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**Decision/action requested:** TC-MTS is requested to decide whether the existing work item, REG/MTS-00122 (Validation Handbook) should remain as a revision of EG 201 015 or be replaced with a new "Development" work item.

# 1 Rationale

The single deliverable of STF417 is classified as a revision of the existing Validation Handbook, EG 201 015 which was specifically describes methods for validating standards written in SDL. The impact of proceeding with the "Revision" work item (REG/MTS-00122) is that most of the SDL-related material will be removed and, thus, lost. There is an argument from the Centre for Testing and Interoperability that although SDL is rarely used in today's protocol standards, the loss of this material is not desirable.

# 2 Options

## 2.1 Option 1: Continue with a revision of EG 201 015

The current status quo can be maintained by essentially doing nothing so that the validation handbook remains as a revision of EG 201 015. Although this would mean that the existing handbook would be replaced and there would then be no validation methodology specific to SDL, reference could be made within the document to ETR 184 (*Overview of validation techniques for European Telecommunication Standards (ETSs) containing SDL*), thus maintaining a link with SDL.

## 2.2 Option 2: Revise the work item, REG/MTS-0122 to be a "Development" work item

The current Validation Handbook work item can be revised to be a development item so that EG 201 015 would continue to exist in its current version and a new EG elaborating non-SDL-specific validation methods would be produced (by STF417). This would mean that two distinct validation handbooks would exist and so the title of the new work item would need to be changed slightly to avoid confusion. Alternatively, the new EG could be made a 2nd part of EG 201 015.

# 3 Supporting information

The impact on the workload of STF417 is not affected significantly by the selection of either option.

The supporting members of the original WI are:

* Institut für Informatik, Göttingen
* Telecom Italia
* Cadzow Communications Ltd
* Fokus-Fraunhofer
* PQM Consultants