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## Foreword

This European Standard (EN) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS).

The present document is part 5, sub-part 1 of a multi-part deliverable. Full details of the entire series can be found in part 1 [2].

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## Introduction

The Basic Transport Protocol (BTP) provides an end-to-end, connection-less transport service in the ITS ad hoc network. Its main purpose is the multiplexing of messages from different processes at the ITS facilities layer, e.g. CAM and DENM from the cooperative awareness basic service and the distributed environmental notification basic service, for the transmission of packets via the GeoNetworking protocol as well as the de-multiplexing at the destination. BTP enables protocol entities at the ITS facilities layer to access services of the GeoNetworking protocol and to pass protocol control information between the ITS facilities layer and the GeoNetworking protocol.

Message multiplexing/demultiplexing is based on ports, an ITS station-internal 16 bit address. A port represents a communication endpoint that identifies the ITS station protocol entity at the source (source port) or the destination (destination port). The usage of ports is similar to the two-stage packet transport in the IP protocol suite, where the IP provides the routing of packets from source to destination and the transport protocol, such as UDP, multiplexes/demultiplexes messages from/to application processes. In the case of BTP, the GeoNetworking protocol transports the packets among the ITS stations and the BTP protocol delivers the packets to the entities at the ITS facilities layer. BTP also adopts the concept of "well-known ports" from the IP protocol suite that assigns fixed ports to specific ITS facilities layer protocols. The definition of the ports, however, is beyond the scope of the present document.

BTP is a lightweight protocol: it has a 4-byte protocol header and requires minimal processing. It provides an unreliable transport of packets, i.e. packets can arrive out-of-order, appear duplicated or can be lost. The design of BTP assumes that entities using the protocol are either tolerant against the unreliable packet transport or provide appropriate mechanisms for reliable communication in their protocols.

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# 1 Scope

The present document specifies the Basic Transport Protocol (BTP) for the transport of packets among ITS stations. It resides on top of the GeoNetworking protocol specified in ETSI EN 302 636-4-1 [5] and ETSI TS 102 636-4-2 [i.2] and below the ITS-S facilities layer. It provides an end-to-end, connection-less and unreliable transport service.

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The following referenced documents are necessary for the application of the present document.

- [1] ETSI EN 302 665: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Communications Architecture".
- [2] ETSI EN 302 636-1: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Vehicular Communications; GeoNetworking; Part 1: Requirements".
- [3] ETSI EN 302 636-2: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Vehicular Communications; GeoNetworking; Part 2: Scenarios".
- [4] ETSI EN 302 636-3: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Vehicular Communications; GeoNetworking; Part 3: Network architecture".
- [5] ETSI EN 302 636-4-1: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Vehicular Communications; GeoNetworking; Part 4: Geographical addressing and forwarding for point-to-point and point-to-multipoint communications; Sub-part 1: Media-Independent Functionality".
- [6] ETSI TS 103 248: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); GeoNetworking; Port Numbers for the Basic Transport Protocol (BTP)".

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- [i.1] ETSI EN 302 663: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Access layer specification for Intelligent Transport Systems operating in the 5 GHz frequency band".
- [i.2] ETSI TS 102 636-4-2: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Vehicular Communications; GeoNetworking; Part 4: Geographical addressing and forwarding for point-to-point and point-to-multipoint communications; Sub-part 2: Media-dependent functionalities for ITS-G5".

- [i.3] ETSI EN 302 637-2: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Vehicular Communications; Basic Set of Applications; Part 2: Specification of Cooperative Awareness Basic Service".
- [i.4] ETSI EN 302 637-3: "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Vehicular Communications; Basic Set of Applications; Part 3: Specifications of Decentralized Environmental Notification Basic Service".
- [i.5] IETF RFC 768: "User Datagram Protocol".
- [i.6] ISO/IEC 8802-2: "Information technology - Telecommunications and information exchange between systems - Local and metropolitan area networks - Specific requirements; Part 2: Logical Link Control".

## 3 Definitions and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in ETSI EN 302 665 [1], ETSI EN 302 636-3 [4] and the following apply:

**BTP-PDU:** PDU exchanged between BTP peer entities

**destination:** receiving BTP entity in the ITS station

**destination port:** port identifying the destination's protocol entity at the ITS facilities layer

NOTE: Facilities layer services that do not expect replies either do not include a source port number in the header, or they set it to a default (usually 0) to indicate no reply port available. For session-based services (client-server or peer-to-peer), the source port is often set to a value from an ephemeral (dynamically assigned) subspace of the space of all port numbers.

