#### **5G Edge Computing**

Assessing the opportunities that 5G Edge computing presents for distributed generation, real-time monitoring, and distribution automation in the smart grid



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#### An evolving scenario

High penetration of Distributed and Renewable Generation

New actors in the Energy Market

Stability issues

New generation of Smart Grids solutions

New solutions from 3<sup>rd</sup> parties

Improve system responsiveness

Security and reliability



How to achieve those challenges?

Low latency

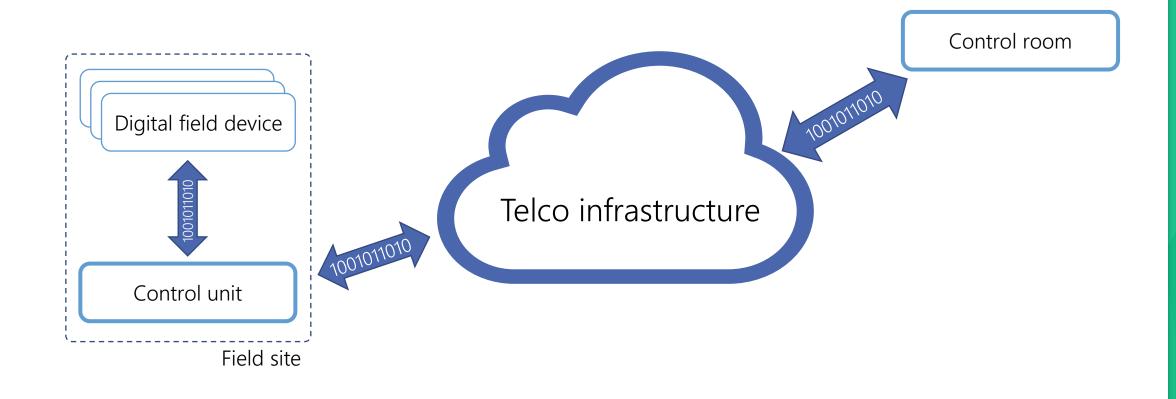
High speed data

# Digitalization Reliable communication Safe and resilient connections

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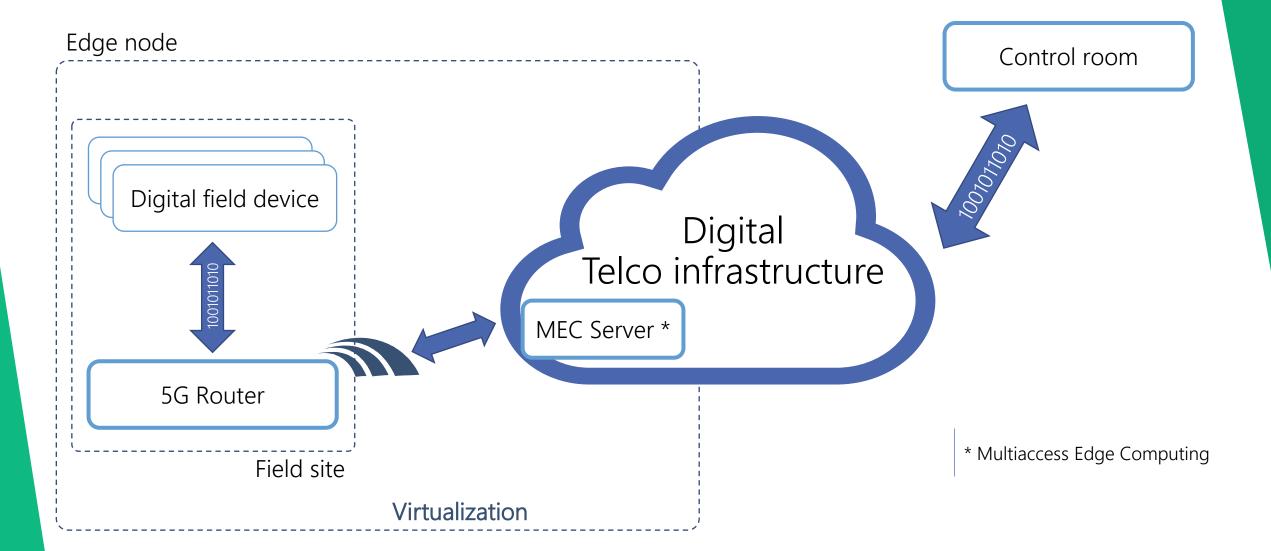
# Digitalisation: what kind?

