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# 1 Scope

This document describes scenarios and use cases in telecom system that need trustworthiness among different entities such as users, devices, networks, and applications. Technologies for providing such trustworthiness will be reviewed. Using PDL for realizing trust in telecom system will be discussed and demonstrated. This document also discusses the key issues or topics realed to how to enable PDL-enabled trust in telecom system, such as user trust, distributed trust, trust management, etc. The potential standardization recomenndations on those key issues or topics may also be investigated.

# 2 References

## 2.1 Normative references

Normative references are not applicable in the present document.

## 2.2 Informative references

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[i.1] PDL-015.

[i.2] PDL-021.

# 3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

## 3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms apply:

**Trust:** tbd

**Distributed Trust:** Trust relationship built without fully relying on a centralized party (but such a centralized party may be used to facilitate to build distributed trust relationship). Distributed trust can be established among devices, between devices and networks, or between networks

**User Trust:** Trust relationship relying on user credentials instead of fully relying on or in addition to SIM-based primary authentication in current 5G system. User trust also can be established among devices, and between devices and networks. User trust can enable user-centric trustworthiness expanding or beyond existing SIM-based authentication and trust

**User Credential Management**: tbd

**User Identifier Management**: tbd

**Trust Evaluation:** tbd

**Trust Management:** tbd

**Trust Indicator:** tbd

**Trust Index:** tbd

## 3.2 Symbols

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## 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

ETSI European Telecommunications Standards Institute

EU European Union

PDL Permissioned Distributed Ledger

# 4 Trust-Related Definitions

**TBD:** This clause defines key trust-related such as trust, trust evaluation, root of trust, mutual authentication, etc.

# 5 Introduction to Trust in Telecom System

## 5.1 3GPP Telecom Networks

## 5.2 Existing Trust Mechanisms in 3GPP Networks

# 6 Existing Standards and Trust Mechanisms

## 6.1 Trust Computing Group

**TBD:** Describe TPM (Trust Platform Module) 2.0, etc.

## 6.2 ITU-T

**TBD:** Describe “Trust in ICT” white paper

## 6.3 NIST

**TBD:** Describe “Zero-Trust Archtiecture (ZTA)” white paper

## 6.4 IETF

**TBD:** Describe RFC9397 on “Trusted Execution Environment Provisioning (TEEP) Architecture”, RFC9334 on “Remote ATtestation procedureS (RATS)”

## 6.5 3GPP

**TBD:** Describe TR33.894 on ZTA Study

## 6.6 ETSI

**TBD:** Describe some relevant ETSI work such as PDL & ESI: 1) PDL-015 on Reputation Management; 2) PDL-021 on Use Cases in 3GPP Network and Impact Analysis on Architecture Integration; 3) PDL-023 on DID Framework.

## 6.7 eIDAS (910-2014)

Third-party trust services

# 7 Use Cases for Trust in Telecom System

## 7.1 Introduction

## 7.2 Use Case 1 - TBD

## 7.3 Use Case X - TBD

# 8 Key Issues

## 8.1 Introduction

## 8.2 Key Issue 1 - TBD

## 8.3 Key Issue X - TBD

# 9 Potential Solutions

## 9.1 Introduction

## 9.2 Solution 1 - TBD

## 9.3 Solution X - TBD

# 10 Conclusions and Next Steps

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