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End-to-end management and orchestration of network slicing

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1 Scope

The present document specifies the E2E network slicing management solutions and related management interfaces. The E2E network slicing including provisioning, performance assurance and fault management of an E2E slice instance across multiple management domains.

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2.1 Normative references

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3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms given in ETSI GS ZSM 007 [11] and the following apply:

**E2E network slicing**: set of management and orchestration activities that allow the deployment and operation of network slices across multiple management domains

**network slice**: logical network that provides specific network capabilities and network characteristics, supporting various service properties for network slice customers

**network slice subnet**: representation of a set of network functions and the associated resources (e.g. compute, storage and networking resources) supporting network slice

3.2 Symbols

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3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in ETSI GS ZSM 007 [11] and the following apply:

- AAA: Authentication-Authorisation-Accounting
- ACTN: Abstraction and Control of TE Networks
- AI: Artificial Intelligence
- AMF: Access and Mobility Management Function
- AN: Access Network
- API: Application Programming Interface
- AS: Access Stratum
- BBF: Broadband Forum
- CMI: Customer Network Controller - Multi-Domain Service Coordinator Interface
- CN: Core Network
- CSC: Communication Service Customer
- CSM: Communication Service Management
- CSP: Communication Service Provider
- DCN: Data Center Network
- DL: DownLink
- DN: Distinguished Name
- DRB: Data Radio Bearer
- DSL: Domain Specific Language
- EVR: Evaluation Result
- GSM: Global System for Mobile communications
- GSMA: GSM Association
- GST: Generic network Slice Template
- IOC: Information Object Class
- KPI: Key Performance Indicator
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<td>Telecom Management</td>
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4 Concept of E2E network slicing management and orchestration

4.1 Roles in network slicing

In the context of 5G networks, responsibilities regarding network management operations have been defined and assigned to different roles, see clause 4.8 of ETSI TS 128 530 [4]. The ZSM Framework Consumer plays the role of Communication Service Customer (CSC) and uses communication services provided by Communication Service Provider (CSP). The communication provider in turn uses the network provided by the role network operator.

4.2 Communication service provided by network slice

The following diagram shows the relation between communication service instance, network slice instance and network slice subnet instance.

![Diagram of communication service provided by network slice]

Figure 4.2-1: A variety of communication services provided by multiple network slices

A vertical may have multiple communication services and one or more communication services may be supported by one network slice instance as shown in ETSI TS 128 530 [4], clause 4.1.3.

NOTE: The concepts of "vertical" and "vertical customer" are used interchangeably throughout the present document.

4.3 Typical scenarios of using network slicing

4.3.1 Overview

There are two scenarios for using network slicing, as specified in clauses 4.1.6 and 4.1.7 of ETSI TS 128 530 [4]:

- Network Slices as NOP internals.
4.3.2 Using "Network Slices as NOP internals"

In the "Network Slices as NOP internals" scenario, one entity takes both CSP and NOP roles and provides communication services to vertical customers, which take the role of CSCs. The network slice instances are not visible to the verticals. The entity decides whether the network slices instances or the network is used to support the communication services (e.g. for internal network resource utilization consideration, etc.). This scenario allows the vertical consumer to use the communication service and optionally allows the vertical to monitor the network status of the network that supports the communication service.

Figure 4.3.2-1 quoted from 3GPP (see ETSI TS 128 530 [4]) illustrates an example of how network slices can be utilized to deliver communication services based on the 3GPP defined roles.

![Diagram of Network Slice as NOP internals](image)

**Figure 4.3.2-1: 3GPP example of Network Slice as NOP internals**

Figure 4.3.2-2 illustrates an example of how network slices from business view can be utilized to deliver communication services in ZSM.

A network slice consists of a group of NFs. The business entity X (e.g. MNO) takes the role of both NOP and CSP and delivers communication services to vertical customers. Only the communication service is exposed to the vertical customer. The vertical should be able to monitor the communication service status (e.g. administrative status, operational status, etc.) and performance data via the exposed interfaces.
4.3.3 Adopting "Network Slices as a Service" model

In the "Network Slice as a Service" scenario, a network slice can be offered to vertical as a service. This scenario allows a vertical customer to use the network slice and optionally allows the vertical to manage the network slice instance via management exposure interface. In addition, verticals can offer their own services (e.g. communication services) that rely on the new network slice.

Figure 4.3.3-1 quoted from 3GPP (see [4]) illustrates an example of how network slices can be utilized to deliver communication services, including Network Slice as a Service reusing the 3GPP defined roles.
Figure 4.3.3-2 illustrates an example of how network slices from a business view can be utilized to deliver communication services in ZSM.

In this example, CSP uses the network slice offered by NOP and its own network functions to deliver communication services to vertical customers (CSC). CSP and NOP corresponds to different business entities in this example.

Figure 4.3.3-2: ZSM example of Network Slice as a Service being utilized to deliver communication services to customers

In another example, as shown in Figure 4.3.3-3, CSP of Business Entity Y may use the network slice offered by NOP of Business Entity X and additional network functions to build a new network slice.
Figure 4.3.3-3: ZSM example of Network Slice as a Service being utilized to build a new network slice

5 E2E network slicing management and orchestration Architecture

5.1 Network slicing management architecture

Figure 5.1-1 describes an example of ZSM architecture deployment for network slicing management. In this scenario, the management domains for E2E Service, AN, CN and TN exist. The deployment is according to the architecture defined in ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].
Figure 5.1-1: ZSM architecture deployment example for network slicing management

NOTE: This is one possible example shows how to deploy management domains.

The components of E2E network slicing architecture are described as follows:

- **E2E Service MD (E2E Service Management Domain)** is a provider of the E2E network slicing related management services based on Management Functions. E2E Service MD is also a consumer of the management services provided by AN MD, CN MD and TN MD.

- **AN MD (Access Network Management Domain)** is a provider of the AN slice subnet-related management services based on Management Functions.

- **CN MD (Core Network Management Domain)** is a provider of the CN slice subnet-related management services based on Management Functions.

- **TN MD (Transport Network Management Domain)** is a provider of the TN slice subnet-related management services based on Management Functions.

A network slice instance is composed of one E2E network slice subnet. One E2E network slice subnet is composed of one or more network slice subnets as shown in ETSI TS 128 541 [7], clause 6.2.1.
6 E2E network slicing management and orchestration solutions

6.1 E2E network slice management

6.1.1 Requirements for Network Slice

GSMA has provided information that capturing service requirements for a network slice. In GSMA PRD NG.116 [16], a Generic network Slice Template (GST) is defined as a set of attributes that can characterize a type of network slice/service. The value of each attribute is assigned to express a set of requirements to support a network slice customer's use case. The NEtwork Slice Type (NEST) is a GST filled with values. The NEST can be used as an input to the network slice preparation as depicted in Figure 6.1.1-1.

Different NESTs allow describing different types of network slices. For the network slices based on standardized service types, e.g. eMBB, uRLLC and mIoT, the network operator may have a set of the readymade, standardized NESTs. For the network slices addressing specific use cases, the network operator can create additional NESTs.

![Figure 6.1.1-1: GST and NEST in context of the network slice lifecycle](image)

GST attributes can be classified into two main categories:

- **Character attributes** - characterize a network slice. They can be further split into:
  - *performance-related attributes*, which specify the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) supported by the network slice;
  - *functionality-related attributes*, which specify the functionality provided by the network slice;
  - *control and management-related attributes*, which specify what control and management capabilities are handed over to the vertical in order to operate the network slice.
- **Scalability attributes** - provide information about the scalability of the network slice.

