



## **ITU-T STUDY GROUP 5**

Environment, climate change and circular economy

Highlights of ITU-T SG5

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## **Results 2017-2021**



- 62 Revised Recommendations
- 32 New Supplements



 $\bigcirc$  Over 35 events that raise awareness



Creating the Focus Group on Environmental Efficiency for Al and other Emerging Technologies (FG-Al4EE)



Setting the Environmental Standards of 5G



#### SUSTAINABILITY

Strengthening the achievements of the Connect 2030 Agenda





# **Study Group 5 Key Topics**

## EMC, lightning protection, EMF





•**ITU-T K.120** "Lightning protection and earthing of a miniature base station"

• **ITU-T K.134** "Protection of small-size telecommunication installations with poor earthing conditions"

• **ITU-T K.151** "Electrical safety and lightning protection of medium voltage input and up to ±400 VDC output power system in ICT data centres and telecommunication centres" Resistibility



**ITU-T K.44** "Resistibility tests for telecommunication equipment exposed to overvoltages and overcurrents – Basic Recommendaiton"

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EMF

- •**ITU-T K.91**, "Guidance for assessment, evaluation and monitoring of human exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic fields"
- •ITU-T K.Suppl.1 to K.91, "Guide on electromagnetic fields and health

• Updates on the EMF Guide and mobile app to include 5G references and updates on WHO and other guidelines. Electromagnetic Compatibility



• **ITU-T K.136** "Electromagnetic compatibility requirements for radio telecommunication equipment"

•ITU-T K.137 "Electromagnetic compatibility requirements and measurement methods for wireline telecommunication network equipment"

## Recommendations Under Study

K.5G-Lightning: Practical guide for lightning protection, earthing and bonding, and safety consideration of 5G radio base station

K.isolators: Integrated circuit isolators for telecommunications use

#### **K.devices**

RF EMF exposure assessment of the wireless radiocommunication devices operating close to the human body

K.power\_emc EMC requirements for power equipment in telecommunication facilities



# Study Group 5 Key Topics

**Towards a Sustainable Digital Transformation (1)** 



### Recommendations Under Study

#### L.BBU

Requirements and use cases of liquid cooling solutions and high energy efficiency solutions for 5G BBU in C-RAN mode

#### L.ENV-KPI-5G-ARCH Environmental KPIs/metrics for 5G architectures

#### L.MM&BP

Measurement methodology and Best Practices for decarbonization of Base Station sites; Data Centre and Telecommunication Room; Industrial Park in support of Net Zero



## Study Group 5 Key Topics

**Towards a Sustainable Digital Transformation (2)** 



### Recommendations Under Study

L.Mat\_frame Assessment of material efficiency of ICT network goods (circular economy) (5 parts)

L.Biodiversity\_footprint Methodology for the assessment of the footprint of an ICT organization on biodiversity

#### L.Enablement

Assessment of GHG emissions reductions enabled by ICT services in support of the Net Zero transition

#### L.SRDT\_adaptation

Sustainable and Resilient Digital Technologies for Adaptation to Climate Change







<section-header>Collaboration with other SDOs

Collaboration Across UN Agencies

> World Health Organization

> > programme

NEGE







**Study Group 5** 



ITU-T SG5 will continue to be the leading Study Group on topics related to:









Setting the standard

1-9 March 2022 Geneva, Switzerland



# **Additional Information**

## ITU-T SG5: Setting the environmental requirements for 5G (1)

Taking to consideration the development of 5G systems, ITU-T SG5 is developing a series of technical reports and international standards that study the following environmental aspects of 5G:

- Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC):
  - Recommendation ITU-T K.116: "Electromagnetic compatibility requirements and test methods for radio telecommunication terminal equipment"
  - ITU-T K.Suppl.10: "Analysis of electromagnetic compatibility aspects and definition of requirements for 5G systems"
  - ITU-T K.Suppl.26 on "Analysis of electromagnetic compatibility requirements and test methods of 5G Active Antenna System base station"
- Electromagnetic fields (EMF):
  - ITU-T K.Suppl.1: "Guide on electromagnetic fields and health"
  - ITU-T K.Suppl.4: "Electromagnetic field considerations SSCs"
  - ITU-T K.Suppl.9: "5G technology and human exposure to RF EMF"
  - ITU-T K.Suppl.14: "The impact of RF-EMF exposure limits stricter than the ICNIRP or IEEE guidelines on 4G and 5G mobile network deployment"
  - ITU-T K.Suppl.16: "Electromagnetic field compliance assessments for 5G wireless networks "
- Resistibility:
  - ITU-T K.Suppl.8: "Resistibility analysis of 5G systems"



# ITU-T SG5: Setting the environmental requirements for 5G (2)

Taking to consideration the development of 5G systems, ITU-T SG5 is developing a series of technical reports and international standards that study the following environmental aspects of 5G:

#### Energy feeding and efficiency:

- Recommendation ITU-T L.1210: "Sustainable power-feeding solutions for 5G networks"
- Recommendation ITU-T L.1220: "Innovative energy storage technology for stationary use Part 1: Overview of energy storage"
- Recommendation ITU-T L.1221: "Innovative energy storage technology for stationary use Part 2: Battery"
- Recommendation ITU-T L.1222: "Innovative energy storage technology for stationary use Part 3: Supercapacitor technology"
- Recommendation ITU-T L.1331: "Assessment of mobile network energy efficiency"
- Recommendation ITU-T L.1350 on "Energy efficiency metrics of a base station site"
- Recommendation ITU-T L.1351 on "Energy efficiency measurement methodology for base station sites"
- Recommendation ITU-T L.1380: "Smart energy solution for telecom sites"
- Recommendation ITU-T L.1381: "Smart energy solution for data centres"
- Recommendation ITU-T L.1382: "Smart energy solution for telecommunication rooms"
- Recommendation ITU-T L.1383 on "Smart energy solutions for cities and home applications"
- ITU-T L.Suppl.36 to ITU-T L.1310: "Study on methods and metrics to evaluate energy efficiency for future 5G systems"
- ITU-T L.Suppl.43 to ITU-T L.Series on "Smart energy saving of 5G base station: Based on AI and other emerging technologies to forecast and optimize the management of 5G wireless network energy consumption"
- E-waste management
  - RecommendationITU-T L.1050 "Methodology to identify the key equipment in order to assess the environmental impact and e-waste generation of different network architectures".
- Assessment methodologies of ICTs and CO2 trajectories
  - Recommendation ITU-T L.1450 "Methodologies for the assessment of the environmental impact of the information and communication technology sector"



## Connect 2030: An agenda to connect all to a better world



- Target 3.2: By 2023, increase the global e-waste recycling rate to 30%
- Target 3.3: By 2023, raise the percentage of countries with an e-waste legislation to 50%
- Target 3.4: By 2023, net telecommunication/ICT-enabled greenhouse gas abatement should have increased by 30% compared to the 2015 baseline

ITU-T Study Group 5 is contributing to the accomplishment of the Connect 2030 with Standards such as:

- Recommendation ITU-T L.1031 which helps countries to reduce e-waste by 50%. This Recommendation
  provides a guidance on developing an e-waste inventory, approaches to design e-waste prevention and
  reduction programmes.
- Recommendation ITU-T L.1460 provides guidance on how to decrease the GHG emissions generated by the telecommunication/ICT sector.





