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Summary

This technical paper provides the standardization roadmap for fifth generation (5G; also known as International Mobile Telecommunications-2020) security. This roadmap is prepared to assist in developing 5G security standards by providing information on existing standards and those under development from key standards development organizations (SDOs). In addition, it describes the overviews of 5G security from standards perspective and gap analysis.

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5G security standardization roadmap

# 1 Scope

This Technical Paper provides the standardization roadmap for fifth generation (5G) security. It addresses the following subjects:

– overview of 5G security from the perspective of standards development;

– 5G security-related activities in standards development organizations (SDOs);

– existing and approved, standards, and those under-development;

– 5G security-related documents published by fora, associations, research institutes and governments;

– gap analysis on 5G security standardization;

– direction of 5G-related security standardization works in ITU-T.

# 2 References

None.

# 3 Definitions

## 3.1 Terms defined elsewhere

None.

## 3.2 Terms defined in this Technical Paper

None.

# 4 Abbreviations and acronyms

This Technical Paper uses the following abbreviations and acronyms:

4G fourth Generation

5G fifth Generation

5GC fifth Generation Core

5GS fifth Generation System

AKMA Authentication and Key Management for Applications

AMF Access and Mobility Management Function

API Application Programming Interface

ARPF Authentication Credential Repository Processing Function

AUSF Authentication Server Function

CIoT Cellular Internet of Things

E2E End to End

EECC European Electronic Communications Code

eNA enablers for Network Automation

ENISA European Network and Information Security Agency

EGPRS Enhanced General Packet Radio Service

FMC Fixed Mobile Converged

GSMA GSM Association

GTP-U General packet radio service Tunnelling Protocol for User

IAB Integrated Access and Backhaul

IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

IIoT Industrial Internet of Things

IoT Internet of Things

LAN Local Area Network

LI Lawful Interception

LTE Long-Term Evolution

MANO Management and Network Orchestration

MBS Multicast-Broadcast Services

MEC Multi-access Edge Computing

MNO Mobile Network Operator

MSGin5G Message Service for MIoT over 5G

MTC Machine Type Communication

N3IWF Non-3GPP Interworking Function

NEF Network Exposure Function

NESAS Network Equipment Security Assurance Scheme

NFV Network Function Virtualization

NGMN Next Generation for Mobile Network

NIST National Institute of Standards and Technology

NPN Non-Public Network

NR Next Radio

NRF Network Repository Function

NSWO Non-Seamless WLAN Offload

NWDAF Network Data Analytics Function

PKI Public Key Infrastructure

SBA Service-Based Architecture

SCAS Security Assurance Specification

SCP Service Communication Proxy

SDN Software-Defined Networking

SDO Standards Development Organization

SECAM Security Assurance Methodology

SEPP Security Edge Protection Proxy

SIM Subscriber Identification Module

SIP Session Initiation Protocol

SMF Session Management Function

SS7 Signalling System No. 7

UAS Unmanned Aerial System

UDM Unified Data Management

UP User Plane

UPF User Plane Function

URLLC Ultra-Reliable and Low Latency Communication

UTRAN Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network

V2X Vehicle to Everything

VNF Virtualized Network Function

WLAN Wireless Local Area Network

ZSM Zero-touch Network and Service Management

# 5 Overview of 5G security standardization roadmap

Because the 5G network has changed from the fourth generation/long-term evolution (4G/LTE) era by including new functions, new technologies and new platform architecture, new threats and risks should be considered. Because 5G networks have become complicated and include many aspects, their security has been discussed by many SDOs, fora or associations and governments. The purpose of this Technical Paper is to recognize 5G security activities at the corresponding SDOs and other organizations, and to identify how security standardization work relates to 5G in ITU-T SG17.

# 6 Developing standards for 5G security in standards development organizations

## 6.1 ITU-T SG17

### 6.1.1 Published documents as Recommendation, Supplement and Technical Report

Table 6-1 lists the ITU-T Recommendations, Supplements and Technical Reports related to 5G security in ITU-T SG17.