6.1.2 Actions in LCM of network slicing

This clause describes the actions in the Life Cycle Management (LCM) of an E2E network slice instance, which is an overview of the E2E network slicing management and orchestration solutions.

As shown in ETSI TS 128 530 [4], Figure 4.3.1.1, the management of network slice instance contains four phases: Preparation, Commissioning, Operation and Decommissioning.
During the Preparation phase, a capability check from the network environment is necessary.

During the Commissioning, Operation and Decommissioning phases, the following actions are necessary for the network slice instance provisioning:

- **Creation**
  - For network slice instance allocation, the provider may create a new network slice instance or using an existing network slice instance to satisfy the request.

- **Activation**

- **Modification**

- **De-activation**

- **Termination**
  - For network slice instance deallocation, the provider may terminate the network slice instance.

During the Operation phase, the following actions are necessary for fault and performance management:

- **Supervision**

- **Reporting**

### 6.2 Providing communication service in the scenario of network slice as NOP internals

#### 6.2.1 Overall Description

In the scenario of network slice as NOP internals, the operator plays CSP and NOP roles simultaneously to provide communication services and network services.

The communication services provided by the operator may include such as eMBB, mIoT and critical communication.
In the "Network Slices as NOP internals" scenario, see clause 4.1.7 of ETSI TS 128 530 [4], the provisioning of the network is provided by E2E service management domain. For example, in the case of operator A operating the E2E service management domain, operator A provides communication services to vertical consumers to satisfy service-related requirements whilst the one or more network slice instances internally deployed by operator A are not visible to the vertical consumers.

Furthermore, as a consumer, E2E service management domain consumes the provisioning management service for network slice subnet instance provided by respective management domains, for example, AN management domain, CN management domain and TN management domain managed by vendors.

Optionally, the operator provides the management services to some vertical consumers who have requirements of acquiring some of the capabilities of service management. The E2E management services exposed by the operator may include capabilities such as monitoring of E2E service status, provisioning of E2E service.

6.2.2 E2E communication service provisioning

6.2.2.1 Overall Description

The management services (operations, notifications and information model) provided by E2E service management domain, management services provided by CN management domain and AN management domain should refer to ETSI TS 128 531 [5]. This clause provides the possible procedures for E2E network slicing management according to the example ZSM architecture deployment for network slicing in Figure 5.1-1.

6.2.2.2 Solution of E2E communication service provisioning

6.2.2.2.1 Solution of E2E communication service allocation

Figure 6.2.2.2.1-1 illustrates one of the possible solutions of allocating network with E2E network slice for communication services in the scenario of network slice as NOP internals. In the scenario of network slice as NOP internals, ZSM Framework Consumer (e.g. vertical customer) decides to deploy a service.

NOTE: The sequence in this clause assumes a network structure consisting of AN/CN/TN MD.
Figure 6.2.2.2.1-1: Allocating network with E2E network slice for communication services

1) E2E Service MD (E2E Service Management Domain) which includes the function of NSM (network service management) and CSM (communication service management), as communication service providers, acquires the service requirements on receiving the request from ZSM Framework Consumer by utilizing E2E service orchestration service in clause 6.6.5.2.1, ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (the service may be implemented by TM Forum Open API, see API operation of Create Service in TMF638 [i.5]).

2) The E2E Service MD may decide to use network slice to fulfill the service-related requirements.
3a) The E2E Service MD derives the requirements for AN from the requirements received in step 1. Then, it sends a request to AN MD by utilizing feasibility check service in clause 6.5.5.2.2 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] to check the feasibility of required resources and, if yes, reserves them. The feasibility check and reservation shall be processed in the same transaction to avoid changing the result of the feasibility check due to the other reservation requests. The reserved resources may be released after a period of time depending on the existing agreements with the consumer.

3b) The AN MD acknowledges the E2E Service MD. The response includes the success or failure of the request.

3c) The E2E Service MD derives the requirements for CN from the requirements received in step 1. Then, it sends a request to CN MD by utilizing feasibility check service in clause 6.5.5.2.2 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] to check the feasibility of required resources and, if yes, reserves them. The feasibility check and reservation shall be processed in the same transaction to avoid changing the result of the feasibility check due to the other reservation requests. The reserved resources may be released after a period of time depending on the existing agreements with the consumer.

3d) The CN MD acknowledges the E2E Service MD. The response includes the success or failure of the request.

3e) The E2E Service MD derives the requirements for TN from the requirements received in step 1. Then, it sends a request to TN MD by utilizing feasibility check service in clause 6.5.5.2.2 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] to check the feasibility of required resources and, if yes, reserves them. The feasibility check and reservation shall be processed in the same transaction to avoid changing the result of the feasibility check due to the other reservation requests. The reserved resources may be released after a period of time depending on the existing agreements with the consumer.

3f) The TN MD acknowledges the E2E Service MD. The response includes the success or failure of the request.

4) If all the feasibility checks and reservations are successfully completed, the E2E Service MD decides to continue with slice allocation.

5a) E2E Service MD then requests AN MD to allocate the network slice subnet instance for AN by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (this service may be implemented by AllocateNssi operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5]).

5b) E2E Service MD then requests CN MD to allocate the network slice subnet instance for CN by utilizing the E2E service orchestration service and the domain orchestration service in clauses 6.6.5.2.1 and 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (this service may be implemented by AllocateNssi operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5]).

5c) E2E Service MD then requests TN MD to allocate the network slice subnet instance for TN. In the case of NFVO as a TN manager, the request can be implemented by utilizing the E2E service orchestration service and domain orchestration service in clauses 6.6.5.2.1 and 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (this service may be converted to NFV Create service operation in ETSI GS NFV-IFA 013 [10]. In other cases, the MDSC and PNC in the ACTN architecture (referring to [10]) can act as a TN manager, and the request can be carried by the CMI interface).

6a) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, AN MD checks if the network slice subnet instance including network service instance needs to be allocated by utilizing the domain topology information service in clause 6.5.5.2.7 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. If yes, the network slice subnet allocation procedures for AN follow.

6b) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, CN MD checks if the network slice subnet instance including network service instance needs to be allocated by utilizing the domain topology information service in clause 6.5.5.2.7 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. If yes, the network slice subnet allocation procedures for CN follow.

6c) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, TN MD checks if the network slice subnet instance including network service instance needs to be allocated by utilizing the domain topology information service in clause 6.5.5.2.7 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. If yes, the network slice subnet allocation procedures for TN follow. In the case of NFVO as a TN manager, the procedures refers to the procedure of network slice Instance instantiation (see clause 4.4.1 of ETSI TS 128 526 [15]). In other cases, the MDSC and PNC in the ACTN architecture (referring to [i.9]) can act as a TN manager, responsible to create the TN network slice subnet (i.e. to create a set of tunnels and form the Type 1 VN) in the underlying network through the MPI interface of ACTN architecture, referring to [i.12] and [i.11].
7a) After completing the allocation of the AN network slice subnet, the AN MD sends a response to E2E Service MD by utilizing the E2E service orchestration service in clause 6.6.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

7b) After completing the allocation of the CN network slice subnet, the CN MD sends a response to E2E Service MD by utilizing the E2E service orchestration service in clause 6.6.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

7c) After completing the allocation of the TN network slice subnet, the TN MD sends a response to E2E Service MD by utilizing the E2E service orchestration service in clause 6.6.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. In the case of NFVO as a TN manager, the response can be converted to utilizing the NFV Create service operation in ETSI GS NFV-IFA 013 [10]. In other cases, the MDSC and PNC in the ACTN architecture (referring to IETF RFC 8453 [i.9]) can act as a TN manager, and the response can be carried by the CMI interface.