**GN-PDU:** PDU exchanged between peer entities of the GeoNetworking protocol

**ITS-FPCI:** control information passed from the ITS Facilities layer to the BTP

**port:** ITS station-internal address that identifies a protocol entity at the ITS facilities layer and represents an endpoint of a logical connection

**source:** originating BTP entity in the ITS station

**source port:** port number to be used by a facilities layer entity as the destination port in a subsequent reply to the originator

NOTE: Such an entity may be listening for a reply BTP packet.

### 3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in ETSI EN 302 665 [1], ETSI EN 302 636-3 [4] and the following apply:

BTP	Basic Transport Protocol
BTP-PDU	Basic Transport Protocol Protocol Data Unit
BTP-SAP	Basic Transport Protocol Service Access Point
GN-PDU	GeoNetworking protocol PDU exchanged between peer entities of the GeoNetworking protocol
GN-SAP	GeoNetworking Service Access Point
ITS-FPCI	ITS Facilities layer Protocol Control Information
ITS-FPDU	ITS Facilities layer Protocol Data Unit
ITS-FSDU	ITS Facilities layer Service Data Unit
LL	Link Layer
LLC	Logical Link Control
PCI	Protocol Control Information

PDU	Protocol Data Unit
SHB	Single Hop Broadcast
TSB	Topologically Scoped Broadcast

## 4 Services provided by the Basic Transport Protocol

The Basic Transport Protocol (BTP) provides an end-to-end, connection-less transport service in the ITS ad hoc network (ETSI EN 302 636-3 [4]). Similar to UDP (IETF RFC 768 [i.5]), it offers a minimal transport service, i.e. the non-guaranteed delivery of BTP-PDUs among BTP entities. It also allows protocol entities at the ITS facilities layer to directly access the services provided by the GeoNetworking protocol.

The BTP shall meet the requirements specified in ETSI EN 302 665 [1] and ETSI EN 302 636-1 [2] and support the use cases defined in ETSI EN 302 636-2 [3].

The BTP provides services to ITS facilities layer protocol entities (figure 1), such as cooperative awareness basic service (ETSI EN 302 637-2 [i.3]) and DEN basic service (ETSI EN 302 637-3 [i.4]). The services are provided via the BTP-SAP using service primitives of different types that carry parameters, i.e. Protocol Control Information (ITS-FPCI), and the PDU of the upper protocol entity, i.e. ITS-FPDU. In order to provide its packet transport services, BTP uses the services of the GeoNetworking protocol (ETSI EN 302 636-4-1 [5]).

