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Introduction

This document proposes a way forward for the prioritisation of the RAN WGs activity, taking into account both the maintenance of previous releases and the development of major enhancements deemed by the operators of crucial importance for a successful development of the standard.

Discussion

Currently there is a twofold need that RAN WGs are coping with: on the one hand there is the need to fix as soon as possible each bug or error discovered in R99/R4/R5 specifications, which is very important indeed; on the other hand it should not be overlooked the task to study and complete each release 6 item in the relevant timeframe.

So far, all the items belonging to R6 were given only the time left over by all the other discussion topics

The result is that R6 is definitely slowing down. The problem is envisaged to get more serious during next year, due to the decreased number of meetings.

Moreover the fact that there is no a common agenda prioritisation shared among the WGs could lead to a misalignment concerning those R6 items spread over more than one WG.

Therefore the need to establish a common agenda prioritisation is envisaged. One possible solution is the following priority list:

Some but not all of alternatives are listed hereinafter:

1. To treat the topics (excepted essential corrections to early releases) according to the amount of contributions, i.e. ensuring that at least a given percentage of each item is progressed
 2. To give topics which has been left over in meeting "n" a higher priority during meeting "n+1" (provided that essential corrections always have the highest priority)
 3. To give a lower priority to clarifications, enhancements and small improvements
 4. To give a lower priority to late documents
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Proposal

It is proposed to agree on one (or a combination) of the aforementioned proposals for prioritisation as common basis for item scheduling in all RAN WGs.