8) If the NSI activation is requested with the NSI allocation request (step 1), the procedure in clause 6.2.2.2.4 is executed.

9) After the E2E network slice has been allocated internally, the E2E Service MD sends the response to the ZSM Framework Consumer.

An example of a domain-level allocation sequence in AN MD.

### Figure 6.2.2.2.1-2: Example of a sequence of E2E network slice subnet allocation in AN MD

6a-1) AN MD requests AN Resource to allocate the network slice subnet instance constituents by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (this service may be implemented by AllocateNssi operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5]).

6a-2) After completing the allocation of network slice subnet instance constituents, AN Resource sends the response to AN MD by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

An example of a domain-level allocation sequence for resource in CN MD.

### Figure 6.2.2.2.1-3: Example of a sequence of E2E network slice subnet allocation for resource in CN MD

6b-1-1) CN MD requests network slice instantiation to NFVI Resource/VNF via MANO by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (this service may be implemented by AllocateNssi operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5]).

6b-1-2) After completing the network slice instantiation, MANO sends the response to CN MD, by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].
An example of a domain-level allocation sequence for OAM application in CN MD.

![Diagram](image)

**Figure 6.2.2.2.1-4: Example of a sequence of E2E network slice subnet allocation for OAM application in CN MD**

6b-2-1) CN MD requests the allocation of network slice subnet instance constituents to NF by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (this service may be implemented by `AllocateNssi` operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5]).

6b-2-2) After completing the allocation of network slice subnet instance constituents, NF sends the response to CN MD by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

An example of a domain-level allocation sequence in TN MD.

![Diagram](image)

**Figure 6.2.2.2.1-5: Example of a sequence of E2E network slice subnet Allocation in TN MD**

6c-1) TN MD requests the allocation of network slice subnet instance constituents to TN Resource by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (this service may be implemented by `AllocateNssi` operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5]).

6c-2) After completing the allocation of network slice subnet instance constituents, TN Resource sends the response to TN MD by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

**6.2.2.2 Solution of E2E communication service modification**

Figure 6.2.2.2.2-1 illustrates one of the possible solutions of E2E network slice modification.
Figure 6.2.2.2.2-1: Modifying network with E2E network slice for communication services

1) In the scenario of network slice as NOP internals, ZSM Framework Consumer (e.g. vertical industry) decides to modify a service. E2E Service MD (E2E Service Management Domain), as communication services providers, can get the service requirements update when receiving the request from ZSM Framework Consumer by utilizing the E2E service orchestration service in clause 6.6.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (the TM Forum API operation of Patch service in TMF638 [i.5] may be used for implementation).

2) The E2E Service MD decides to modify the network slice to fulfil the service-related requirements.

3a) The E2E Service MD derives the requirements for AN from the requirements update received in step 1. If the modification in AN MD is needed, the E2E Service MD sends a request to AN MD to check the feasibility of required resources and, if yes, make the reservation of them. The feasibility check and reservation shall be processed in the same transaction to avoid changing the result of feasibility check due to the other reservation requests. The reserved resources may be released after a period depending on the terms and conditions with the consumer.

3b) The AN MD sends Ack to E2E Service MD.

3c) The E2E Service MD derives the requirements for CN from the requirements update received in step 1. If the modification in CN MD is needed, the E2E Service MD sends a request to CN MD to check the feasibility of required resources and, if yes, make the reservation of them. The feasibility check and reservation shall be processed in the same transaction to avoid changing the result of feasibility check due to the other reservation requests. The reserved resources may be released after a period depending on the terms and conditions with the consumer.
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3d) The CN MD sends Ack to E2E Service MD.

3e) The E2E Service MD derives the requirements for TN from the requirements update received in step 1). If the modification in TN MD is needed, the E2E Service MD sends a request to TN MD to check the feasibility of required resources and, if yes, make the reservation of them. The feasibility check and reservation shall be processed in the same transaction to avoid changing the result of the feasibility check due to the other reservation requests. The reserved resources may be released after a period depending on the terms and conditions with the consumer.

3f) The TN MD sends Ack to E2E Service MD.

4) If all the reservations are successfully completed, the E2E Service MD decides to continue the network slice modification.

5a) E2E Service Management derived the new requirements for AN then request AN MD to modify the AN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (the modifyMOIAttributes operation defined in ETSI TS 128 532 [13] and NetworkSliceSubnet IOC defined in ETSI TS 128 541 [7] may be used for implementation).

5b) E2E Service Management derived the new requirements for CN then request CN MD to modify the CN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (the modifyMOIAttributes operation defined in ETSI TS 128 532 [13] and NetworkSliceSubnet IOC defined in ETSI TS 128 541 [7] may be used for implementation).

5c) E2E Service Management derived the new requirements for TN then request TN MD to modify TN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. In the case of NFVO as a TN manager, the request can be converted to utilizing NFV Scale network service operation or Update network service Operation in ETSI NFV IFA 013 [10].

6a) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, the NSSI modification procedures for AN part follow. In the case of AN domain, the network slice subnet instance modification procedures for RAN in ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be referred to.

6b) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, the NSSI modification procedures for CN follows, the network slice subnet instance modification procedures for CN in ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be referred to.

6c) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, the network slice subnet instance modification procedures for TN follows. In the case of NFVO as a TN manager, the procedures refer to the procedure of network slice Instance updating (see clause 4.4.5 of ETSI TS 128 526 [15]).

7a) After completing the modification of the AN related network slice subnet instance, the AN MD sends a response to E2E Service MD by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

7b) After completing the modification of the CN related network slice subnet instance, the CN MD sends a response to E2E Service MD by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

7c) After completing the modification of the TN related network slice subnet instance, the TN MD sends a response to E2E Service MD domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. In the case of NFVO as a TN manager, the response can be converted to utilizing the NFV Scale network service operation or Update network service Operation in ETSI GS NFV-IFA 013 [10].

8) After the E2E network slice has been modified internally, the E2E Service MD sends the response to the ZSM Framework Consumer by utilizing E2E service orchestration service in clause 6.6.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

6.2.2.2.3 Solution of E2E communication service deallocation

Figure 6.2.2.2.3-1 illustrates one of the possible solutions of deallocating network with E2E network slice for communication services in the scenario of network slice as NOP internals.
Figure 6.2.2.2.3-1: Deallocating network with E2E network slice for communication services

1) In the scenario of network slice as NOP internals, ZSM Framework Consumer (e.g. vertical customer) decides to terminate a service. E2E Service MD (E2E Service Management Domain), as communication service providers, can get the service termination requirements on receiving the request from ZSM Framework Consumer by utilizing E2E service orchestration service in clause 6.6.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (TM Forum API operation of delete service in TMF638 [i.5] may be utilized for implementation).

2) E2E Service MD may retrieve topology information of the network slice instance to check other services supported by the network slice instance. E2E Service MD decides to terminate the E2E service.

NOTE 1: Execute modification of the network slice instance or stop termination if there is another service supported by the network slice instance. E2E Service MD decides to terminate the E2E service.

3) If the NSI deactivation is decided, the procedure in clause 6.2.2.2.5 is executed.
4a) E2E Service MD requests AN MD to deallocate the AN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (the deallocateNssi operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be utilized for implementation).

4b) E2E Service MD requests CN MD to deallocate the CN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (the deallocateNssi operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be utilized for implementation).

