

A Pan-European Collaborative Approach towards Federated
5G Edge Cloud Integration



# The EU has heavily invested in edge implementation in Call 3 and will continue to do so in Call 4

5G and Edge Cloud for Smart Communities - Works
CEF-DIG-2023-5GSMARTCOM-EDGE-WORKS

Call 3

closed



- IoT and edge infrastructure and edge community services that require a flexible, low-latency, reliable, high-user-density connectivity infrastructure, e.g. through a combination of fibre and wireless connectivity (5G, small cells, and Wi-Fi) that is IPv6 enabled.
- 5G-based use cases that leverage new 5G characteristics, e.g.: higher bandwidth and ubiquitous coverage (eMBB), ultra-low latency (uRLLC), massive machine-type (mMTC).
- Process and data innovations that require infrastructures with advanced service features, e.g. quality of service guarantees enabled by edge computing facilities and support by network slicing.
- Projects using open, disaggregated, interoperable technology solutions and which allow the emergence of a European ecosystem of 5G suppliers.

CEF Digital Programme 2: 2024-2027 – 5G LSPs

Call 4

upcoming

- Focus shift on to 5G Large Scale Pilots → 5G stand-alone integrated with edge computing facilities
- Alignment with the Connected Collaborative Computing narrative of the White Paper on Europe's Digital Infrastructure





## 5GMEC4EU: Who are we?





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### 5GMEC4EU in a Nutshell

Project Duration: 30 Months

Project Start: January 2024

Consortum: Monotch & Detecon

Funding: CEF Digital

Managed by: HaDEA

Type: Coordination & Support Action (CSA)

Main Stakeholders: 5G Smart Communities & 5G Corridors

The **5GMEC4EU** project supports the establishment of a "Connected Collaborative Computing" – "3C Network" to align 5G infrastructure and share knowledge across stakeholders. It supports 5G Smart Communities and 5G Corridors in implementing edge computing through their 5G projects, enhancing Europe's edge capabilities and fostering profitable business models.









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# 5GMEC4EU coordinates and supports the implementation of edge cloud technologies in 5G Corridor and 5G Smart Community deployment projects.

#### **GUIDE CSA: 5G Corridors**

The GUIDE project aims to coordinate and support 5G Corridors in Europe by capturing and sharing best practices from CEF 5G Corridors projects.

#### The project objectives:

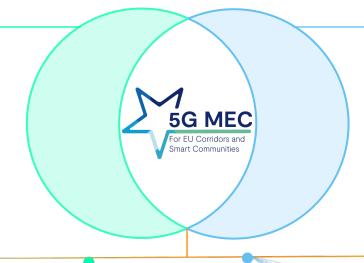
- Analyze CEF 5G Corridors for best practices.
- Develop guidelines for EU 5G Corridors deployment.
- Coordinate projects, monitor progress, offer feedback.

Key Industry Players in

Europe

Models

**Business** 

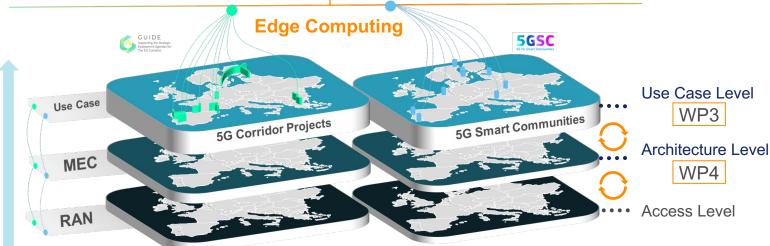


#### 5GSC CSA: 5G Smart Communities

It is an initiative to deploy and use 5G networks to improve public services and socio-economic drivers in local communities.

#### The project objectives:

- Digital transformation and recovery of local areas
- 5G benefits in various sectors
- Collaboration and knowledge exchange







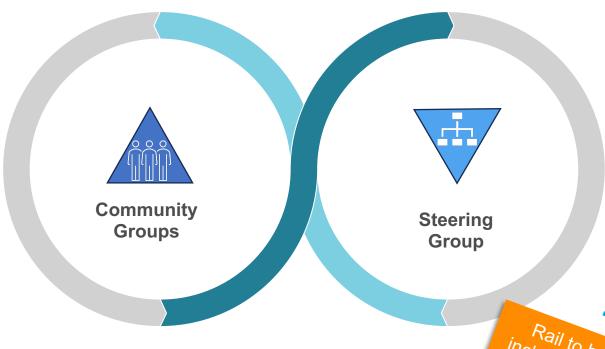
# External Project Strategy: Stakeholders and Communities (Groups).