## List of Approved Recommendations (2017-2021) (1)

| Work item         | Subject / Title  |
|-------------------|--|
| <u>K.20 (rev)</u> | Resistibility of telecommunication equipment installed in a telecommunication centre to overvoltages and overcurrents                                    |
| <u>K.21 (rev)</u> | Resistibility of telecommunication equipment installed in customer premises to overvoltages and overcurrents   |
| <u>K.34 (rev)</u> | Classification of electromagnetic environmental conditions for telecommunication equipment - Basic EMC Recommendation                                    |
| <u>K.35</u>       | Bonding configurations and earthing at remote electronic sites   |
| <u>K.39</u>       | Risk assessment of damages to telecommunication sites due to lightning discharges  |
| <u>K.40 (rev)</u> | Protection against lightning electromagnetic pulses in telecommunication centres   |
| <u>K.44 (rev)</u> | Resistibility tests for telecommunication equipment exposed to overvoltages and overcurrents - Basic Recommendation                                      |
| <u>K.45 (rev)</u> | Resistibility of telecommunication equipment installed in the access and trunk networks to overvoltages and overcurrents                                 |
| <u>K.50 (rev)</u> | Safe limits for operating voltages and currents in telecommunication systems powered over the network  |
| <u>K.52 (rev)</u> | Guidance on complying with limits for human exposure to electromagnetic fields   |
| <u>K.56 (rev)</u> | Protection of radio base stations against lightning discharges   |
| <u>K.61</u>       | Guidance on measurement and numerical prediction of electromagnetic fields for compliance with human exposure limits for telecommunication installations |
| <u>K.64</u>       | Safe working practices for outside equipment installed in particular environments  |
| <u>K.66</u>       | Protection of customer premises from overvoltages  |
| <u>K.70</u>       | Mitigation techniques to limit human exposure to EMFs in the vicinity of radiocommunication stations   |

## List of Approved Recommendations (2017-2021) (2)

| Work item          | Subject / Title  |  |
|--------------------|--|--|
| <u>K.73</u>        | Shielding and bonding for cables between buildings   |  |
| <u>K.77</u>        | Characteristics of metal oxide varistors for the protection of telecommunication<br>installations  |  |
| <u>K.78</u> (rev)  | High altitude electromagnetic pulse immunity guide for telecommunication centres   |  |
| <u>K.83</u>        | Monitoring of electromagnetic field levels   |  |
| <u>K.90</u>        | Evaluation techniques and working procedures for compliance with exposure limits of network operator personnel to power-frequency electromagnetic fields |  |
| <u>K.91 (rev)</u>  | Guidance for assessment, evaluation and monitoring of human exposure to radio<br>frequency electromagnetic fields  |  |
| <u>K.93</u>        | Immunity of home network devices to electromagnetic disturbance  |  |
| <u>K.99</u>        | Surge protective component application guide - Gas discharge tubes   |  |
| <u>K.100 (rev)</u> | Measurement of radio frequency electromagnetic fields to determine compliance with<br>human exposure limits when a base station is put into service      |  |
| <u>K.112</u>       | Lightning protection, earthing and bonding: Practical procedures for radio base stations   |  |
| <u>K.116</u>       | Electromagnetic compatibility requirements and test methods for radio telecommunication terminal equipment   |  |
| <u>K.117</u>       | Primary protector parameters for the surge protection of equipment Ethernet ports  |  |
| <u>K.118</u>       | Requirements for Lightning Protection of Fibre To The distribution point (FTTdp)<br>Equipment  |  |
| <u>K.119</u>       | Conformance Assessment of Radio Base Stations Regarding Lightning Protection and<br>Earthing   |  |

| Work item    | Subject / Title   |
|--------------|---|
| <u>K.120</u> | Lightning Protection and Earthing of Miniature Base Station   |
| <u>K.121</u> | Guidance on the Environmental Management for Compliance with Radio<br>Frequency EMF Limits for Radiocommunication Base Stations                         |
| <u>K.122</u> | Exposure levels in the close proximity of the radiocommunication antennas   |
| <u>K.123</u> | Electromagnetic compatibility requirements for electrical equipment in<br>telecommunication facilities  |
| <u>K.124</u> | Overview of particle radiation effects on telecommunications systems  |
| <u>K.125</u> | Dangerous effects and protective measures against electromagnetic<br>disturbances when internet data centre is co-sited with high-voltage<br>substation |
| <u>K.126</u> | Surge protective component application guide - High frequency signal<br>isolation transformers  |
| <u>K.127</u> | Immunity requirements for telecommunication equipment in close proximity<br>use of wireless devices   |
| <u>K.128</u> | Surge protective component application guide - metal oxide varistor (MOV) components  |
| <u>K.129</u> | Characteristics and ratings of silicon PN junction voltage clamping<br>components used for the protection of telecommunications installations           |
| <u>K.130</u> | Neutron irradiation test methods for telecommunications equipment   |
| <u>K.131</u> | Design methodologies for telecommunication systems applying soft error measures   |
| <u>K.132</u> | EMC requirements of electromagnetic disturbances from lighting equipment located in telecommunication facilities  |
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## List of Approved Recommendations (2017-2021) (3)