| Table 6-1 – ITU-T SG17 Recommendations, Supplements and Technical Reports | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Study group | Number | Title | Date |
| SG17 | ITU-T X.1038 | *Security requirements and reference architecture for software-defined networking* | 10/2016 |
| SG17 | ITU-T X.1042 | *Security services using software-defined networking* | 01/2019 |
| SG17 | ITU-T X.1043 | *Security framework and requirements for service function chaining based on software-defined networking* | 03/2019 |
| SG17 | ITU-T X.1044 | *Security requirements of network virtualization* | 10/2019 |
| SG17 | ITU-T X.1045 | *Security service chain architecture for networks and applications* | 10/2019 |
| SG17 | ITU-T X.1046 | *Framework of software-defined security in software-defined networks/network functions virtualization networks* | 12/2020 |
| SG17 | ITU-T X.1047 | *Security requirements and architecture for network slice management and orchestration* | 10/2021 |
| SG17 | ITU-T X.1811 | *Security guidelines for applying quantum-safe algorithms in IMT-2020 systems* | 04/2021 |
| SG17 | ITU-T X.1812 | *Security framework based on trust relationship for the IMT-2020 ecosystems* | 05/2022 |
| SG17 | ITU-T X.1813 | *Security requirements for the operation of vertical services supporting ultra-reliable and low latency communication (URLLC) in the IMT-2020 private networks* |  |
| SG17 | ITU-T X.1814 | *Security guidelines for IMT-2020 communication system* |  |

### 6.1.2 Work items

Table 6-2 lists the on-going work items related to 5G security in ITU-T SG17.

Table 6-2 – Status of work items in ITU-T SG17

| Q | Acronym | Title | Start of work | Timing of approval |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2/17 | X.5Gsec-ecs\* | Security framework for 5G edge computing services | 2019-01 | 2022-09 |
| 2/17 | X.5Gsec-netec\* | Security capabilities of network layer for 5G edge computing | 2019-09 | 2022-09 |
| 2/17 | X.5Gsec-ssl | Guidelines for classifying security capabilities in 5G network slice | 2020-09 | 2022-09 |
| 2/17 | X.5Gsec-message | Security requirements for 5G message service | 2021-04 | 2023-03 |
| 13/17 | X.itssec-5\* | Security guidelines for vehicular edge computing | 2019-09 | 2023-09 |

## 6.2 Other study groups in ITU-T

None.

## 6.3 3rd Generation Partnership Project

Table 6-3 lists the standardization items related to 5G security from the 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP).