## Actual approach



# 5G-based cloud edge computing

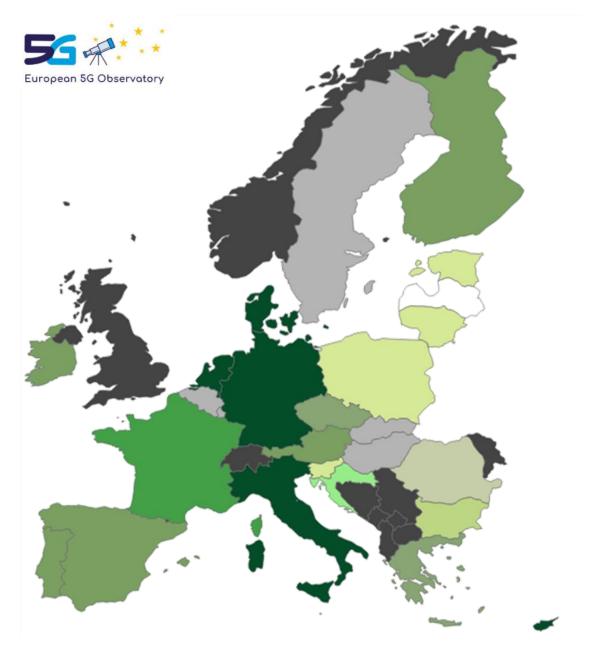
## Digital telco paradigm shift



# 5G: not just a transmission media

- ▶ 5G provides low latency and high transmission speed
- Compared to Optical Fiber, 5G provides high flexibility with lower costs
- It's a digital infrastructure that can be duly programmed to the user's need
- It allows to dedicate a portion of bandwidth for specific applications (slicing)
- ▶ With 5G, users can run their applications in the edge

72% population coverage achieved in EU27



# It seems to be easy, why not to use 5G right now?

- ► The 5G implementation roadmap is still on progress
- While in certain areas the radio part is already active, the Core network is still based on 4G/LTE
- ► APIs are not standard (each vendor provide their own interfaces)
- TELCOs needs to prioritize the user services to be activated during the roll-out path

#### Smart5Grid

Demonstration of 5G solutions for SMART energy GRIDs of the future



The **Smart5Grid** project aims to investigate the potential of 5G-based Edge-Cloud Computation in the Energy industry, by introducing the concept of **Network Application** for simplifying the 5G complexity. The project testbeds are now available for third-parties' experimenters, fostering the creation of a new market-segment for Network Apps.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

THE CONSORTIUM

24 EUROPEAN

**PARTNERS** 

(50% SMEs)

**COVERING** 

**7 EU STATES** 

DURATION

3 YEARS

TOTAL BUDGET

€M8



#### Smart5Grid overall concept and key characteristics

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Open Experimental 5G Platform

Network App definition, modeling and implementation

Platform layer

Network App Open Service Repository

Virtualization/Telco layer

V&V Framework (Validation and Verification)

---→ Network App

Energy layer





### A simple Network Application

Network App Descriptor

Microservice\*

Virtual Field device

Microservice

Automation algorithm

Microservice

**VPN Tunneling** 

Microservice

Slicing

Computational requirements

Communication requirements

Other requirements



My development



Available from others



#### **Network Application**

one approach for multiple uses





5G PPP Phase 3, Part 6: 5G innovations for verticals with third party services & Smart Connectivity beyond 5G



#### Energy Vertical: 4 real life demonstrators Power generation **Power Transmission Transmission System Operator (TSO) Power Distribution Distribution System Operator (DSO)** Customers **Bulgarian demo: Market Operators** Distributed generation real time monitoring and control Greek-Bulgarian demo: real-time cross-border High Voltage frequency monitoring Spanish demo: Aggregator Real time safety monitoring in primary substation voltage Italian demo: 5G-aided smart-faultselection in MV feeders and **Low Voltage** real-time self healing grid Aggregator

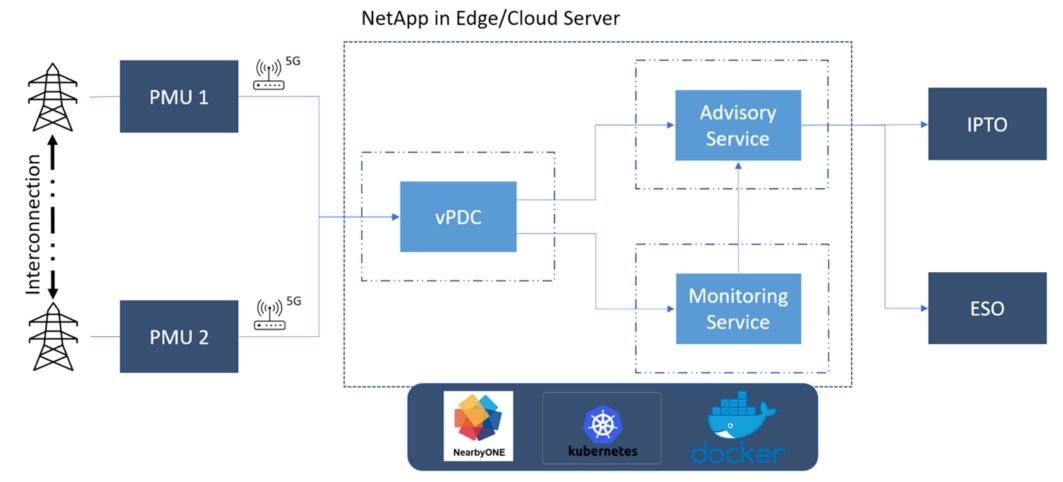


Greek-Bulgarian Demo
Real-time cross-Country frequency monitoring

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# **Greek-Bulgarian demo**Real-time Wide Area Monitoring