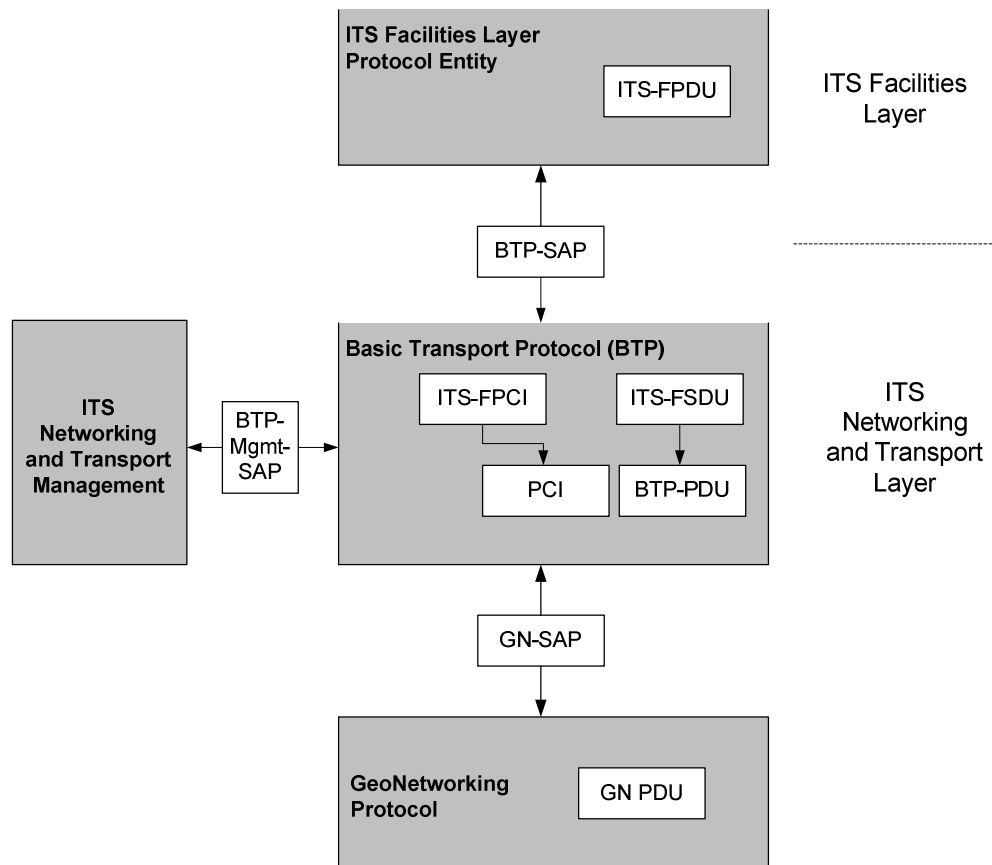


Figure 1: SAPs, SDUs and PDUs relevant for the BTP

The present document specifies the following SAPs:

- BTP-SAP between BTP and the ITS facilities layer; and
- BTP-Mgmt-SAP between the BTP and the ITS Network and Transport Management.





## 7 BTP header

### 7.1 Overview

BTP defines two protocol headers:

- BTP-A for interactive packet transport; and
- BTP-B for non-interactive packet transport.

The headers are distinguished by the *Next Header* field in the GeoNetworking header (ETSI EN 302 636-4-1 [5]) as illustrated in table 1.

**Table 1: Encoding of BTP header types in the Next Header (NH) field of the GeoNetworking Common Header**

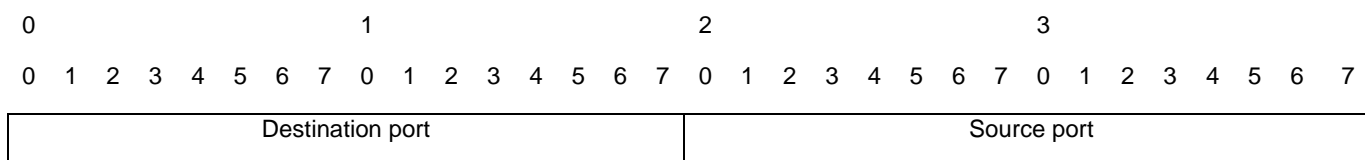
Next Header (NH)	Encoding	Description
BTP-A	1	BTP-A header
BTP-B	2	BTP-B header

NOTE: The encoding of the Next Header field is specified in ETSI EN 302 636-4-1 [5]. In case of conflict in the encoding, ETSI EN 302 636-4-1 [5] takes precedence.

### 7.2 BTP-A header

#### 7.2.1 Structure of the BTP-A header

The BTP-A header carries the source and the destination ports (figure 4). The destination port identifies the protocol entity at the ITS facilities layer in the destination of a BTP-PDU. The source port indicates the port that the ITS facilities layer protocol entity in the source has used to send the ITS-FSDU. The source port represents the port to which a reply to the BTP PDU should be addressed in the absence of other information.



**Figure 4: BTP-A header format**

#### 7.2.2 Fields of the BTP-A header

The BTP header shall carry the fields as specified in table 2.

**Table 2: Fields of BTP-A header**

Field #	Field name	Octet position		Type	Unit	Description
		First	Last			
1	<i>Destination port</i>	0	1	16 bit integer		It identifies the protocol entity at the destination's ITS facilities layer.
2	<i>Source port</i>	2	3	16 bit integer		It identifies the protocol entity at the source's ITS facilities layer.

## 7.3 BTP-B header

### 7.3.1 Structure of the BTP-B header

The BTP-B header carries the destination port, but no source port (figure 5). The destination port identifies the protocol entity at the ITS facilities layer in the destination of a BTP-PDU. For well-known ports, it shall be set to a value corresponding to the identified facilities layer service as specified in ETSI TS 103 248 [6]. The protocol at the source ITS facilities layer provides additional information if *Destination port* is a well-known port. If specified in ETSI TS 103 248 [6], the *Destination port info* shall be set to a value corresponding to the identified facilities layer service, as specified in ETSI TS 103 248 [6]. Default setting of the *Destination port info* is 0.