| Table 6-3 – Security related documents in the 3rd Generation Partnership Project | | |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Group | 3GPP number | Title |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.122 | *Security aspects of common API framework (CAPIF) for 3GPP northbound APIs* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.126 | *Security; Lawful interception requirements* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.127 | *Security; Lawful interception (LI) architecture and functions* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.128 | *Security; Protocol and procedures for lawful interception (LI); Stage 3* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.501 | *Security architecture and procedures for 5G system* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.503 | *Security aspects of proximity based services (ProSe) in the 5G system (5GS)* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.511 | *Security assurance specification (SCAS) for the next generation node B (gNodeB) network product class* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.512 | *5G security assurance specification (SCAS); Access and mobility management function (AMF)* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.513 | *5G security assurance specification (SCAS); User plane function (UPF)* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.514 | *5G security assurance specification (SCAS) for the unified data management (UDM) network product class* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.515 | *5G security assurance specification (SCAS) for the session management function (SMF) network product class* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.516 | *5G security assurance specification (SCAS) for the authentication server function (AUSF) network product class* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.517 | *5G security assurance specification (SCAS) for the security edge protection proxy (SEPP) network product class* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.518 | *5G security assurance specification (SCAS) for the network repository function (NRF) network product class* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.519 | *5G security assurance specification (SCAS) for the network exposure function (NEF) network product class* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.520 | *Security assurance specification for non-3GPP interworking function (N3IWF)* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.521 | *5G security assurance specification (SCAS); Network data analytics function (NWDAF)* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.522 | *5G security assurance specification (SCAS); Service communication proxy (SCP)* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.535 | *Authentication and key management for applications (AKMA) based on 3GPP credentials in the 5G system (5GS)* |
| TSG SA3 | TS 33.536 | *Security aspects of 3GPP support for advanced vehicle-to-everything (V2X) services* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.738 | *Study on security aspects of enablers for network automation for 5G –Phase 3* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.739 | *Study on security enhancement of support for edge computing – Phase 2* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.740 | *Study on security aspects of proximity based services (ProSe) in 5G system (5GS) phase 2* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.805 | *Study on security assurance methodology for 3GPP network products* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.807 | *Study on the security of the wireless and wireline convergence for the 5G system architecture* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.808 | *Study on KDF negotiation for 5G system security* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.809 | *Study on 5G security enhancement against false base stations (FBS)* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.811 | *Study on security aspects of 5G network slicing management* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.813 | *Security aspects; Study on security aspects of network slicing enhancement* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.814 | *Study on the security of the enhancement to the 5G Core (5GC) location services* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.818 | *Security assurance methodology (SECAM) and security assurance specification (SCAS) for 3GPP virtualised network products* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.819 | *Study on security enhancements of 5G System (5GS) for vertical and local area network (LAN) services* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.824 | *Study on security for next radio (NR) integrated access and backhaul (IAB)* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.825 | *Study on the security of ultra-reliable low-latency communication (URLLC) for the 5G system (5GS)* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.835 | *Study on authentication and key management for applications based on 3GPP credential in 5G* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.836 | *Study on security aspects of 3GPP support for advanced vehicle-to-everything (V2X) services* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.839 | *Study on security aspects of enhancement of support for edge computing in the 5G core (5GC)* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.840 | *Study on security aspects of the disaggregated gNB architecture* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.841 | *Security aspects; Study on the support of 256-bit algorithms for 5G* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.842 | *Study on lawful interception (LI) service in 5G* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.845 | *Study on storage and transport of 5G core (5GC) security parameters for authentication credential repository processing function (ARPF) authentication* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.846 | *Study on authentication enhancements in the 5G system (5GS)* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.847 | *Study on security aspects of enhancement for proximity based services in the 5G system (5GS)* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.848 | *Security aspects; Study on security impacts of virtualisation* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.849 | *Study on subscriber privacy impact in 3GPP* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.850 | *Study on security aspects of enhancements for 5G multicast-broadcast services (MBS)* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.851 | *Study on security for enhanced support of industrial Internet of things (IIoT)* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.853 | *Study on key issues and potential solutions for integrity protection of the user plane (UP)* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.854 | *Study on security aspects of unmanned aerial systems (UAS)* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.855 | *Security aspects; Study on security aspects of the 5G service based architecture (SBA)* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.856 | *Study on security aspects of single radio voice continuity from 5G to UTRAN* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.857 | *Study on enhanced security support for non-public networks (NPN)* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.859 | *Study on the introduction of key hierarchy in universal terrestrial radio access network (UTRAN)* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.860 | *Study on enhanced general packet radio service (EGPRS) access security enhancements with relation to cellular Internet of things (IoT)* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.861 | *Study on evolution of cellular internet of things (CIoT) security for the 5G system* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.862 | *Study on security aspects of the message service for MIoT over the 5G system (MSGin5G)* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.863 | *Study on battery efficient security for very low throughput machine type communication (MTC) devices* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.865 | *Security aspects of WLAN network selection for 3GPP terminals* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.866 | *Study on security aspects of enablers for Network Automation (eNA) for the 5G system (5GS) Phase 2* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.868 | *Study on security aspects of machine-type communications (MTC) and other mobile data applications communications enhancements* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.875 | *Study on enhanced security aspects of the 5G service based architecture (SBA)* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.876 | *Study on automated certificate management in SBA* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.881 | *Study on non-seamless WLAN offload (NSWO) in 5G system (5GS) using 3GPP credentials* |
| TSG SA3 | TR 33.889 | *Study on security aspects of machine-type communications (MTC) architecture and feature enhancements* |

## 6.4 European Telecommunications Standards Institute

Table 6-4 lists standardization items related to 5G security from the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI).