NOTE 2: For step a) and b), the deallocateNssi operation in ETSI TS 128 530 [4] is only applicable to the case that an AN/CN network slice subnet only support a single network slice.

4c) E2E Service MD requests TN MD to deallocate the TN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing the E2E service orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. In the case of NFVO as a TN manager, the request can be converted to utilizing the NFV Delete network service operation or Terminate network service operation in ETSI GS NFV-IFA 013 [10].

5a) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, AN MD checks if the network slice subnet instance need to be terminated and network service instances are associated with the network slice subnet instance by utilizing the domain topology information service in clause 6.5.5.2.7 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. If yes, the network slice subnet deallocation procedures for AN (see clause 7.5 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5]) follow.

5b) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, CN MD check if the network slice subnet instance need to be terminated and network service instances are associated with the network slice subnet instance by utilizing the domain topology information service in clause 6.5.5.2.7 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. If yes, the network slice subnet deallocation procedures for CN (see clause 7.5 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5]) follow.

5c) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, TN MD check if the network slice subnet instance need to be terminated and network service instances are associated with the network slice subnet instance by utilizing the domain topology information service in clause 6.5.5.2.7 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. If yes, the network slice subnet deallocation procedures for TN follow. In the case of NFVO as a TN manager, the procedure refers to the procedure of network slice Instance termination (see clause 4.4.2 of ETSI TS 128 526 [15]).

NOTE 3: At 5a), 5b) and 5c), network slice subnet instances/ network service instances update can be executed instead of termination. (The case of update will not be illustrated in this sequence.)

6) CN MD, AN MD and TN MD may change the topology information by utilizing the domain topology information service in clause 6.5.5.2.7 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

7) CN MD, AN MD and TN MD may change the configuration of the network slice subnet instance by utilizing the resource configuration management service in clause 6.5.6.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

8a) After completing the deallocation of the AN network slice subnet, the AN MD sends a response to E2E Service MD by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

8b) After completing the deallocation of the CN network slice subnet, the CN MD sends a response to E2E Service MD by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

8c) After completing the deallocation of the TN network slice subnet, the TN MD sends a response to E2E Service MD by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. In the case of NFVO as a TN manager, the response can be converted to utilizing the NFV Delete network service operation or Terminate network service operation in ETSI GS NFV-IFA 013 [10].

9) E2E Service MD may change the topology information of the network slice instance by utilizing the E2E service topology information service in clause 6.6.5.2.7 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

10) E2E Service MD may change the condition of the network slice instance by utilizing the E2E service condition detection service in clause 6.6.3.2.3 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

11) After the E2E network slice has been deallocated internally, the E2E Service MD sends the response to the ZSM Framework Consumer by utilizing the E2E service orchestration service in clause 6.6.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].
An example of a domain-level sequence of network slice subnet deallocation in AN MD.

Figure 6.2.2.2.3-2: Example of a sequence of network slice subnet deallocation in AN MD

5a-1) AN MD requests the deallocation of network slice subnet instance constituents to AN Resource by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

5a-2) After completing the deallocation of AN Resource, AN Resource sends the response to AN MD by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

An example of a domain-level sequence of network slice subnet deallocation for resource in CN MD.

Figure 6.2.2.2.3-3: Example of a sequence of network slice subnet deallocation for resource in CN MD

5b-1-1) CN MD requests network slice deallocation to NFVI Resource/VNF via MANO. (ref. Os-MaNfvo and Venf-Vnfm).

5b-1-2) After completing the network slice deallocation, MANO sends the response to CN MD. (ref. Os-MaNfvo and Venf-Vnfm).

An example of a domain-level sequence of network slice subnet deallocation for OAM application in CN MD.

Figure 6.2.2.2.3-4: Example of a sequence of network slice subnet deallocation for OAM application in CN MD

5b-2-1) CN MD requests the deallocation of network slice subnet instance constituents to NF by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (this service may be implemented by DeallocateNssi operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5]).
After completing the allocation of network slice subnet instance constituents, NF sends the response to CN MD by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

An example of a domain-level sequence of network slice subnet deallocation in TN MD.

5c-1) TN MD requests the deallocation of network slice subnet instance constituents to TN Resource by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

5c-2) After completing the deallocation of TN Resource, TN Resource sends the response to TN MD by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

6.2.2.2.4 Solution of E2E communication service activation

Figure 6.2.2.2.4-1 illustrates one of the possible solutions of activating network with E2E network slice for communication services in the scenario of network slice as NOP internals.

Pre-condition: A network slice instance and network slice subnet instances have been created and their administrative states are "locked," see annex B (normative): Network slice instance and network slice subnet instance state handling of ETSI TS 128 541 [7].
Figure 6.2.2.2.4-1: Activating network with E2E network slice for communication services

1) ZSM framework consumers (e.g. vertical customer) decides to activate a service by utilizing E2E service orchestration service in clause 6.6.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. E2E Service MD (E2E Service Management Domain) which includes the function of NSM (network service management) and CSM (communication service management), as communication services providers, can get the service requirements on receiving the request from ZSM framework consumers.

NOTE 1: Activation may be requested with network slice allocation request mentioned in step1 of clause 6.2.2.2.1. In this case, network slice activation sequence is initiated after step 7 of clause 6.2.2.2.1 and step1 in this clause is skipped.

2) The E2E Service MD decides to activate the network slice to fulfill the network slice related requirements and may change its topology information by utilizing E2E service topology information service in clause 6.6.5.2.7 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

3a) E2E Service MD derives the requirements for AN, then requests AN MD to activate the AN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

3b) E2E Service MD derives the requirements for CN, then requests CN MD to activate the CN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

3c) E2E Service MD derives the requirements for TN, then requests TN MD to activate the TN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].
4a) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, AN MD executes the network slice subnet instance activation and changes a network slice subnet instance administrative state from "locked" to "unlocked" by utilizing the domain condition detection service in clause 6.5.3.2.2 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

4b) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, CN MD executes the network slice subnet instance activation and changes a network slice subnet instance administrative state from "locked" to "unlocked" by utilizing the domain condition detection service in clause 6.5.3.2.2 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

4c) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, the procedures of network slice subnet activation solution for TN is executed.

5) CN MD, AN MD and TN MD may change the topology information of each MD by utilizing the domain topology information service in clause 6.5.5.2.7 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

6a) After completing the activation of the AN related network slice subnet, the AN MD sends the response to E2E Service MD by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

6b) After completing the activation of the CN related network slice subnet, the CN MD sends the response to E2E Service MD by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

6c) After completing the activation of the TN related network slice subnet, the TN MD sends the response to E2E Service MD by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.6.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

7) E2E Service MD configures the network slice instance as active state by utilizing E2E service condition detection service in clause 6.6.3.2.3 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

8) After the E2E network slice has been activated internally, the E2E Service MD sends the response to the ZSM framework consumers.

NOTE 2: In case that activation is requested with network slice allocation request in step1 of clause 6.2.2.2.1, step 9) in clause 6.2.2.2.1 is executed instead of step 8 of this clause.

An example of a domain-level sequence of activation in AN MD.

4a-1) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, AN MD requests the activation of the network slice subnet instance constituents in AN Resource by utilizing the performance measurements collection service/fault events service in clauses 6.5.2.2.3 and 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

4a-2) After completing the activation of AN Resource, AN Resource sends the response to AN MD by utilizing the performance measurements collection service/fault events service in clauses 6.5.2.2.3 and 5.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].
An example of a domain-level sequence of activation for resource in CN MD.