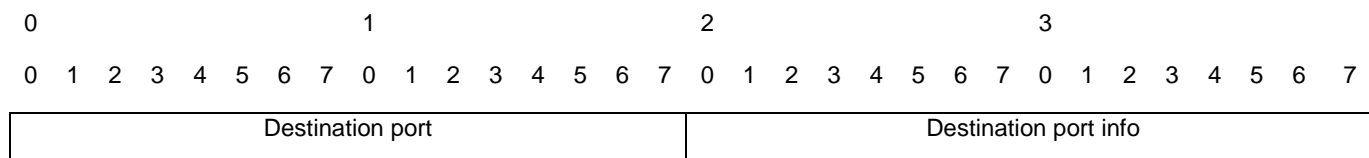


Figure 5: BTP-B header format

### 7.3.2 Fields of the BTP-B header

The BTP-B header shall carry the fields as specified in table 3.

Table 3: Fields of BTP-B header

Field #	Field name	Octet position		Type	Unit	Description
		First	Last			
1	<i>Destination port</i>	0	1	16 bit integer		It identifies the protocol entity at the ITS facilities layer in the destination. For well-known ports it shall be set to a value corresponding to the identified facilities layer service as specified the values in ETSI TS 103 248 [6].
2	<i>Destination port info</i>	2	3	16 bit integer		It provides additional information. If <i>Destination port</i> is a well-known port and the field value is specified in ETSI TS 103 248 [6], it shall be set to a value corresponding to the identified facilities layer service as specified in ETSI TS 103 248 [6]. Default setting is 0.

## 8 Protocol operations

### 8.1 General

This clause specifies the operations of a BTP entity for sending and receiving a BTP-PDU.

### 8.2 Source operations

On reception of a *BTP-Data.request* primitive, the source shall execute the following operations:

- 1) create a BTP-PDU with the ITS-FSDU as payload and a BTP packet header (clause 7):
  - a) if the BTP type parameter in the *BTP-Data.request* primitive is BTP-A, set the BTP header fields as specified in table 4;

**Table 4: Field settings for the BTP-A header**

Field name	Field setting	Description
Source port	Value of Source port parameter from the <i>BTP-Data.request</i> primitive	It identifies the port of the protocol entity at the source's ITS facilities layer in the source of the BTP PDU.
Destination port	Value of Destination port parameter from the <i>BTP-Data.request</i> primitive	It identifies the protocol entity at the destination ITS facilities layer.

- b) if the BTP type parameter in the *BTP-Data.request* primitive is BTP-B, set the BTP header fields as specified in table 5;

**Table 5: Field settings for the BTP-B header**

Field name	Field setting	Description
Destination port	Value of Destination port parameter from the <i>BTP-Data.request</i> primitive	It identifies the protocol entity at the destination ITS facilities layer. For well-known ports it shall be set to a value corresponding to the identified facilities layer service as specified the values in ETSI TS 103 248 [6].
Destination port info	Value of Destination port info parameter from the <i>BTP-Data.request</i> primitive	It provides additional information. If <i>Destination port</i> is a well-known port and the field value is specified in ETSI TS 103 248 [6], it shall be set to a value corresponding to the identified facilities layer service as specified in ETSI TS 103 248 [6]. Default setting is 0.

- 2) pass the BTP-PDU to the GeoNetworking protocol entity, as specified in ETSI EN 302 636-4-1 [5] via the GN-SAP by means of a *GN-Data.request* primitive with the parameter settings in table 6.

