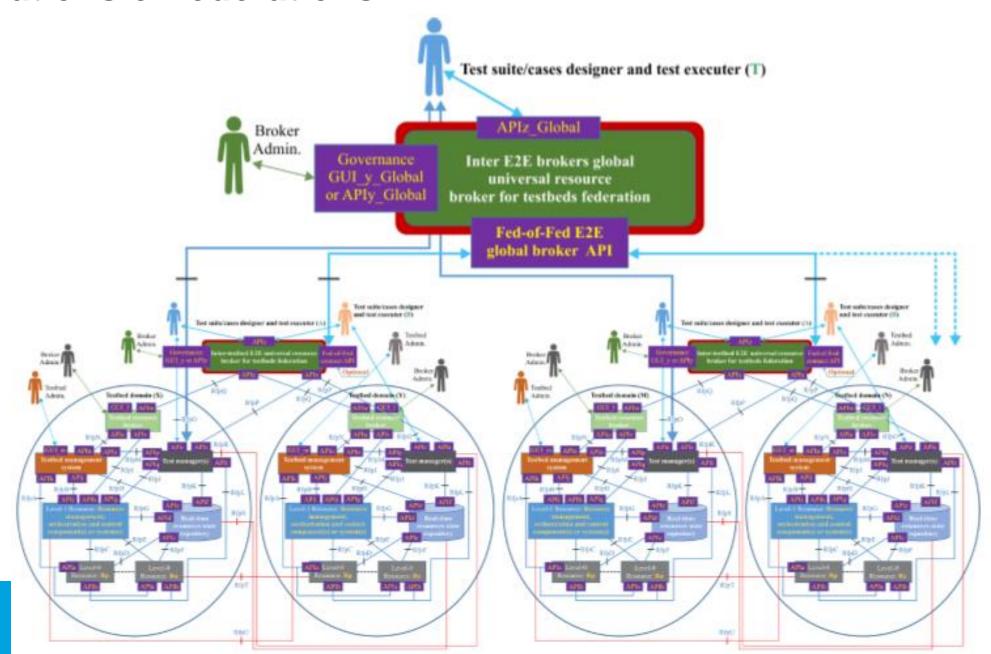


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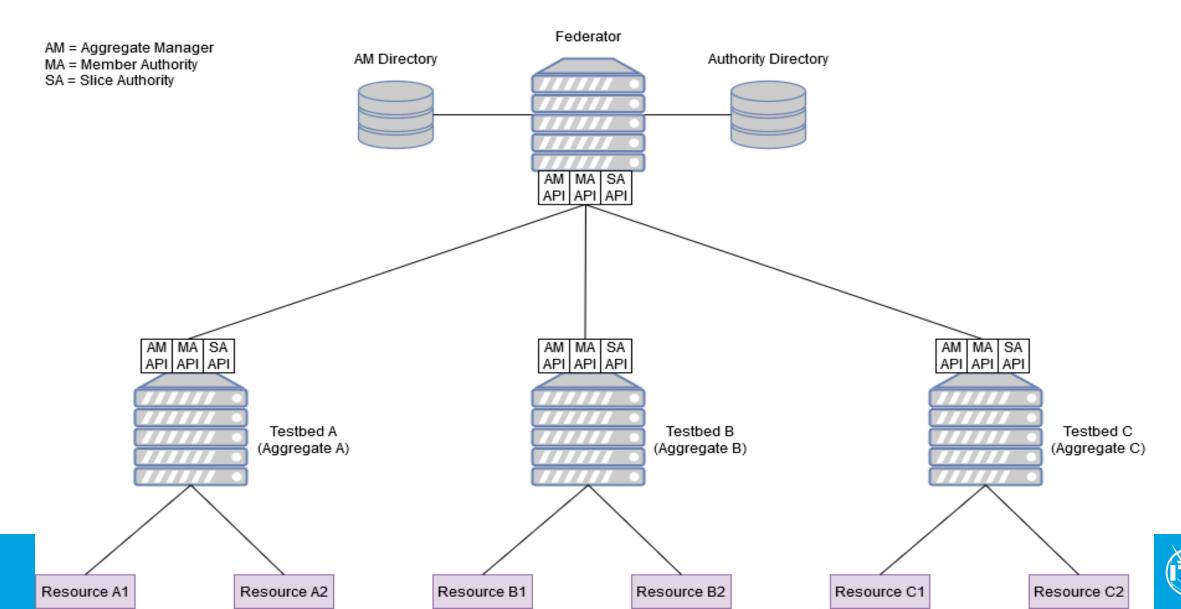


Federations of federations





Instantiation of the generic model: Testbed federation architecture in Fed4FIRE+



Instantiation of the generic model: Fed4FIRE+ APIs

- Aggregate Manager (AM) API: Permits all the operations on the testbed resources like reservation.
- Slice Authority (SA) API: Management of a set of resources (slice) linked to a user.
- Member Authority (MA) API: Management of the users and their credentials.



Possible application of the testbeds framework

- SLICES-RI: https://slices-ri.eu/
 - Flexible platform designed to support large-scale, experimental research focused on networking protocols, radio technologies, services, data collection, parallel and distributed computing and in particular cloud and edge-based computing architectures and services.
 - 15 European countries
 - 25 partners





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