| Table 6-4 – Security related documents from the European  Telecommunications Standards Institute | | |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Group | Number | Title |
| ISG MEC | GS MEC 030 | *Multi-access edge computing (MEC); V2X information service API* |
| ISG MEC | GR MEC 031 | *Multi-access edge computing (MEC) MEC 5G integration* |
| ISG NFV | GS NFV-SEC 001 | *Network functions virtualisation (NFV); NFV security; Problem statement* |
| ISG NFV | GS NFV-SEC 002 | *Network functions virtualisation (NFV); NFV security; Cataloguing security features in management software* |
| ISG NFV | GS NFV-SEC 003 | *Network functions virtualisation (NFV); NFV security; Security and trust guidance* |
| ISG NFV | GS NFV-SEC 004 | *Network functions virtualisation (NFV); NFV security; Privacy and regulation; Report on lawful interception implications* |
| ISG NFV | GR NFV-SEC 005 | *Network functions virtualisation (NFV); Trust; Report on certificate management* |
| ISG NFV | GS NFV-SEC 006 | *Network functions virtualisation (NFV); Security guide; Report on security aspects and regulatory concerns* |
| ISG NFV | GR NFV-EVE 007 | *Network functions virtualisation (NFV); Trust; Report on attestation technologies and practices for secure deployments* |
| ISG NFV | GS NFV-SEC 009 | *Network functions virtualisation (NFV); NFV security; Report on use cases and technical approaches for multi-layer host administration* |
| ISG NFV | GS NFV-SEC 010 | *Network functions virtualisation (NFV); NFV security; Report on retained data problem statement and requirements* |
| ISG NFV | GR NFV-SEC 011 | *Network functions virtualisation (NFV); Security; Report on NFV LI architecture* |
| ISG NFV | GS NFV-SEC 012 | *Network functions virtualisation (NFV) Release 3; Security; System architecture specification for execution of sensitive NFV components* |
| ISG NFV | GS NFV-SEC 013 | *Network functions virtualisation (NFV) Release 3; Security; Security management and monitoring specification* |
| ISG NFV | GS NFV-SEC 014 | *Network functions virtualisation (NFV) Release 3; NFV security; Security specification for MANO components and reference points* |
| ISG NFV | GR NFV-EVE 018 | *Network functions virtualisation (NFV); Security; Report on NFV remote attestation architecture* |
| ISG NFV | GS NFV-SEC 021 | *Network functions virtualisation (NFV) release 2; Security; VNF package security specification* |
| ISG NFV | GS NFV-SEC 022 (Early draft) | *Network functions virtualisation (NFV) Release 3; Security; Access token specification for API access* |
| ISG NFV | GS NFV-SEC 023 (Early draft) | *Network functions virtualisation (NFV) Release 4; Security; container security specification* |
| ISG ZSM | GR ZSM 010 | *Zero-touch network and service management (ZSM); General security aspects* |

## 6.5 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

Table 6-5 lists standardization items related to 5G security from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

Table 6-5 – Security related documents from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Group | Number | Title |
|  | IEEE P1912 | *Standard for privacy and security architecture for consumer wireless devices* |

# 7 Documents and reports related to 5G security

This clause contains the list of 5G security related documents including guideline, threat analysis, etc.

## 7.1 Next Generation for Mobile Network

Table 7-1 lists documents related to 5G security published by the Next Generation for Mobile Network (NGMN).

Table 7-1 – 5G Security related documents from the Next Generation for Mobile Network

| Title | Abbrev. | Outline | Publication date |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *5G security recommendations – Package #1* | NGMN Pac1 | This package focuses on improving the access network and identifies denial of service attack scenarios in a 5G context. | May 2016 |
| *5G security recommendations – Package #2: Network Slicing* | NGMN Pac2 | This document focuses on security threats or flaws that could emerge through network slicing use in 5G. | April 2016 |
| *5G security – Package 3: Mobile edge computing/low latency/consistent user experience*, V2.0 | NGMN Pac3 | This document focuses on mobile edge computing, low latency and consistent user experience. Mobile edge computing (which is part of the slightly broader concept of MEC) and low latency allow new types of services. The NGMN 5G SEC group studied the security threats, frauds and vulnerabilities that such concepts could introduce in 5G and provide security recommendations to mitigate them. | February 2018 |
| *Security aspects of network capabilities exposure in 5G* | NGMN NCE | The scope of this document is: to identify different network capabilities exposure scenarios; to investigate and propose security requirements for these scenarios; to investigate the exposure of security capabilities and present and evaluate the corresponding use cases. | September 2018 |
| *5G end-to-end architecture framework*, V4.31 | NGMN E2E | This document delineates the requirements in terms of entities and functions that characterize the capabilities of an end-to-end (E2E) framework. | November 2020 |
| *Security considerations for 5G network operation* | NGMN NO | The scope of this document is to analyse new challenges as well as common security issues for 5G network operation, and to investigate security requirements and guidelines in a technical or non-technical way for 5G network operation | August 2021 |
| *Sustainable trust* | NGMN Trust | The sustainable trust model provides a runtime evaluation of trustworthiness to all network functions and stakeholders via standard interactions. It is also complementary to all SDO trust models. | July 2021 |

## 7.2 GSM Association

Table 7-2 lists the documents related to 5G security published by the GSM Association (GSMA).