4b-1-1) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, CN MD requests network slice activation to NFVI Resource/VNF via MANO by utilizing the performance measurements collection service/fault events service in clauses 6.5.2.2.3 and 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

4b-1-2) After completing the activation of the network slice, the response to the request is sent from MANO to CN MD by utilizing the performance measurements collection service/fault events service in clauses 6.5.2.2.3 and 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

An example of a domain-level sequence of activation for OAM application in CN MD.

4b-2-1) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, CN MD requests the activation of the network slice subnet instance constituents to NF by utilizing the performance measurements collection service/fault events service in clauses 6.5.2.2.3 and 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

4b-2-2) After completing the activation of the network slice subnet instance constituents, NF sends the response to CN MD by utilizing the performance measurements collection service/fault events service in clauses 6.5.2.2.3 and 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

An example of a domain-level sequence of activation in TN MD.

4c-1) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, CN MD requests the activation of the network slice subnet instance constituents to TN by utilizing the performance measurements collection service/fault events service in clauses 6.5.2.2.3 and 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

4c-2) After completing the activation of the network slice subnet instance constituents, NF sends the response to CN MD by utilizing the performance measurements collection service/fault events service in clauses 6.5.2.2.3 and 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].
4c-1) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, TN MD requests the activation of the network slice subnet instance constituents in TN Resource by utilizing the performance measurements collection service/fault events service in clauses 6.5.2.2.3 and 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

4c-2) After completing the activation of TN Resource, TN Resource sends the response to TN MD by utilizing the performance measurements collection service/fault events service in clauses 6.5.2.2.3 and 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

6.2.2.2.5 Solution of E2E communication service deactivation

Figure 6.2.2.2.5-1 illustrates one of the possible solutions of deactivating network with E2E network slice for communication services in the scenario of network slice as NOP internals.

Pre-condition: The administrative states of a network slice instance and network slice subnet instances are "unlocked," see annex B (normative): network slice instance and network slice subnet instance state handling of ETSI TS 128 541 [7].

![Diagram of E2E communication service deactivation](image-url)
1) In the scenario of network slice as NOP internals, ZSM framework consumers (e.g. vertical customer) decides to deactivate a service by utilizing the E2E service orchestration service in clause 6.6.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. E2E Service MD (E2E Service Management Domain) which includes the function of NSM (network service management) and CSM (communication service management), as communication services providers, can get the service requirements on receiving the request from ZSM framework consumers.

NOTE 1: The deactivation may be requested with the network slice deallocation mentioned in step 1 of clause 6.2.2.2.3. In this case, the network slice deactivation sequence is initiated after step 3 of clause 6.2.2.2.3 and step 1) of this clause is skipped.

2) The E2E Service MD decides to deactivate the network slice to fulfil the network slice related requirements (see ServiceProfile defined in clause 6.3.3 of ETSI TS 128 541 [7]). Before this decision, the E2E Service MD may check that network slice instance is in active state by utilizing the E2E service condition detection service in clause 6.6.3.2.3 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

3) E2E Service MD may stop the network slice instance serving its subscribers by utilizing the E2E service orchestration service in clause 6.6.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

4) E2E Service MD may check if there are the network slice subnet instance constituents that need to be deactivated by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

NOTE 2: This sequence aims to express termination including deactivation of E2E network slice instance.

Therefore, the steps below (4) are drawn assuming that there are the network slice subnet instance constituents that need to be deactivated.

5a) E2E Service MD derives the requirements for AN, then requests AN MD to deactivate the AN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

5b) E2E Service MD derives the requirements for CN, then requests CN MD to deactivate the CN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

5c) E2E Service MD derives the requirements for TN, then requests TN MD to deactivate the TN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

6a) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, AN MD executes the network slice subnet instance deactivation and changes a network slice subnet instance administrative state from “unlocked” to “locked.”

6b) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, CN MD executes the network slice subnet instance deactivation and changes a network slice subnet instance administrative state from “unlocked” to “locked.”

6c) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, the procedures of network slice subnet deactivation solution for TN is executed.

7) CN MD, AN MD and TN MD may change the topology information of each MD by utilizing the domain topology information service in clause 6.5.5.2.7 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

8) CN MD, AN MD and TN MD may configure the network slice subnet instances as inactive state each by utilizing the domain condition detection service in clause 6.5.3.2.2 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]

9a) After completing the deactivation of the AN network slice subnet, the AN MD sends the response to E2E Service MD by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

9b) After completing the deactivation of the CN network slice subnet, the CN MD sends the response to E2E Service MD by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

9c) After completing the deactivation of the TN network slice subnet, the TN MD sends the response to E2E Service MD by utilizing the domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

10) E2E Service MD configures the network slice instance as inactive state by utilizing the E2E service condition detection service in clause 6.6.3.2.3 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]

11) After the E2E network slice has been deactivated internally, the E2E Service MD sends the response to the ZSM framework consumers.
NOTE 3: In case that deactivation is requested with the network slice deallocation request in step 1 of clause 6.2.2.2.3, steps after step 4) of clause 6.2.2.2.3 are executed instead of step 11) of this clause.

An example of a domain-level sequence of deactivation in AN MD.

![Diagram of domain-level sequence of deactivation in AN MD]

6a-1) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, AN MD requests the deactivation of the network slice subnet instance constituents in AN Resource by utilizing the performance measurements collection service/faults events service in clauses 6.5.2.2.3 and 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

6a-2) After completing the deactivation of AN Resource, AN Resource sends the response to AN MD by utilizing the performance measurements collection service/faults events service in clauses 6.5.2.2.3 and 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

An example of a domain-level sequence of deactivation for resource in CN MD.

![Diagram of domain-level sequence of deactivation for resource in CN MD]

6b-1-1) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, CN MD requests network slice deactivation to NFVI Resource/VNF via MANO.

6b-1-2) After completing the deactivation of network slice, the response to the request is sent to CN MD via MANO.

An example of a domain-level sequence of deactivation for OAM application in CN MD.
6b-2-1) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, CN MD requests the deactivation of the network slice subnet instance constituents to NF by utilizing the performance measurements collection service/ faults events service in clauses 6.5.2.2.3 and 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

6b-2-2) After completing the deactivation of the network slice instance constituents, NF sends the response to CN MD by utilizing the performance measurements collection service/ faults events service in clauses 6.5.2.2.3 and 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

An example of a domain-level sequence of deactivation in TN MD.

6c-1) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, TN MD requests the deactivation of the network slice subnet instance constituents in TN Resource by utilizing the performance measurements collection service/ faults events service in clauses 6.5.2.2.3 and 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

6c-2) After completing the deactivation of TN Resource, TN Resource sends the response to TN MD by utilizing the performance measurements collection service/ faults events service in clauses 6.5.2.2.3 and 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

6.2.2.2.6 Solution of E2E network slice instance feasibility check

The management service for service feasibility check in the E2E service management domain is used to check if a particularly parameterized E2E network slice is deployable corresponding to the proposed service-level specification (SLS). This check ranges from simple location-based checks (e.g. radio coverage in RAN domain), to full configuration parameter feasibility check of a network slice instance. It further includes checking the availability of the resources to be allocated to the network slice instance.

Querying the different management domains to acquire accurate and current information about idle and allocated resources might be a complex and time-consuming process. A simpler and quick check with respect to a selected set of fundamental domain capabilities ("qualitative check") might be sufficient for, e.g. preliminary E2E network slice instance feasibility check.