**Table 6: Parameter settings in the *GN-Data.request* primitive to request sending a GeoNetworking packet**

Parameter name	Parameter setting
<i>Upper protocol entity</i>	BTP
<i>Packet transport type</i>	Value of <i>BTP-Data.request</i> parameter <i>GN Packet transport type</i> .
<i>Destination address</i>	Value of <i>BTP-Data.request</i> parameter <i>GN Destination address</i> .
<i>Communication profile</i>	Value of <i>BTP-Data.request</i> parameter <i>GN Communication profile</i> .
<i>Security profile</i>	Value of <i>BTP-Data.request</i> parameter <i>GN Security profile</i> . Omitted if not used in <i>BTP-Data.request</i> .
<i>Maximum packet lifetime</i>	Value of <i>BTP-Data.request</i> parameter <i>GN Maximum packet lifetime</i> . Omitted if not used in <i>BTP-Data.request</i> .
<i>Maximum repetition time</i>	Value of <i>BTP-Data.request</i> parameter <i>GN Maximum repetition time</i> . Omitted if not used in <i>BTP-Data.request</i> .
<i>Repetition interval</i>	Value of <i>BTP-Data.request</i> parameter <i>GN Repetition interval</i> . Omitted if not used in <i>BTP-Data.request</i> .
<i>Maximum hop limit</i>	Value of <i>BTP-Data.request</i> parameter <i>GN Maximum hop limit</i> . Omitted if not used in <i>BTP-Data.request</i> .
<i>Traffic class</i>	Value of <i>BTP-Data.request</i> parameter <i>GN Traffic class</i> .
<i>Length</i>	Length of [ITS-FSDU + 4].
<i>Data</i>	BTP-SDU payload.

## 8.3 Destination operations

On reception of a BTP-PDU via the *GN-Data.indication* primitive, the destination shall pass the payload of the BTP-PDU via the BTP-SAP by means of a *BTP-Data.indication* with the parameter settings in table 7.

**Table 7: Parameter settings in the *GN-Data.indication* primitive to indicate the reception of a BTP PDU**

<b>Parameter name</b>	<b>Parameter setting</b>
<i>Source port</i>	If BTP header type is BTP-A, set to <i>Source port</i> in the BTP-A header. If BTP header type is BTP-B, omit this parameter.
<i>Destination port</i>	Set to <i>Destination port</i> in the BTP-A or BTP-B header.
<i>Destination port info</i>	If BTP header type is BTP-A, omit this parameter. If BTP header type is BTP-B, set to <i>Destination port info</i> in BTP-B header.
<i>GN Packet transport type</i>	Value of <i>GN-Data.indication</i> parameter <i>Packet transport type</i> .
<i>GN Destination address</i>	Value of <i>GN-Data.indication</i> parameter <i>Destination</i> .
<i>GN Source position vector</i>	Value of <i>GN-Data.indication</i> parameter <i>Source position vector</i> .
<i>GN Security report</i>	Value of <i>GN-Data.indication</i> parameter <i>Security report</i> . Omitted if not used in <i>GN-Data.indication</i> .
<i>GN Certificate id</i>	Value of <i>GN-Data.indication</i> parameter <i>Certificate id</i> . Omitted if not used in <i>GN-Data.indication</i> .
<i>GN Permissions</i>	Value of <i>GN-Data.indication</i> parameter <i>GN Permissions</i> . Omitted if not used in <i>GN-Data.indication</i> .
<i>GN Traffic class</i>	Value of <i>GN-Data.indication</i> parameter <i>Traffic class</i> . Omitted if not used in <i>GN-Data.indication</i> .
<i>GN Remaining packet lifetime</i>	Value of <i>GN-Data.indication</i> parameter <i>Remaining packet lifetime</i> . Omitted if not used in <i>GN-Data.indication</i> .
<i>Length</i>	Length of [GN-PDU payload - 4].
<i>Data</i>	BTP-PDU payload.

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## Annex A (informative): BTP data services

### A.1 General

The BTP data service primitives allow entities of ITS Facilities protocols to send and receive PDUs via the BTP-SAP.

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### A.2 BTP-Data.request

The *BTP-Data.request* primitive is used by the ITS Facilities protocol entity to request sending a BTP-PDU. Upon reception of the *BTP-Data.request* primitive, the BTP protocol delivers the BTP-SDU to the GeoNetworking protocol entity via the GN-SAP.

The parameters of the *BTP-Data.request* are as follows:

```

BTP-Data.request (
    BTP type,
    Source port, (optional)
    Destination port,
    Destination port info, (optional)
    GN Packet transport type,
    GN Destination address,
    GN Communication profile,
    GN Security profile, (optional)
    GN Maximum packet lifetime, (optional)
    GN Repetition interval, (optional)
    GN Maximum repetition time, (optional)
    GN Maximum hop limit, (optional)
    GN Traffic class,
    Length,
    Data
)

```

NOTE: *GN* in the primitive parameters indicates that this parameter is passed to the GeoNetworking protocol entity via the GN-SAP without being used by BTP.

The *BTP type* parameter specifies whether the BTP is interactive (BTP-A) or non-interactive (BTP-B).