| Table 7-2 – 5G security-related documents published by the GSM Association | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Title | Outline | Publication date |
| FS.13 | *Network equipment security assurance scheme – Overview*, V2.1 | The network equipment security assurance scheme (NESAS), jointly established by 3GPP and GSMA, provides an industry-wide security assurance framework to facilitate improvements in security levels across the mobile industry. NESAS specifies security requirements and an assessment framework for secure product development and product lifecycle processes, as well as using 3GPP-established security test cases for the security evaluation of network equipment. | January 2022 |
| FS.14 | *Network equipment security assurance scheme – Security test laboratory accreditation*, V2.1 | January 2022 |
| FS.15 | *Network equipment security assurance scheme – Development and lifecycle assessment methodology*, V2.1 | January 2022 |
| FS.16 | *Network equipment security assurance scheme – Development and lifecycle security requirements*, V2.1 | January 2022 |
| FS.21 | *Interconnect signalling security recommendations* | Describes interconnect security vulnerabilities and suggests mobile network operator (MNO) responses, including implementation recommendations fora security edge protection proxy (SEPP) | May 2022 |
| FS.33 | *Network function virtualisation threats analysis* | Describes a range of security threats to NFV, a key 5G enabling technology and provides guidance on mitigation measures. | March 2020 |
| FS.34 | *Key management for 4G and 5G inter-PMN security*, V4.0 | Describes the exchange of certificates and key materials that are used between interconnect parties to secure 4G and 5G roaming. | May 2022 |
| FS.35 | *Security algorithm implementation roadmap*, V1.0 | Provides guidance and recommendations on the best algorithm deployment options, including for 5G privacy and integrity and subscription permanent identifier encryption. | March 2020 |
| FS.36 | *5G interconnect security* | Outlines potential 5G interconnect attacks against mobile networks and their customers and related countermeasures. | May 2022 |
| FS.37 | *GTP-U security* | Provides recommendations for MNOs to detect and prevent attacks using general packet radio service tunnelling protocol for user (GTP-U) plane data and how to deploy security capabilities, including those for the N3 and N9 interfaces in 5G. | June 2021 |
| FS.38 | *SIP network security* | Outlines potential security and fraud attacks based on the session initiation protocol (SIP) against mobile and fixed mobile converged (FMC) networks and their customers as well as describing countermeasures for those attacks. | April 2021 |
| FS.39 | 5G fraud risks guide | Describes potential attacks against 5G networks and the services they support and recommends countermeasures to mitigate the risks posed to network operators and their customers. | June 2021 |
| FS.40 | 5G security guide | Contains an overview of the security aspects and capabilities of 5G networks and serves as an educational resource that describes the security enhancements and capabilities inherent in 5G technology. | October 202i |
| IR.77 | *Inter-operator IP backbone security req. for service and inter-operator IP backbone providers*, V5.0 | Describes common guidelines to achieve an adequate security level on the IPX Network. | October 2019 |
| NG.113 | *5GS roaming guidelines*, V5.0 | Provides guidelines for engineers and operational roaming teams on 5G roaming aspects. | December 2021 |
| NG.116 | *Generic network slice template*, V6.0 | Provides a standardized list of attributes, including security aspects, that can characterize a type of network slice | November 2021 |

## 7.3 European Network and Information Security Agency

Table 7-3 lists the documents related to 5G security published by the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA).