However, in such case, resource availability might be uncertain for selected management domains. Indication of confidence values reflects such uncertainty in resource availability and could be part of the capabilities of the feasibility check service.
Figure 6.2.2.6-1 illustrates one of the possible solutions of checking E2E network slice feasibility, using six more basic management services. The complete service execution can be separated into two parts. The first part checks for the qualitative network capabilities that the network slice instance requires, e.g. availability of a specific radio access technology or feasible network function configurations. This is expected to complete rather quickly and can therefore provide a quick reply in the case of a negative ("network slice instance infeasible") response. In case of a positive qualitative check, the second part quantitatively checks if sufficient resources, such as, processing, storage, throughput, but also radio resources, are available. It also calculates confidence values if resource availability is associated with statistical uncertainty, e.g. due to statistical fluctuations in resource consumption of already deployed slice instances.
Figure 6.2.2.2.6-1: E2E network slice instance feasibility check
NOTE: Not all the MnSs have been specified in ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

1) The Feasibility Check Service consumer (i.e. the network slice instance Requester) sends a request to check the feasibility of a network slice instance Request (network slice instance-R) to the Feasibility Check Service producer in the E2E service management domain. The network slice instance-R is a customer-facing service description, provided via, e.g. ZSM framework consumers. The network slice instance-R may contain SLS parameters, such as those defined in GSMA PRD NG.116 [16], e.g. latency, coverage, bandwidth, traffic profile, performance reliability requirements, mobility.

2) The Feasibility Check Service producer queries the network slice instance Description (network slice instance-D) for the requested, additional network slice instance from the network slice instance Resource and Parameter Estimation Service, providing the network slice instance-R of step 1). The network slice instance-D comprises a resource-facing service description of the network slice instance-R. It specifies requirements regarding resource and network capabilities. Typical parameters are, for instance: latency, throughput, computational power, memory capacities, availability and reliability.

3) The network slice instance Resource and Parameter Estimation Service producer responds with the network slice instance-D for the requested network slice instance to the Feasibility Check Service producer.

4) The Feasibility Check Service producer queries the Network Parameters from the Network Capability Service producer, optionally providing some filtering criteria (e.g. geographical scope of the network slice instance, specific network domain) to limit the scope of the requested network capabilities. The queried Network Parameters are selected features and configuration parameters from the network slice subnet domains, e.g. RAN technology, coverage, edge cloud availability, security features, service and session continuity parameters.

5) The Network Capability Service producer responds with the Network Parameters to the Feasibility Check Service producer. The Network Parameters comprise a formal description of the network capabilities. If some filtering criteria have been provided in the previous step, only these Network Parameters that match the criteria are provided. The Network Parameters have the same level of abstraction as the information elements contained in the network slice instance-D.

6) The Feasibility Check Service producer triggers the Qualitative Feasibility Checker Service, providing the network slice instance-D as well as the Network Parameters from steps 3) and 5), respectively.

7) The Qualitative Feasibility Checker Service producer compares network slice instance-D and Network Parameters according to an internal logic and responds to the Feasibility Check Service producer with "yes/network slice instance preliminary feasible" or "no/network slice instance infeasible". It also includes potentially identified gaps to network slice instance requirements, e.g. lack of radio coverage in specific area. If the Qualitative Feasibility Checker Service producer answers "no/network slice instance infeasible" the process ends and the Feasibility Check Result (simplified EVR) is returned to the Feasibility Check Service consumer (step 14), otherwise the Feasibility Check Service continues with the quantitative resource evaluation.

8) If the Qualitative Feasibility Checker Service producer(s) respond(s) with "yes", Feasibility Check Service producer queries the Remaining Resources from the Available Network Resource Estimation Service producer.

9) The Available Network Resource Estimation Service producer reports the Remaining Resources to the Feasibility Check Service producer. That means a probabilistic model of resource utilization for the consumable resources that are part of the network slice instance-D.

10) The Feasibility Check Service producer triggers the Feasibility Check Service in the management domain(s), providing information regarding the Remaining Resources of step 9).

11) The Feasibility Check Service producer(s) respond(s) to the Feasibility Check Service producer with "yes" or "no" and Confidence Information per resource category.

12) The Feasibility Check Service producer triggers the Confidence and Risk Evaluation Service, providing the Remaining Resources of message 9 and the Confidence Information of step 11).
13) Depending on its implementation, the Confidence and Risk Evaluation Service responds to the Feasibility Check Service producers with a detailed Evaluation Result (EVR) or only the Confidence and Risk Levels. The EVR includes for instance the confidence in SLS fulfilment and the risk of violation of the requirements. The Confidence and Risk Levels include the absolute value of expected resource overbooking, as well as a probabilistic model for each resource.

14) The Feasibility Check Service prepares a Feasibility Check Result (i.e. a simplified EVR) based on the detailed EVR (or Confidence and Risk Levels, respectively) and/or on the Remaining Resources of message 9 and the Confidence Information of message 11 and provides the same to the Feasibility Check Service consumer, in this case the network slice instance Requester.

6.2.2.3 Coordination with transport network for supporting of network slicing provisioning

End to End network slice instance which includes access network part, transport network part and core network part is used to provide communication services. Transport network part which includes Data Center Network (DCN) and Wide Area Network (WAN) provides transmission functionality. Different types of WAN (e.g. IP network, optical network) may be used to support the End to End network slicing.

In order to manage an E2E network slice instance, network slice provider needs to translate the E2E network slice related requirements into requirements for different transport network and coordination with transport network provider to handle the corresponding requirements, e.g. TN SliceProfile described in clause 6.1.2. ZSM framework shall be able to differentiate the transport types (e.g. IP network, optical network) according to different scenarios, and communicate to the corresponding transport management system with the transport requirements.

As an example, 3GPP RAN and CN may provide the following requirements to transport management system:

- the topology requirement for the TN links (nodes to be connected by the transport link, e.g. including ports information, VLAN IDs, IP addresses);
- the latency requirement for the TN links;
- the bandwidth requirement for the TN links;
- the isolation requirement for the TN links.

NOTE: There may have more requirements depending on the GST mapping discussion progress between 3GPP SA5 and GSMA.

6.2.3 E2E network slicing performance management

6.2.3.1 Overall Description

In the scenario of ZSM architecture deployment example for network slicing management according to Figure 4.1-1.
Different services requirements are required by various service types such as eMBB, mIoT and critical communication from vertical industry. E2E service level KPIs and performance measurements to support the E2E service management should refer to the following 3GPP specifications.

Examples of the E2E KPIs and performance measurements for network slice are defined in ETSI TS 128 554 [9] and ETSI TS 128 552 [8] as the following two categories:

1) E2E KPIs related to SubNetwork, network slice and network slice subnet:
   - End-to-end latency of 5G network
   - DRB Accessibility for UE services
   - Upstream throughput for single network slice
   - Downstream throughput for single network slice
   - RAN UE throughput
   - Mean Number of PDU sessions of network and network slice
   - QoS flow Retainability
   - DRB Retainability
   - NG-RAN handover success rate
   - Mean Time of Inter-gNB handover Execution of network slice
   - Successful rate of mobility registration updates of single network slice

2) Performance measurements related to S-NSSAI:
   - Average delay DL in air-interface
   - DL/UL Total PRB Usage
   - Average DL/UL UE throughput in gNB
   - QoS flow release/setup related measurements
   - Registered subscribers measurements
   - Virtualized resource usage measurements
   - Round-trip packet delay between PSA UPF and UE
   - DL/UL packet delay between PSA UPF and UE
   - One way packet delay between NG-RAN and UE

To report the above performance measurement data, there are two available mechanisms as specified in 3GPP specification:

- Performance data file report management service (see ETSI TS 128 532 [13]).
- Performance data streaming management service (see ETSI TS 128 550 [6]).

