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Providing a roadmap for core components and subsystem technologies for Beyond-5G and 6G networks

COREnect today announced the finalization and submission of the first series of public deliverables. More specifically, the following deliverables have been successfully completed:

- Deliverable D2.1: Initial Vision and requirement report
- Deliverable D3.1: 1st Report on the Activities of Expert Groups
- Deliverable D4.1: Initial report on community building and outreach strategy

All those deliverables are available for download on the COREnect web site at <https://www.corenect.eu/publications>.

Professor Gerhard Fettweis, Project Manager of COREnect, declared that “this milestone is a major move for COREnect on its mission to identify the missing building elements and create a coherent and realistic roadmap of hardware enabling technologies for Europe to achieve digital autonomy and sovereignty in Beyond-5G and 6G networks”.

“The work has clearly identified main challenges for European industry related to the role of microelectronics in ICT. These include the value chain composition, capabilities in complex SOC design, as well as necessary research and education. We now have a good foundation to detail a strategy and actions to address these.” says Fredrik Tillman, leader of deliverable 2.1.

Deliverable 3.1 is the first outcome of the work involving 3 pan-European Expert Groups, in the areas of Computing, Communications and Peripheral Technologies, with more than 80 leading experts coming from both the microelectronics and telecommunications communities. They provide their insights and vision on how to identify core components that will strengthen and preserve Europe’s leading position in the telecommunications’ sector in the next 10 years.

Leader of deliverable 3.1, Yaning Zou states “As captured in D3.1, the 3 Expert Groups have made very good progress in its first 3 months of operation, which includes the definition of working scopes and the initial identification of research areas and design considerations. These initial



results will serve as an important milestone for the development of initial COREnect industry roadmap that is about to be published in June-July 2021.”

Both deliverables D2.1 and D3.1 took into account the outcomes of the 1st COREnect workshop, that was organised on November 26, 2020, in co-location with the EF ECS conference (<https://www.corenect.eu/news/efecs-2020-corenect-workshop>).

That workshop gathered over 130 participants and touched on some significant topics such as: Should Europe develop its own CMOS manufacturing capability? How should it position itself with regards to open network architectures? How to seize opportunities in low power authentication, security, and performance? Beyond microelectronics, can Europe build on its optical capabilities for data transport?

To tackle such an important and complex topic, the COREnect project is planning on ways to reach out to a wider audience and receive feedback. More specifically, a public consultation will be launched on the results and conclusions of D2.1. COREnect will welcome feedback from technical experts and strategists. Moreover, COREnect will also activate a process for recruiting additional experts to participate in its three Expert Groups. Participation from female experts and representatives from SMEs will be particularly looked upon. These actions will be communicated in early February, so stay tuned to our news (<https://www.corenect.eu/news>)

To learn more about COREnect and our recently published results and activities click [here](#) and subscribe to receive the latest news. You may also follow us on [Twitter](#) and on [LinkedIn](#).

About COREnect: The “COREnect” (European Core Technologies for future connectivity systems and components) is operating in the frame of the 5G PPP, Horizon 2020 Research & Innovation Programme. The project started its activities on the 1st of July 2020. During its planned 2-years journey of this Coordination and Support Action project, European industry and R&D leaders from both the microelectronics and telecommunications sectors will jointly develop a high-level strategic roadmap of core technologies for future connectivity systems and components, targeting the next generation telecommunications networks and services.

About Technische Universität Dresden/Barkhausen Institut

The Technische Universität Dresden (TUD) is the project coordinator and one of the largest “Technische Universitäten” in Germany. It is also one of the leading and most dynamic universities in Germany. As a full-curriculum university with 18 faculties in five schools it offers a broad variety of 121 disciplines and covers a wide research spectrum. Its focuses Health Sciences, Biomedicine & Bioengineering, Information Technology & Microelectronics, Smart Materials & Structures, Energy, Mobility & Environment as well as Culture & Societal Change are considered exemplary in Germany and throughout Europe. In the area of mobile communications, TUD is a global research leader and has been continuously working on pioneer research and contributing to the development and





evolutions of mobile networks in the past 20 years. It founded 5G++Lab Germany in 2014 that enjoys international reputations and an extensive research and industry network around the world.

The Barkhausen Institut was founded in 2017 in Dresden, Saxony. It brings together researchers from a variety of backgrounds from all over the world. Barkhausen Institut targets to develop break-through technology with the aim of increasing the dependability of IoT systems (Internet of Things), that includes ensuring availability, integrity and confidentiality. Doing so, it create a foundation of a trustworthy IoT which is one basis of a future "digital democracy". Therefore, besides such scientific research, science communication plays an important role in everyday's work of the Barkhausen Institut.

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The 5G Public Private Partnership (5G PPP) is the 5G collaborative research program that is organized as part of the European Commission's Horizon 2020 program – The European Union Program for Research and Innovation. It is aimed at fostering industry-driven research, monitored by business-related, technological performance and societal KPIs. The 5G PPP will deliver solutions, architectures, technologies and standards for ubiquitous next-generation communication infrastructure over the coming decade.

In the 5G PPP, the 5G Infrastructure Association (5G IA) represents the private side and the European Commission the public side. The 5G IA is committed to the advancement of 5G in Europe and to building global consensus on 5G. To this aim, the Association brings together a global industry community of telecoms & digital actors, such as operators, manufacturers, research institutes, universities, verticals and SMEs. The 5G IA carries out a wide range of activities in strategic areas including standardization, frequency spectrum, R&D projects, technology skills, collaboration with key vertical industry sectors, notably for the development of trials, and international cooperation.

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