#### Feedback and review mechanisms

Established feedback loops with the Steering Group, Community Groups, and the European Commission will occur **quarterly**. This will ensure the project remains agile, responding to external inputs and aligning with broader European goals.

# **5G Smart Community Group & 5G Corridors Group**

- Comprises representatives from Smart Communities & 5G
   Corridors.
- Convenes once every two months (planed).
- A separate meeting is held with the Smart Community/ 5G
   Corridors consortium every half year



### **Project Steering Group**

- Group comprises representatives from stakeholder systems, including both partners.
- Responsible for overall direction, decision-making, and strategy.
  - Meets quarterly to review progress and address strategic challenges.









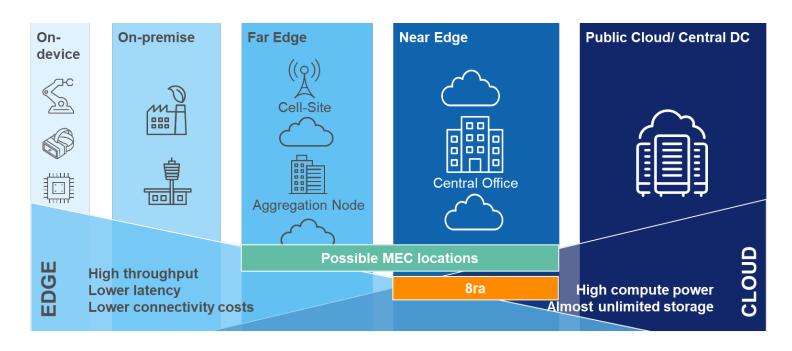








# MEC & Edge Computing in a Nutshell.



#### Indoor/ Small scale

- Industrial UCs
- Smart Home/ Hospital
- Limited-area deployments



#### **Outdoor / Large-scale**

- Mobility Use Cases
- Railway use cases
- National and multi-national deployments
- Smart agriculture, smart logistics, etc.

#### Other

All other UCs

## **EU Edge Landscape**

**MNOs** in **EU** see the **raising interest** to Edge Computing & **MEC** and have developed their first offerings around **edge computing**.











Multiple EU-funded **projects** aimed to proof the **value of MEC** infrastructure by deploying **use cases** enabled by **edge computing technology**.





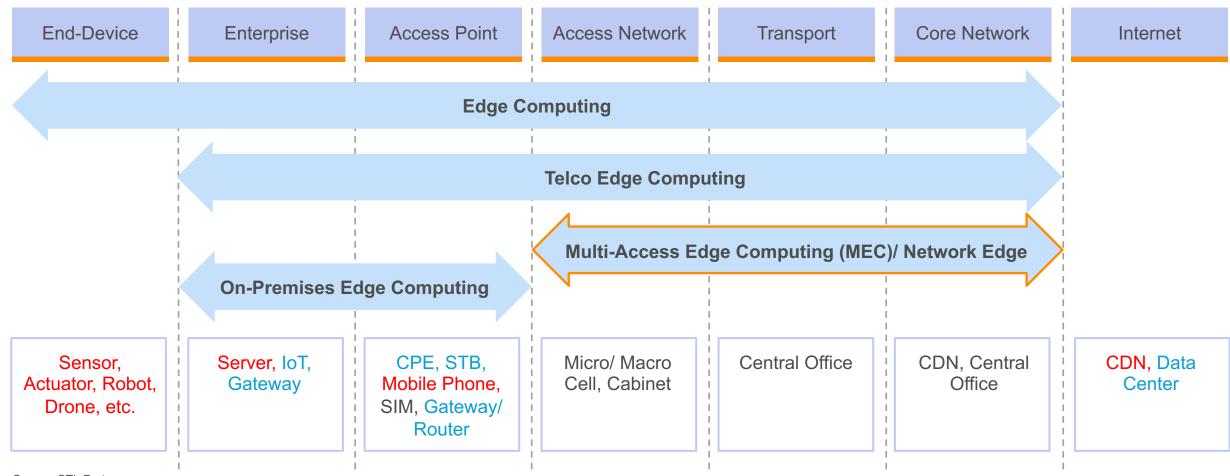


To enable a **pan-European** edge capabilities, **IPCEI CIS** project was launched and aims to build **Edge Cloud** technology across **Europe**.