| Table 7-3 – 5G Security related documents from the European Network and Information Security Agency | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Title | Abbrev. | Outline | Publication date |
| *Threat landscape and good practice guide for software defined networks/5G* | ENISA SDN | This report contributes to the definition of a threat landscape, which is an overview of current and emerging threats applicable to the software-defined networking/fifth generation (SDN/5G) technologies and their associated trends. Since 5G is a general term that integrates various networking technologies with different technological maturity, this study focuses on backbone network operation technologies, i.e., SDN. Around these core technologies, other integral components of 5G, including radio access and NFV are also discussed. This discussion, however, takes place within the scope of the relation of these other 5G components to SDN. | December 2015 |
| *Security aspects of virtualization* | ENISA Virtual | This report provides an overview of the status of security of virtualized environments. It gives the basis to understand issues and challenges related to virtualization security, as well as a discussion on common best practices for security protection in virtualized environments and gaps that need to be filled to implement a secure virtualized environment. | February 2017 |
| *Signalling security in telecom SS7/diameter/5G – EU level assessment of the current situation* | ENISA Signal | This document provides a good understanding of the status in the EU of security interconnect signalling and the overall risk level, current measures in place and future actions to be taken. Providing technical solutions that can solve problems is not the objective of this document. Nevertheless, taking into account the technical aspects of the topic, in some cases technical details are provided to validate the findings. | March 2018 |
| *ENISA threat landscape for 5G networks – Threat assessment for the fifth generation of mobile telecommunications networks (5G)* | ENISA Threat1 | This report provides a basis for future threat and risk assessments, focusing on particular use cases or specific components of the 5G infrastructure, which may be conducted on demand by all kinds of 5G stakeholders. | November 2019 |
| *ENISA threat landscape for 5G networks – Updated threat assessment for the fifth generation of mobile telecommunications networks (5G)* | ENISA Threat2 | This report is a major update of the first edition of 2019. It encompasses all novelties introduced, it captures developments in the 5G architecture and it summarizes information found in standardisation documents. | December 2020 |
| *5G supplement to the guideline on security measures under the EECC*, 2nd edition | ENISA EECC | This document contains a 5G technology profile that supplements the guideline on security measures under the European electronic communications code (EECC). The 5G technology profile gives additional guidance to competent national authorities about how to ensure the security of 5G networks. This document was developed in close collaboration with experts from national telecommunication security authorities across the EU, i.e., the European Competent Authorities for Secure Electronic Communications expert group (formerly known as the article 13a expert group), and with the members of the NIS CG work stream for 5G cybersecurity. | July 2021 |
| *Security in 5G specifications – Controls in 3GPP security specifications (5G SA)* | ENISA 3GPP | This report aims to help EU member states implementing the technical measure TM02 from the EU toolbox on 5G security. The report also intends to help national competent and regulatory authorities get a better picture of the standardization environment pertaining to 5G security and to improve understanding of 3GPP security specifications, as well as its main elements and security controls. With this, competent authorities will be in a better position to understand what the key security controls that operators have to implement are and what the role of such controls is for achieving the overall security of 5G networks. | February 2021 |
| *ENISA threat landscape for supply chain attacks* | ENISA Supply | This report aims to map and study the supply chain attacks that were discovered from January 2020 to early July 2021. | July 2021 |
| *NFV security in 5G – Challenges and best practices* | ENISA NFV | This report explores relevant challenges, vulnerabilities and attacks to NFV within the 5G network. NFV changes the network security environment due to resource pools based on cloud computing and open network architecture. 60 Security challenges grouped in seven categories are identified and explored. Among others, this report exposes vulnerabilities, attack scenarios and their impact on 5G NFV assets. To address these upcoming challenges, security controls and best practices are put forward, taking into account the particularities of this highly complex, heterogeneous and volatile environment. In particular, 55 best practices categorized in technical, policy and organizational categories are identified. | February 2022 |
| *5G cybersecurity standards – Analysis of standardisation requirements in support of cybersecurity policy* | ENISA Standards | This report outlines the contribution of standardization to the mitigation of technical risks, and therefore to trust and resilience, in the 5G ecosystem. This report focuses on standardization from a technical and organizational perspective. | March 2022 |

## 7.4 National Institute of Standards and Technology

Table 7-4 lists the documents related to 5G security published from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Table 7-4 – 5G Security related documents from the National Institute of Standards and Technology

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| Title | Abbrev. | Outline | Publication Date |
| *5G cybersecurity – Preparing a secure evolution to 5G* | NIST SE5G | The scope of this project is to leverage the 5G standardized security features that are defined in 3GPP standards to provide enhanced cybersecurity capabilities built into the network equipment and end-user devices. In addition, the project aims to identify security characteristics of the underlying technologies and components of the supporting infrastructure required to effectively operate a 5G network. | April 2020 |
| NIST SP 1800-33A, *5G cybersecurity – Volume A: Executive summary*  (preliminary draft) | NIST SP1800-33A | This project will demonstrate how operators and users of 5G networks can mitigate 5G cybersecurity risks. This is accomplished by strengthening the system's architectural components, providing a secure cloud-based supporting infrastructure, and enabling the security features introduced in the 5G standards. These measures support common use cases and meet industry sectors' recommended cybersecurity practices and compliance requirements. | February 2021 |
| NIST SP 1800-33B, *5G cybersecurity – Volume B: Approach, architecture, and security characteristics* | NIST SP1800-33B | April 2022 |

# 8 Categorization of 5G security topics

This clause itemizes topics on 5G security by using information about standardization work and 5G security-related documents, and categorizes those topics into several groups to identify security issues for each topic.

## 8.1 5G core network

SBA, signalling, monitoring, network capability exposure, exposure security capabilities, JavaScript object notation/RESTful interface, etc.

## 8.2 Radio access network

Fake base stations, eavesdropping, termination point of user equipment security, central unit/distributed unit split, F1 interface security, tampering, etc.