The *Source port* parameter specifies the BTP port that is used to send the ITS-FSDU and is the port to which a reply should be sent in the absence of other information. The *Source port* parameter is optional and is only used for interactive packet transport (BTP-A).

The *Destination port* parameter specifies protocol entity at the destination ITS facilities layer.

The *Destination port info* parameter specifies additional information if *Destination port* is a well-known port and the field value is specified in ETSI TS 103 248 [6]. The parameter is optional.

The *GN Packet transport type* parameter specifies the packet transport type (GeoUnicast, SHB, TSB, GeoBroadcast, GeoAnycast).

The *GN Destination address* parameter specifies the destination address for GeoUnicast or the geographical area for GeoBroadcast/GeoAnycast.

The *GN Communication profile* parameter determines the LL protocol entity (e.g. unspecified, ITS-G5).

The *GN Security profile* parameter determines the security service to invoke. The parameter is optional.

The *GN Maximum packet lifetime* parameter specifies the maximum tolerable time in [s] a GeoNetworking packet can be buffered until it reaches its destination. The parameter is optional.

The *GN Repetition interval* parameter specifies the duration between two consecutive transmissions of the same GeoNetworking packet during maximum repetition time of a packet in [ms]. The parameter is optional.

The *GN Maximum repetition time* parameter specifies the duration in [ms] for which the packet will be repeated if the Repetition interval is set. The parameter is optional.

The *GN Maximum hop limit* specifies the number of hops a packet is allowed to have in the network, i.e. how often the packet is allowed to be forwarded. The parameter is optional.

The *GN Traffic class* parameter specifies the traffic class for the message.

The *Length* parameter indicates the length of the *Data* parameter.

The *Data* parameter represents the payload of the BTP packet to be transmitted, i.e. the ITS-FPDU.

## A.3 BTP-Data.indication

The *BTP-Data.indication* primitive indicates to an ITS facilities layer protocol entity that a ITS-FSDU has been received. The ITS-FSDU is processed as determined by the receiving upper protocol entity.

The parameters of the BTP-Data.indication primitive are as follows:

```

BTP-Data.indication (
    Source port, (optional)
    Destination port,
    Destination port info, (optional)
    GN Packet transport type,
    GN Destination address,
    GN Source position vector,
    GN Security report, (optional)
    GN Certificate id, (optional)
    GN Permissions, (optional)
    GN Traffic class,
    GN Remaining packet lifetime, (optional)
    Length,
    Data
)

```

NOTE: *GN* in the primitive parameters indicates that this parameter is passed to the ITS facilities layer protocol entity via the BTP-SAP without being used by BTP.

The *Source port* parameter specifies the BTP port that is used to send the ITS-FSDU and is the port to which a reply should be sent in the absence of other information. The *Source port* parameter is optional and is only used for interactive packet transport (BTP-A).

The *Destination port* parameter specifies protocol entity at the destination ITS facilities layer.

The *Destination port info* parameter specifies additional information if *Destination port* is a well-known port and the field value is specified in ETSI TS 103 248 [6]. The parameter is optional.

The *GN Packet transport type* parameter specifies the packet transport type (GeoUnicast, SHB, TSB, GeoBroadcast, GeoAnycast).

The *GN Destination address* parameter specifies the destination address for GeoUnicast or the geographical area for GeoBroadcast/GeoAnycast, with which the GeoNetworking packet was generated by the source.

The *GN Source position vector* parameter specifies the geographical position for the source of the received GeoNetworking packet.

The *GN Security report* contains result information from the security operations for decryption and verification (parameter *report* in the service primitive *SN-DECAP.confirm*). The parameter is optional.

The *GN Certificate id* contains the identification of source certificate, for example the certificate hash (parameter *certificate\_id* in the service primitive *SN-DECAP.confirm*). The parameter is optional.

The *GN Permissions* parameter contains the sender permissions (parameter *permissions* in the service primitive *SN-DECAP.confirm*). The parameter is optional.

The *GN Traffic Class* parameter is the traffic class, with which the GeoNetworking packet was generated by the source.

The *GN Remaining packet lifetime* parameter is the remaining lifetime of the packet. The parameter is optional.

The *Length* parameter indicates the length of the *Data* parameter.

The *Data* parameter represents the payload of the received BTP packet, i.e. the ITS-FPDU.



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