This clause provides the procedures for E2E network slicing performance management according to the example ZSM architecture deployment for network slicing in Figure 4.1-1.

### 6.2.3.2 Solution of E2E network slice performance file-based reporting

To satisfy the requirements from ZSM Framework Consumer and prevent from performance deteriorations, KPIs and performance measurements defined in 3GPP SA5 should be monitored.
Figure 6.2.3.2-1 illustrates one of the possible solutions of performance file-based reporting for E2E network slice in the scenario of network slice as NOP internals.

Figure 6.2.3.2-1: Network performance file-based reporting with E2E network slice for communication services.
1) In the scenario of network slice as NOP internals, ZSM Framework Consumer (e.g. vertical customer) needs to monitor the E2E network performance measurements or KPIs. Service MD (E2E Service Management Domain), as communication services providers, can get the requirements on receiving the request from ZSM Framework Consumer by utilizing E2E performance data reporting service in clause 6.6.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (this service may be implemented by the performance measurement creation related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. createMOI operation in ETSI TS 128 532 [13] with PerfMetricJob IOC defined in TS 28.622, or createMeasurementJob operation defined in ETSI TS 128 550 [6]).

2) E2E Service MD derives the requirements for each management domain.

3a) E2E Service Management send a request to AN MD to request the performance and KPI data for AN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing performance measurements collection service in clause 6.5.2.2.3 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (this service may be implemented by the performance measurement creation related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. createMOI operation in ETSI TS 128 532 [13] with PerfMetricJob IOC defined in ETSI TS 128 622 [19], or createMeasurementJob operation defined in ETSI TS 128 550 [6]).

3b) E2E Service Management send a request to CN MD to request the performance and KPI data for CN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing performance measurements collection service in clause 6.5.2.2.3 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (this service may be implemented by the performance measurement creation related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. createMOI operation in ETSI TS 128 532 [13] with PerfMetricJob IOC defined in 3GPP TS 28.622 or createMeasurementJob operation defined in ETSI TS 128 550 [6]).

3c) E2E Service Management send a performance file-based reporting request to TN MD to reporting performance of TN related network slice subnet instance performance measurements collection service in clause 6.5.2.2.3 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. In the case of NFVO takes the role of collection performance measurements from TN MD, the request can be implemented by utilizing the NFV Create PM Jobs operation or Subscribe operation in ETSI GS NFV-IFA 013 [10].

4a) After the requested data file for AN network slice subnet instance is ready, the AN MD notifies E2E Service MD by utilizing performance measurements collection service in clause 6.5.2.2.3 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (this service may be implemented by the performance measurements reporting related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. notifyFileReady notification in ETSI TS 128 532 [13]. The E2E service MD is able to fetch AN related PM data it subscribed.

4b) After the requested data file for CN network slice subnet instance is ready, the CN MD notifies E2E Service MD by utilizing performance measurements collection service in clause 6.5.2.2.3 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (this service may be implemented by the performance measurements reporting related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. notifyFileReady notification in ETSI TS 128 532 [13]. The E2E service MD is able to fetch CN related PM data it subscribed.

4c) After the requested data file for TN network slice subnet instance is ready, the TN MD sends performance file-based reporting response to E2E Service MD performance measurements collection service in clause 6.5.2.2.3 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. In the case of NFVO takes the role of collection performance measurements from TN MD, the response can be implemented by utilizing NFV Notify in ETSI GS NFV-IFA 013 [10].

5) E2E Service MD aggregates the performance and KPIs for E2E network. The E2E service MD is able to fetch TN related PM data it subscribed.

6) After the requested data file for E2E network is ready, E2E Service MD can notify ZSM Framework Consumer by utilizing E2E performance data reporting service in clause 6.6.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (this service may be implemented by the performance measurements reporting related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. notifyFileReady notification in ETSI TS 128 532 [13]. The ZSM Framework Consumer is able to fetch the E2E network related PM data it subscribed.

6.2.3.3 Solution of E2E network slice performance data streaming reporting

Figure 6.2.3.3-1 illustrates one of the possible solutions of performance data streaming reporting for E2E network slice in the scenario of network slice as NOP internals.
1) Service MD (E2E Service Management Domain) gets the requirements on receiving the request from ZSM Framework Consumers by E2E performance data reporting service in clause 6.6.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (this may be implemented by the performance measurement creation related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. createMOI operation in ETSI TS 128 532 [13] with PerfMetricJob IOC defined in 3GPP TS 28.622, or createMeasurementJob operation defined in ETSI TS 128 550 [6]).

2) E2E Service MD derives the requirements for each management domain.

3a) E2E Service Management send a request to AN MD to require the performance measurement and KPI data for AN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing performance measurements streaming service in clause 6.5.2.2.2 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (this service may be implemented by the performance measurement creation related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. createMOI operation in ETSI TS 128 532 [13] with PerfMetricJob IOC defined in 3GPP TS 28.622, or createMeasurementJob operation defined in ETSI TS 128 550 [6]).

3b) E2E Service Management send a request to CN MD to require the performance measurement and KPI data for CN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing by utilizing performance measurements streaming service in clause 6.5.2.2.2 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (this service may be implemented by the performance measurement creation related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. createMOI operation in ETSI TS 128 532 [13] with PerfMetricJob IOC defined in 3GPP TS 28.622, or createMeasurementJob operation defined in ETSI TS 128 550 [6]).

3c) E2E Service Management send a request to TN MD to reporting performance data of TN related network slice subnet instance performance measurements streaming service in clause 6.5.2.2.2 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

4a) AN MD reports the requested performance data streaming to E2E Service MD by utilizing performance measurements streaming service in clause 6.5.2.2.2 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (this service may be implemented by the streaming reporting related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. establishStreamingConnection operation and reportStreamData operation in ETSI TS 128 532 [13]).

4b) CN MD reports the requested performance data streaming to E2E Service MD by utilizing performance measurements streaming service in clause 6.5.2.2.2 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (this service may be implemented by the streaming reporting related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. establishStreamingConnection operation and reportStreamData operation in ETSI TS 128 532 [13]).
4c) TN MD sends the requested performance data streaming to E2E Service MD as a response by utilizing performance measurements streaming service in clause 6.5.2.2.2 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

5) E2E Service MD aggregates the performance measurement and KPI data for E2E network.

6) E2E service MD reports the E2E network related performance measurement and KPI data to ZSM Framework Consumers by reporting stream data, (this may be implemented by the streaming reporting related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. establishStreamingConnection operation and reportStreamData operation in ETSI TS 128 532 [13]).

7) Once ZSM Framework Consumers decide to stop managing the E2E network performance, it sends a request to E2E Service MD to stop the performance management procedure by utilizing E2E performance data reporting service in clause 6.6.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (this may be implemented by performance measurement termination related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. deleteMOI operation defined in ETSI TS 128 532 [13] with DN of PerfMetricJob MOI defined in 3GPP TS 28.622, or stopMeasurementJob defined in ETSI TS 128 550 [6]).

6.2.3.4 Solution of E2E network slice performance assurance

Figure 6.2.3.4-1 illustrates one of the possible solutions of performance assurance for E2E network slice in the scenario of network slice as NOP internals.

Figure 6.2.3.4-1: Network performance assurance with E2E network slice for communication services

1) The ZSM Framework consumers request the E2E service management domain to allocate a new network slice instance to satisfy the service requirements. E2E service management domain decides to allocate the network slice instance to fulfill the requirements. The procedures of network slice allocation described in clause 6.3.2.2.1 are utilized.