| Work item    | Subject / Title  |
|--------------|--|
| <u>K.133</u> | Electromagnetic (EM) environment of body worn equipment in the 2.4 GHz and 13.56MHz industrial, scientific and medical band                |
| <u>K.134</u> | Protection of small-size telecommunication installations with poor earthing<br>conditions  |
| <u>K.135</u> | Technical parameters for residual current operated protective devices with<br>automatic reclosing feature for telecom applications         |
| <u>K.136</u> | Electromagnetic Compatibility requirements for radio telecommunication equipment   |
| <u>K.137</u> | Electromagnetic compatibility requirements and measurement methods for wire-line telecommunication network equipment                       |
| <u>K.138</u> | Quality estimation methods and application guidelines for mitigation measures based on particle radiation tests                            |
| <u>K.139</u> | Reliability requirements for telecommunication systems affected by particle radiation  |
| <u>K.140</u> | Surge protective component application guide - Fuses   |
| <u>K.141</u> | Electromagnetic compatibility requirements for Information Perception Equipment  |
| <u>K.142</u> | Lightning protection and earthing of video surveillance system   |
| <u>K.143</u> | Guidance on safety relating to the use of surge protective devices and surge protective components in telecommunication terminal equipment |
| <u>K.144</u> | Surge protective component application guide - Self-restoring thermally activated<br>overcurrent protectors                                |
| <u>K.145</u> | Assessment and management of compliance with RF EMF exposure limits for<br>workers at radiocommunication sites and facilities              |

| Work item    | Subject / Title  |
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| <u>K.146</u> | Management of interferences on telecommunication transmissions on<br>copper other than speech  |
| <u>K.147</u> | Ethernet port resistibility testing for overvoltages and overcurrents  |
| <u>K.148</u> | Multiservice surge protective device application guide   |
| <u>K.149</u> | Passive intermodulation test methods of array antenna systems in mobile communication systems  |
| <u>K.150</u> | Information of semiconductor devices required for design of telecommunication equipment applying soft error mitigation measures                                |
| <u>K.151</u> | Electrical safety and lightning protection of medium voltage input and up to $\pm 400$ VDC output power system in ICT data centre and telecommunication centre |