## 8.3 Radio access

Jamming, physical layer security, etc.

## 8.4 Network infrastructure

Virtualization technologies, management and network orchestration (MANO) security, operating system, hardware security, open source, open architecture, supply chain security for network equipment, complicated network structure, etc.

## 8.5 Network slicing

Isolation of slices, slice authentication and access control, privacy preservation for slice users, attack to slice management, management among slices, access to multiple slices with various security levels, etc.

## 8.6 Software-defined networking

Security using SDN, security of SDN, etc.

## 8.7 Network function virtualization

Attack to orchestrator or controller, etc.

## 8.8 Multi-access edge computing

Cloud computing security, third party applications, decentralized authentication, etc.

## 8.9 Interoperability with 3G and 4G

Gateway and interconnection for signalling system No. 7 (SS7) and diameter), etc.

## 8.10 Roaming

Trust relationship, SEPP and gateway security, etc.

## 8.11 User equipment

Security of user equipment, etc.

## 8.12 Services based on 5G network functions

Authentication framework using device identifier or subscriber identification module (SIM) or embedded SIM, security for vertical services using 5G network functions, etc.

## 8.13 Security controls

Vulnerability management, security management, policy framework, inventory and configuration management, identity and account management, credential management, management protocol, security monitoring, disaster planning, etc.

## 8.14 Fraud

Stolen devices, counterfeit devices, abuse of network services, etc.

## 8.15 Non-public networks

Non-public networks (NPNs), local 5G, etc.

## 8.16 Others

Cryptographic algorithms, network operation and management, security assurance, etc.

# 9 Gap analysis in 5G security standardization

This clause provides a matrix for gap analysis and the related standardization activities with 5G security in order to identify standardization gaps.

The matrix is composed of two axes. The horizontal axis describes document categories that cover the subject of applications as follows:

− **general, definition**: the standard that provides general descriptions or terms and definitions of the technology;

− **common requirements, use cases**: the standard that provides use cases and derived general/functional requirements;

− **architecture**: the standard that provides reference architecture;

− **technical specification**: the standard that provides security procedures and mechanisms to protect a 5G system;

− **guideline**: the guideline document that provides countermeasures and guidance for 5G system management;

− **certification**: the standard that provides criteria for security assurance level or process of security certification;

− **others** (e.g., technical reports).

The vertical axis describes the related technologies for supporting 5G security, which is categorized in clause 8.

NOTE 1 **–** The items on the horizontal axis are not subordinated to the different technologies.

NOTE 2 – The items on the vertical axis can be modified with technology change.

NOTE 3 – A standard has more than one location on the matrix. If one standard is included in multiple document categories (horizontal axis) or related technologies (vertical axis), it can be mapped several times.

