3GPP TSG-RAN WG3 Meeting #129-bis R3-25xxxx

Prague, Czech Republic, 13th - 17th Oct, 2025

**Title: Reply LS on “IETF Network Slice Application in 3GPP 5G End-to-End Network Slice”**

**Response to: LS R3-256526 on “IETF Network Slice Application in 3GPP 5G End-to-End Network Slice”**

**Release:**

**Work Item:**

Source: RAN3

**To: IETF TEAS**

**Cc: SA2, SA3, SA5**

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**Attachments:** none

# 1 Overall description

RAN3 thanks IETF TEAS for the LS on " IETF Network Slice Application in 3GPP 5G End-to-End Network Slice ".

For the informational document, RAN3 intends to highlight that the points mentioned in the previous LS in R3-244785 (e.g., referring to the 3GPP specifications on 5G NG-RAN architecture) could be considered when necessary. RAN3 would like to provide the following replies.

* In Section 3.2 and 3.3, the FH, and MH are not 3GPP defined terminologies. Regarding the IETF network slices used for FH, it is up to IETF TEAS to consider whether or how the methods discussed in the document for mapping between 3GPP E2E network slice and IETF network slice are used.
* In Section 3.3, real-time and non-real-time components are not defined in 3GPP. The exact definitions of the CU and DU are provided in 3GPP TS 38.401.
* In Section 3.4, the reference to Figure 6 seems incorrect, because the text refers to Figure 5.
* in Figure 20 and Figure 24 of section 7, the association between DU and CU-UP (i.e., the F1-U interface) is defined in 3GPP TS 38.401 and TS 38.470, but not in others.

# 2 Actions

**To IETF TEAS:**

**ACTION:** RAN3 respectfully asks to take above information into account.

# 3 Dates of next RAN3 meetings

Updated meeting schedule can be found at: <https://portal.3gpp.org/?tbid=373&SubTB=381#/>

RAN3#130 2025-11-17 - 2025-11-21 Dallas, US

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