## List of Approved Recommendations (2017-2021) (4)

| Work item     | Subject / Title  |
|---------------|--|
| <u>L.1000</u> | Universal power adapter and charger solution for mobile terminals and other hand-held ICT devices  |
| <u>L.1006</u> | Test suites for assessment of the External universal power adapter solutions for stationary information and communication technology devices |
| <u>L.1007</u> | Test suites for assessment of the External universal power adapter solutions for portable information and communication technology devices   |
| <u>L.1015</u> | Criteria for evaluation of the environmental impact of mobile phones   |
| L.1016        | Method for Evaluation of the Environmental, Health and Safety Performance of True Wireless Stereo Headphones                                 |
| <u>L.1020</u> | Circular Economy: Guide for Operators and Suppliers on approaches to migrate towards circular ICT goods and networks                         |
| <u>L.1021</u> | Extended producer responsibility - Guidelines for sustainable e-waste<br>management  |
| <u>L.1022</u> | Circular Economy: Definitions and concepts for material efficiency for<br>Information and Communication Technology                           |
| <u>L.1024</u> | Effect for global ICT of the potential of selling services instead of equipment on the waste creation and environmental impacts              |
| <u>L.1030</u> | E-waste management framework for countries   |
| <u>L.1031</u> | Guideline on Implementing the E-waste Reduction Target of the Connect2020<br>Agenda  |
| <u>L.1032</u> | Guidelines and certification schemes for e-waste recyclers   |
| L.1035        | Sustainable Management of Batteries  |
| L.1036        | Scheduled waste management for base station (inclusive of e-waste)   |
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| Work item     | Subject / Title   |
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| <u>L.1060</u> | General principles for the green supply chain management of ICT manufacturing industry  |
| L.1205        | Interfacing of renewable energy or distributed power sources to up to 400 VDC power feeding systems                             |
| <u>L.1206</u> | Impact on information and communication technology equipment architecture of multiple AC, -48 VDC or up to 400 VDC power inputs |
| <u>L.1207</u> | Progressive migration of a telecommunication/information and communication technology site to 400 VDC sources and distribution  |
| <u>L.1210</u> | Sustainable power-feeding solutions for 5G networks   |
| <u>L.1220</u> | Innovative energy storage technology for stationary use - Part 1: Overview of energy storage                                    |
| <u>L.1221</u> | Innovative energy storage technology for stationary use - Part 2: Battery   |
| <u>L.1222</u> | Innovative energy storage technology for stationary use - Part 3: Supercapacitor<br>technology                                  |
| <u>L.1303</u> | Functional requirements and framework of green data centre energy-saving management system                                      |
| <u>L.1304</u> | Procurement Criteria for Sustainable Data Centres   |
| <u>L.1305</u> | Data centre infrastructure management system based on big data and artificial intelligence technology                           |
| <u>L.1310</u> | Energy efficiency metrics and measurement methods for telecommunication equipment   |
| <u>L.1315</u> | Standardization terms and trends in energy efficiency   |
| <u>L.1316</u> | Energy efficiency framework   |
| <u>L.1325</u> | Green ICT solutions for telecom network facilities  |
| <u>L.1331</u> | Assessment of mobile network energy efficiency  |
| <u>L.1332</u> | Total network infrastructure energy efficiency metrics  |
| <u>L.1351</u> | Base station site energy parameter measurement methodology  |
| <u>L.1360</u> | Energy control of SDN architecture  |

## List of Approved Recommendations (2017-2021) (5)

| Work item     | Subject / Title   |
|---------------|---|
| <u>L.1361</u> | Measurement method for energy efficiency of Network Function Virtualization   |
| <u>L.1362</u> | Interface for power management in network function virtualization environments –<br>Green abstraction layer version 2 |
| <u>L.1370</u> | Sustainable and intelligent building services   |
| <u>L.1371</u> | A methodology for assessing and scoring the sustainability performance of office buildings                            |
| <u>L.1380</u> | Smart energy solution for telecom sites   |
| <u>L.1381</u> | Smart energy solution for data centre   |
| <u>L.1382</u> | Smart energy solution for telecommunication rooms   |
| <u>L.1450</u> | Methodologies for the assessment of the environmental impact of the information and communication technology sector   |
| <u>L.1451</u> | Methodology for assessing the aggregated positive sector-level impacts of ICT in other sectors                        |
| <u>L.1460</u> | Connect 2020 greenhouse gases emissions – Guidelines  |
| <u>L.1470</u> | GHG emissions trajectories for the ICT sector compatible with the UNFCCC Paris<br>Agreement                           |
| <u>L.1471</u> | Guidance and criteria for ICT organisations on setting Net Zero targets and strategies                                |
| <u>L.1504</u> | ICT and adaptation of agriculture to the effects of climate change  |
| <u>L.1505</u> | Information and communication technology and adaptation of the fisheries sector to the effects of climate change      |
| <u>L.1506</u> | Framework of climate change risk assessment for telecommunication and electrical facilities                           |
| L.1507        | Use of ICT sites to support environmental sensing   |



