

3GPP TSG RAN#87e

March 16th-19th, 2020

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Agenda Items 5, 15

Considerations for Q2 e-meetings

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Introduction

- COVID-19 situation likely to persist throughout Q2
 - April f2f meetings cancelled – replacement by e-meetings TBC across WGs
 - May f2f meetings TBC – potential replacement/cancellation TBC. [Decision due the week after RAN#87E](#)
- Release timeline
 - Rel-16 currently set to TSG#88/June 2020 plenaries
 - Rel-17 timeline subject to one Q delay at TSG#87/March 2020 plenaries
- MediaTek is grateful to TSG/WG leadership and ETSI MCC for the efforts in setting up and handling all e-meetings
- Important to secure sound Rel-16 progress in Q2
 - Rel-16 spec quality is a concern with the above milestone
- Lessons learnt from Q1 e-meetings

Q1 e-meetings

General observations

E-mail

Pros

- More efficient for simpler issues
- Allow Initial exchange of views
- Not (fully) timezone dependent, but... (see below)

Cons

- All discussions in parallel, asynchronous comments
- Massive amount of data to be parsed
- Unsuitable to resolve complicated/controversial issues
- Not (fully) timezone dependent, but deadlines can easily be exploited e.g. providing late feedback that cannot be responded to
- Fairness often questionable

Telco/Webinar

Pros

- Allows proper discussions and exchange
- Suitable for controversial issues

Cons

- Not efficient if no decision is expected
- Inevitably painful depending on timezone
- Possible issues with VoIP delays / quality

Proposal

- **General recommendation** (exact implementation may vary per WG as needed)
 - Telcos/webinars are essential to resolve contentious issues and yield progress
 - Telcos/webinars must have a clear agenda and clear decision points
- **Proposal: Hybrid approach combining both email and telco/webinar in Q2 e-meetings**
 - **Step 0** – Moderated email discussions. Moderators assigned by WG leadership e.g. Rapporteurs/Feature leads
 - **Step 1** – Public summary by moderators with way forward e.g. whether a telco is needed or conclusion is obvious
 - **Step 2** – Telcos for selected topics in Step 1 (selected by WG Leadership): selected issues requiring WG decision
 - **Fairness** must be observed at all steps i.e. moderator selection and summaries, topic selection, decision-making
 - Moderator summaries subject to WG consensus
 - Transparent criteria for topic selection and decision-making