| Table 9-1 – Standardization matrix of 5G security | | | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Application | Category | | | | | | |
| General/ Definition | Common requirement, use cases | Architecture | Technical specification | Guideline | Certification | Others |
| General | 3GPP TS 33.805,  GSMA FS.40,  3GPP TR 33.866,  3GPP TR 33.852,  ENISA Threat,  ENISA Threat2 | NIST SE5G |  |  | ITU-T X.5Gsec-guide,  ENISA Supply NIST SP1800-33A,  NIST SP1800-33B |  |  |
| 5G core network | 3GPP TR 33.845 | 3GPP TS 33.814 | 3GPP TS 33.501,  3GPP TS 33.535  3GPP TS 33.807 | 3GPP TS 33.501,  3GPP TS 33.535,  3GPP TS 33.807,  3GPP TR 33.846,  3GPP TR 33.847,  3GPP TR 33.855,  3GPP TR 33.856,  3GPP TR 33.875 | 3GPP TS 33.808, 3GPP TR 33.876 | 3GPP TS 33.512,  3GPP TS 33.513,  3GPP TS 33.514,  3GPP TS 33.515,  3GPP TS 33.516,  3GPP TS 33.517,  3GPP TS 33.518,  3GPP TS 33.519, 3GPP TS 33.520,  3GPP TS 33.521,  3GPP TS 33.522 | NGMN NCE |
| Radio access network |  | 3GPP TS 33.840 |  | 3GPP TS 33.824 | NGMN Pac1 | 3GPP TS 33.511 |  |
| Radio access | 3GPP TR 33.865 |  |  | 3GPP TS 33.809,  3GPP TR 33.859,  3GPP TR 33.861,  3GPP TR 33.863 |  |  |  |
| Network infrastructure | 3GPP TR 33.848 | 3GPP TS 33.818 |  |  | 3GPP TR 33.738 | GSMA FS.13,  GSMA FS.14,  GSMA FS.15,  GSMA FS.16 | ENISA Virtual |
| Network slicing | ETSI GR ZSM 010 | ITU-T X.1047,  ITU-T X.5Gsec-ssl | ITU-T X.1047 | 3GPP TS 33.811,  3GPP TS 33.813 |  |  | NGMN Pac2,  GSMA NG.116 |
| SDN | IEEE P1915.1 | ITU-T X.1038,  ITU-T X.1042 | ITU-T X.1038, ITU-T X.1046 |  |  |  | ENISA SDN |
| NFV | ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 001,  ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 002 GSMA FS.33,  IEEE P1915.1 | ITU-T X.1044,  ITU-T X.1045,  ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 009,  ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 014,  ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 016, ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 020,  ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 021,  ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 022,  ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 023,  ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 024,  ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 025 | ITU-T X.1046  ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 011  ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 012,  ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 026 |  | ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 003,  ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 006,  ENISA NFV |  | ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 004  ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 010  ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 013 |
| MEC |  | ITU-T X.5Gsec-ecs, ITU-T X.5Gsec-netec,  ITU-T X.itssec-5 | ITU-T X.5Gsec-ecs | 3GPP TS 33.839 | 3GPP TR 33.739 |  | NGMN Pac3,  ETSI GS MEC 030,  ETSI GR MEC 031 |
| Interoperability |  |  |  |  | GSMA FS.34 | 3GPP TS 33.520 |  |
| Roaming | ENISA Signal |  |  |  | GSMA FS.21,  GSMA FS.36,  GSMA FS.37,  GSMA IR.77,  GSMA NG.113 | 3GPP TS 33.517 |  |
| User equipment |  |  | IEEE P1912 |  |  |  |  |
| Services using 5G |  | 3GPP TS 33.536,  3GPP TS 33.819,  3GPP TS 33.835, 3GPP TS 33.836,  3GPP TR 33.850,  3GPP TR 33.851,  3GPP TR 33.854,  X.5Gsec-message | NGMN E2E | 3GPP TS 33.122,  3GPP TS 33.503,  3GPP TR 33.825,  3GPP TR 33.862 | 3GPP TR 33.740,  3GPP TR 33.881,  3GPP TR 33.889 |  |  |
| Security control | ETSI GR ZSM 010 | ENISA 3GPP | ITU-T X.5Gsec-t,  NGMN Trust |  | ETSI GS-VFV-SEC 013,  NGMN NO,  ENISA EECC |  |  |
| Fraud | GSMA FS.39 |  |  |  | GSMA FS.38 |  | NGMN Pac3 |
| Non public network |  | ITU-T X.5Gsec-vs |  | 3GPP TR 33.857 |  |  |  |
| Others | 3GPP TR 33.841,  GSMA FS.35,  ENISA Standards | 3GPP TS 33.126 | 3GPP TS 33.127 | 3GPP TR 33.842 | ITU-T X.1811 |  |  |

According to the gap analysis in Table 9-1, note the following.

− ITU-T has been focusing on "common requirement or use cases", "architecture", "guideline" with specific technical area described in vertical axis.

− A 5G network system has many elements and becomes complicated. It is expected that standardization efforts of ITU-T will focus to provide security criteria by determining requirements to manage 5G network system component.

− Use cases using new functionality of 5G network will increase. It is expected that standardization efforts of ITU-T will provide risk or threat analysis and its countermeasures for new use cases.

− The entries in the row "Security control" are insufficient and their items are limited. There are several topics, such as controls of organization, people, operational or the physical situation. ITU-T has to consider initiating work items related to this topic.

− The need for 5G NPNs will increase in various vertical services. It is expected that standardization efforts of ITU-T will provide risk or threat analysis and its countermeasures for 5G NPN services in various vertical services.

− A 5G system employs certificate-based security mechanisms, such as TLS and OAuth2.0. However, traditional public key infrastructure (PKI) and certificate management are not suitable for 5G-based application environments since virtualized network function (VNF), SBA and microservice architecture are introduced to implement applications in 5G systems. Therefore, PKI and certificate management are the critical considerations for the standardization efforts of ITU-T.

− 5G system standards and specifications are complex and fundamental. Proper implementation of security features of standards and proper operation and management of 5G systems are critical to making 5G systems and applications secure. It is expected that standardization efforts of ITU-T will provide security best practices for network configuration, deployment, operation, and management.

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