# List of Agreed Supplements and other informative texts (2017-2021) (1)

| Work item                                     | Subject / Title   | Work item                                     | Subject / Title  |  |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| K.Suppl.1 to ITU-T K.91                       | ITU-T K.91 - Guide on electromagnetic fields and health   | K.Sup.17 to ITU-T K.44                        | Test conditions and methods information  |  |
| K.Suppl.4 to ITU-T K.91                       | Electromagnetic field considerations in smart sustainable<br>cities   | K.Sup.18 to ITU-T K.44                        | Causes of telecommunication system overvoltage and overcurrent   |  |
| K.Suppl.7 to ITU-T K.44                       | AC supply configurations  |   | conditions and their expected levels   |  |
| K.Suppl.8                                     | Resistibility analysis of 5G systems  | K.Sup.19 to ITU-T K-series<br>Recommendations | EMF strength inside subway train   |  |
| K.Suppl.9                                     | 5G technology and human exposure to RF EMF  |   |  |  |
| K.Suppl.10                                    | Analysis of EMC aspects and definition of requirements for  | K.Suppl.20                                    | RF Exposure evaluation around base station installed underground   |  |
|   | 5G mobile systems   | K.Suppl.21 to Recommendation                  | Rationale for setting resistibility requirements of telecommunication  |  |
| K.Suppl.11 to ITU-T K.131                     | Soft error measures for field programmable gate arrays  | <u>ITU-T K.21</u>                             | equipment installed in customer premises against lightning   |  |
|   |   | K.Suppl.22 to Recommendation                  | Rationale for setting resistibility requirements of telecommunication  |  |
| K.Suppl.12 to ITU-T K.51                      | Narrow pin spacing in connectors potential hazards  | <u>ITU-T K.45</u>                             | equipment installed in the access and trunk networks against lightning   |  |
|   |   | K.Suppl.23 to Recommendation                  | Ethernet port surge voltages and currents  |  |
|   | Radiofrequency electromagnetic field (RF-EMF) exposure<br>levels from mobile and portable devices during different<br>conditions of use | <u>ITU-T K.147</u>                            |  |  |
| <u>K.Suppl.13</u>                             |   | L.Suppl.36 to ITU-T L.1310                    | Study on methods and metrics to evaluate energy efficiency for future 5G systems   |  |
| K.Sup.14 to ITU-T K-series<br>Recommendations | The impact of RF-EMF exposure limits stricter than the ICNIRP or IEEE guidelines on 4G and 5G mobile network deployment                 | L.Suppl.37 to ITU-T L.1470                    | Guidance to operators of mobile networks, fixed networks and data-<br>centres on setting 1.5°C aligned targets compliant with<br>Recommendation ITU-T L.1470 |  |
| K.Suppl.15 to ITU-T K.20, K.21, K.44          | Internal DC powering interface surge testing factors  | L.Suppl.38 to Recommendation<br>ITU-T L.1470  | Guidance to ICT manufacturers on setting 1.5°C aligned targets<br>compliant with Recommendation ITU-T L.1470   |  |
| K.Supp.16 to ITU-T K.series                   | Electromagnetic field compliance assessments for 5G wireless networks   | _   |  |  |

# List of Agreed Supplements and other informative texts (2017-2021) (2)

| Work item                                       | Subject / Title  |
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| L.Suppl.40 to<br>Recommendation ITU-T<br>L.1371 | Scoring tool to assess the sustainability performance of office buildings  |
| L.Suppl.41                                      | Requirements on energy efficiency measurement models and the role of artificial intelligence and big data  |
| L.Suppl.42                                      | Guidelines on the environmental efficiency of machine learning processes in supply chain management  |
| L.Suppl.43                                      | Smart energy saving of 5G base stations: Based on AI and other emerging technologies to forecast and optimize the management of 5G wireless network energy consumption |
| L.Suppl.44                                      | Guidelines on best practices and environment friendly policies for effective information and communication technology deployment methods                               |
| L.Suppl.45                                      | Radio base station site best practices   |
| L.Suppl.46                                      | Definitions and Recent Trends in Circular Cities   |
| LSTR.5GEE                                       | Study on methods and metrics to evaluate energy efficiency for future 5G systems   |