**IPCEI CIS/ 8ra** 



# The Edge Continuum spans between devices and hyperscale cloud.



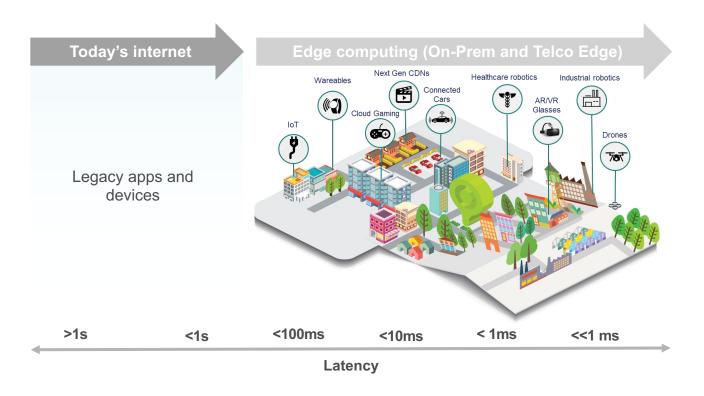


Key: Telco-owned, May not be Telco-owned, Not Telco-owned



# MEC provides solutions when traffic volume in WAN must be reduced, low latency is required, local autonomy is necessary or data security must be guaranteed.

### New applications and devices, new latency demands





#### Low latency & high data transfer

New applications require high data transfer and low latency processing



#### Form factor, battery constraints & costs

Computing on device is not possible due to form factor, battery constraints and cost



#### Centralized nature of cloud

Sending large volume of data to public cloud is cost and time (latency) intensive



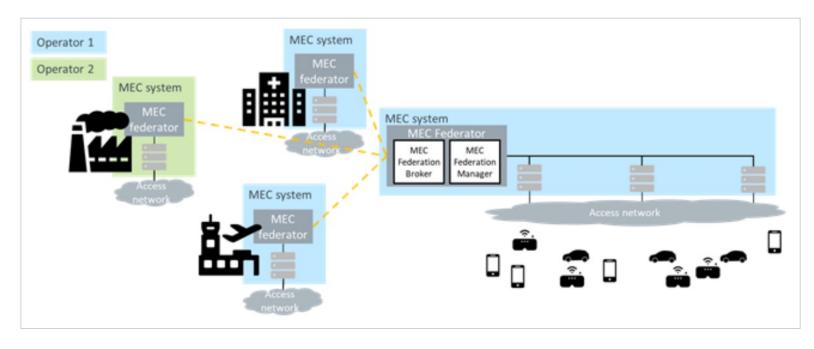


# The hallmark of MEC is the ability to federate multiple MEC systems into one ecosystem to enable shared usage of MEC services.

Multi-access Edge Computing (MEC)\*: System which provides an IT service environment and cloud-computing capabilities at the edge of an access network which contains one or more type of access technology, and in close proximity to its users.

#### **MEC federation\*:**

Federated model of MEC systems enabling shared usage of MEC services and applications.



MEC federation deployment within multiple MEC system operators. Source: ETSI

\*Source: ETSI GR MEC 001 V3.2.1





# 5G SC projects' innovative use cases can be grouped in five industrial segments.

## Agriculture

- Machine-to-Machine communication
- Weed monitoring and spraying
- Row crop cultivator
- Smart agriculture

## **Healthcare**

- Connected first response vehicles
- Medical services over 5G connectivity
- AR/VR for healthcare
- Remote support to diagnosis and monitoring via 5G/IoT
- VR/AR in the recovery of patients
- Emergency medical services.