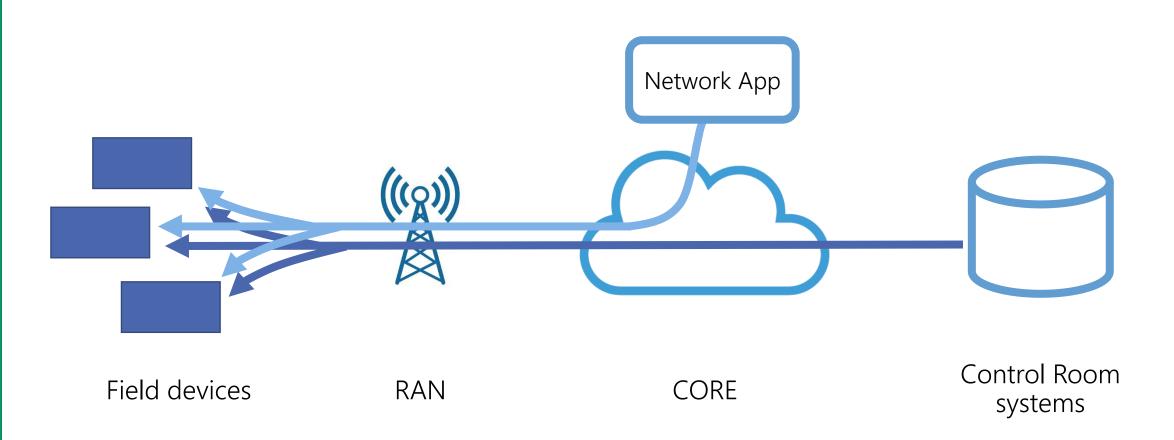




#### Italian demo

General purpose







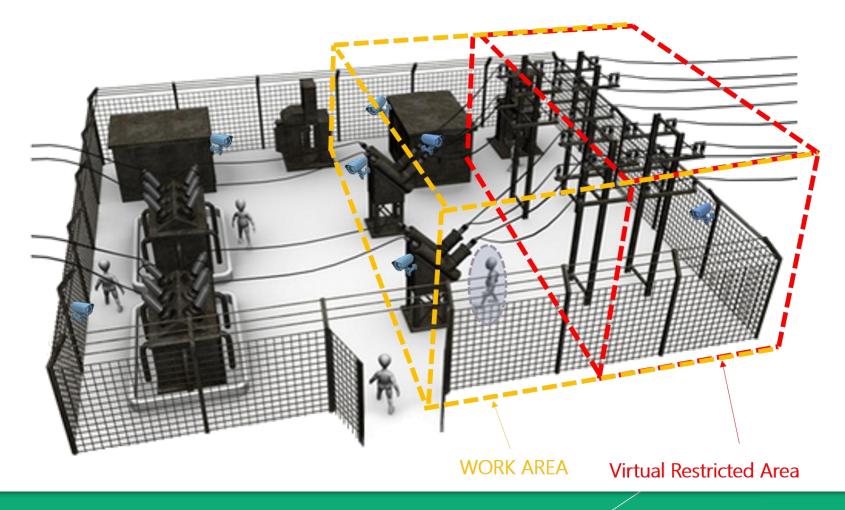
Spanish Demo | Barcelona | Power plant operators' safety monitoring

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#### Spanish demo

Remote Inspection of Automatically Delimited Working Areas at Distribution Level







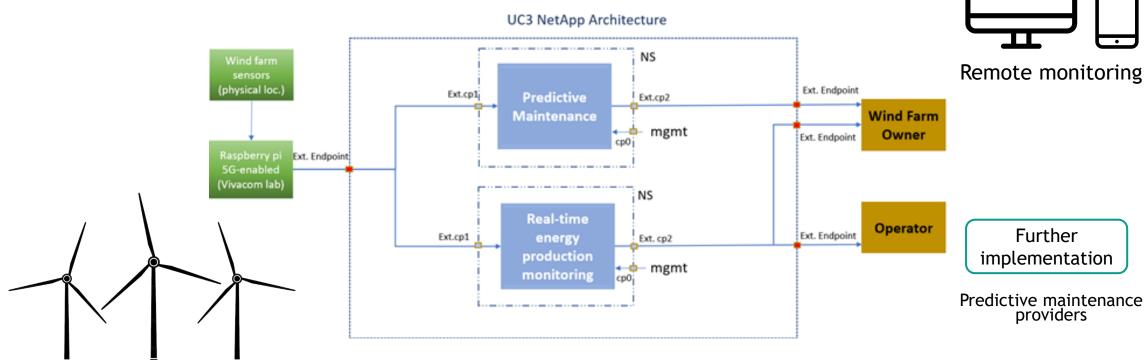
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DER management and predictive maintenance

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# Bulgarian demo Real-time Wide Area Monitoring











## Third-parties experimentation Available tools











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#### **Tech Companies**















#### **DSOs**



**TSOs** 







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# Thank you!



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