

## On the role of 5G NPNs for mission critical services

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## Introduction to EU-KR PriMO-5G project

- Goal
  - To demonstrate an *end-to-end* 5G system providing immersive video services for moving objects.







• Fires are a growing challenge to modern society



#### Estimated burnt land hectares in European countries

Source: European Forest Fire Information System (EFFIS) of the European Commission Joint Research Centre, http://effis.jrc.ec.europa.eu



• Public safety communications (PSC) is moving from voice-centric to **data-centric paradigm** enabled by LTE, 5G, and the ongoing 3GPP evolution



- Usage of drone
  - Preparatory actions
  - Visual information
  - Sensory information
- Challenges
  - Urban: complexity
  - Rural: lack of infrastructure
  - Maintaining reliable high data-rate link
  - Trade-off between communication and computing
  - Al assistance
  - Network slicing
  - Dynamic drone fleet management
  - Location awareness
    - ...

Source: PriMO-5G Deliverable D1.1, PriMO-5G Use Case Scenarios, <u>https://primo-5g.eu/project-outcomes/deliverables/</u>



- Lack of existing infrastructure
  - Incident site can be out of the reach of existing mobile network except for traditional voice and low data rate services
  - Fast deployment and setup of communications is essential for the smart firefighting operations
  - Radio spectrum access and backhauling are another challenges



## **Technical solutions for rural firefighting**

- Fire trucks
  - Vehicular gNB with mmWave backhaul
  - MEC for supporting AI-assisted functions and slicing
- UAVs
  - Aerial gNBs
  - Aerial UEs
- Robots
  - Both as gNBs and UEs



Source: PriMO-5G Deliverable D1.2, End-to-end PriMO-5G network architecture, <u>https://primo-5g.eu/project-outcomes/deliverables/</u>



## **Regulatory and business questions**

- Radio spectrum access
  - Which spectrum is to be used?
  - Under which arrangement?
- Network operation
  - Who will own the equipment?
  - Who will operate the network?
- Use of the services
  - Who can use the network?



- Licensed 4G/5G spectrum is the most preferred option!
- Spectrum dedicated for public safety
  - Spectrum demand for emerging mission critical services far exceeds the currently allocated spectrum for public safety

#### License-exempt spectrum

- does not satisfy the priority access requirements
- difficult to achieve low-latency access

Source: PriMO-5G Deliverable D1.3, Spectrum Options and Economic Study, https://primo-5g.eu/project-outcomes/deliverables/

## **Network operation and services**

- Who are the users of the network?
  - Primarily, the safety agencies will use the network
    - First responders, incident commander, UAVs and robots
  - However, the public should be able to use it as well
    - For example, people to be evacuated or rescued
- Who owns the equipment and operates the network?
  - MEC and gNBs can be integrated into the equipment of safety agencies
  - The safety agencies may want to have control of the network
    - For timely slice management
    - For better security



- In summary, rapid deployment and set-up of a network for rural firefighting requires
  - Access to 4G/5G licensed spectrum
  - Communication devices integrated into firefighting equipment
  - Ability of safety agencies to control the network



Non-public network (NPN) is a promising solution!



- Which deployment scenario suits PriMO-5G use cases?
  - Deployment with shared RAN (or its variant) is plausible



Source: 5G-ACIA white paper, 5G Non-Public Networks for Industrial Scenarios, https://www.5g-acia.org/publications/5g-non-public-networks-for-industrial-scenarios-white-paper/





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