### **Education**

- AR/XR for Education and Training
- Smart Campus





## Logistic

- Real-Time Location Systems
- Surveillance and keeping record of cargo manipulations
- Incident prevention and management

## **Public & Safety**

- Traffic mgmt. and supervision of public space
- High-speed video data offloading
  - Real-time communication with broadband transmission services
- Smart City & smart waste mgmt.
  - Real-time aerial situational awareness
- Automatic vulnerability assessment
  - Smart Public Safety

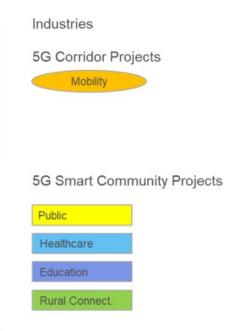
## **Energy**

Smart Energy Metering



# Evaluation of CEF projects regarding need for collaboration and MEC relevance.

Cluster #2: Potential future Community Group Cluster #1: Immediate Community Group BE-5GENIUS Need for Collaboration IT-5G4ASSAC BE-CONNECTOW MEDCOR5G 5G-NETC 5G in Healthcare 5G-DELUX BALTCOR5G 5G-SEAGUL SE-ED5GE Cluster #4: No Edge Computing Cluster #3: Proprietary Edge Solutions 5GMHI Hi5 5G4UH HU-PPDR 5G EL-5G-TERRA Private 5G network C



## **MEC Relevance**

### **Challenges:**

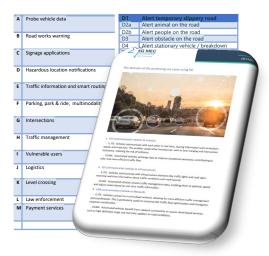
- Long timing for deployment and high costs due to security constraints
- The gap between industry-driven use cases and the underlying architectures
- Need for local breakout in 5G network design
- Lack of end customers and clear business value





# We have made some updates to our project core elements!

Relevant Deliverable: Analysis Use Cases 5G CCAM (Published soon)



**155 use cases** are identified and described, from various regional implementations, EU projects, studies, etc.

Strategic outreach via diverse communication channels





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Feedback loops and **constant review** of the outreach KPIs



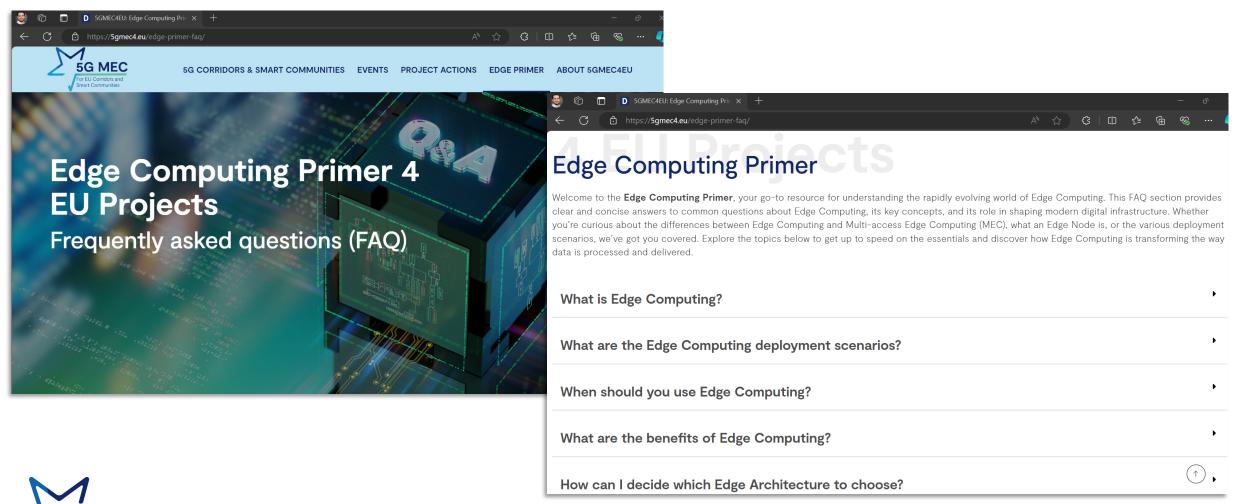








# 5GMEC4EU presents: The Edge Computing Primer 4 EU Projects!





# Let's talk about Edge!



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