2) E2E service management domain monitors the performance of the E2E network slice instance and checks whether the performance requirements are satisfied. The procedures of E2E network slice performance reporting described in clauses 5.1.3.2 and 5.1.3.3 are utilized. This step is triggered periodically or by event. For each domain as AN MD, CN MD and TN MD, the corresponding MD checks whether the performance requirements can be met by the corresponding network slice subnet instance by utilizing the performance measurements defined in ETSI TS 128 552 [8] and KPIs defined in ETSI TS 128 554 [9].

3) If the performance requirements of network slice instance are not satisfied, E2E service management domain triggers the procedures of network slice modification described in clause 6.3.2.2.2. E2E service management may modify the capacity of the network slice, or modify the network slice configuration to guarantee the performance requirements, see clause 4.a of clause H.2 of ETSI TS 128 550 [6]).
4) If the performance requirements of network slice subnet instances are not satisfied, the corresponding MD trigger the procedures of network slice subnet instance modification described in clause 6.3.2.2.2. CN MD may modify virtualized resources and the configuration of 5GC NFs to guarantee the performance requirements. RAN MD may reconfigure RRM Policy to optimize performance, see clause 4b of clause H.2 of ETSI TS 128 550 [6].

6.2.4 E2E network slicing fault management

6.2.4.1 Overall Description

To keep ZSM network functioning properly, E2E service MD should have network slicing fault management services to support notifying the fault alarm which refers to the 3GPP specifications (see clause 6 of ETSI TS 128 532 [13]). The fault alarm data can be monitored in network slice instance or network slice subnet instance level for network slicing fault management (see clause 4.1.1 of ETSI TS 128 545 [14]).

This clause provides the procedures for E2E network slice fault reporting according to the example of ZSM architecture deployment for network slicing in Figure 4.1-1.

6.2.4.2 Example of E2E network slice fault notification

To satisfy the requirements from ZSM framework consumers and alleviate the impact of fault events, fault measurements defined in 3GPP SA5 should be monitored.

Figure 6.2.4.2-1 illustrates one of the examples of fault notification for E2E network slice.

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**Figure 6.2.4.2-1: Example of E2E network slice fault notification**

1) In the scenario of network slice fault management, a ZSM framework consumer (e.g. vertical industry) decides to subscribe fault reporting. E2E Service MD (E2E Service Management Domain) which includes the function of NSM (network service management) and CSM (communication service management), as communication services providers, can get the service requirements on receiving the request from ZSM framework consumers via the subscription of fault notification for communication service, (the service may be implemented by fault subscription related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. `subscribe` operation for communication service defined in ETSI TS 128 532 [13]).

2) E2E Service MD splits the fault notification requirements to each MD, and request concerned MD with following step 3), step 4).
3a) E2E Service MD splits the requirements to each MD, then send requests to AN MD to subscribe the fault reporting of AN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing the fault events service in clause 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (the service may be implemented by fault subscription related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. subscribe operation defined in ETSI TS 128 532 [13]).

3b) E2E Service MD splits the requirements to each MD, then send requests to CN MD to subscribe the fault reporting of CN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing the fault events service in clause 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (the service may be implemented by fault subscription related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. subscribe operation defined in ETSI TS 128 532 [13]).

3c) E2E Service MD splits the requirements to each MD, then requests TN MD to subscribe the fault reporting of TN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing the fault events service in clause 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

4a) After completing the above steps, once new alarm occurs in the AN MD, it will be sent to E2E Service MD via the report of fault notification for AN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing the fault events service in clause 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (the service may be implemented by fault reporting related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. notifyNewAlarm operation, which is defined in ETSI TS 128 532 [13]. After getting the new alarm notification from AN MD, E2E Service MD notifies the new alarm to the ZSM framework consumers.

4b) After completing the above steps, once new alarm occurs in the CN MD, it will be sent to E2E Service MD via the report of fault notification for CN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing the fault events service in clause 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (the service may be implemented by fault reporting related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. the notifyNewAlarm operation, which is defined in ETSI TS 128 532 [13]. After getting the new alarm notification from CN MD, E2E Service MD notifies the new alarm to the ZSM framework consumers.

4c) After completing the above steps, once new alarm occurs in the TN MD, it will be sent to E2E Service MD via the report of fault notification for TN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing the fault events service in clause 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. After getting the new alarm notification from TN MD, E2E Service MD notifies the new alarm to the ZSM framework consumers.

6.2.4.3 Example of getting E2E network slice alarm list

To offer the ZSM framework consumers the information when alarm occurs, the getAlarmList operation for communication service defined in 3GPP SA5 should be provided. Figure 6.1.4.3-1 illustrates one of the examples of getting E2E network slice alarm list.

![Figure 6.2.4.3-1: Example of getting E2E network slice alarm list](image)

1) In the scenario of network slice fault management, a ZSM framework consumer decides to get the list of all the alarms by requesting for the alarm list information for communication service, (the service may be implemented by alarm report related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. getAlarmList operation for communication service defined in ETSI TS 128 532 [13]).

2) E2E Service MD splits the alarm list requirements to each MD, and request concerned MD with following step 3a), step 3b), step 3c), step 4a), step 4b) and step 4c).
3a) E2E Service MD splits the requirements to each MD, then requests AN MD to get alarm list of AN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing the fault events service in clause 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (the service may be implemented by alarm report related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. `getAlarmList` operation defined in ETSI TS 128 532 [13]).

3b) E2E Service MD splits the requirements to each MD, then requests CN MD to get alarm list of CN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing the fault events service in clause 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (the service may be implemented by alarm report related operations in 3GPP SA5, e.g. `getAlarmList` operation defined in ETSI TS 128 532 [13]).

3c) E2E Service MD splits the requirements to each MD, then requests TN MD to get alarm list of TN network slice subnet instance by utilizing the fault events service in clause 6.5.2.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

4) After getting the alarm notification from each MD, E2E Service MD notifies the alarm list to the ZSM framework consumer.

6.3 Providing communication service in the scenario of network slice as a service (NaaS)

6.3.1 Overall Description

Figure 6.3.1-1 gives the description of high-level model of roles in E2E networks providing services.

In network slice as a service scenarios, see clause 4.1.7 of ETSI TS 128 530 [4], Network Slice as a Service (NSaaS) can be offered to the vertical users in the form of a communication service. The entities provide communication services and network slice capabilities can be different.

![Figure 6.3.1-1: High-level model of roles for NSaaS](image-url)
6.3.2 End-to-end network slicing provisioning

6.3.2.1 Introduction

ETSI TS 128 531 [5] has defined and implemented a series of management services (operations, notifications and information model). These management services can be utilized by AN and CN for E2E network slicing provisioning. The operations implemented by 3GPP SA5 can also be reused. To support E2E slicing procedures for the deployment ZSM architecture in Figure 4.1-1.

6.3.2.2 Solution of E2E network slicing provisioning

6.3.2.2.1 Solution of E2E network slice allocation with new network slice instance

Figure 6.3.2.2.1-1 illustrates one of the possible solutions of allocating network with E2E network slice for communication services in the NSaaS scenario. The main difference from the previous case in clause 5.1 is that in this case the consumer is directly able to request the allocation of a network slice instance. In this case the E2E Service MD decides to create a new network slice instance to satisfy the request.

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Figure 6.3.2.2.1-1: NSaaS case slice allocation solution option with new network slice instance

1) Network Slice Management Service Provider (NSMS_Provider) in the E2E Service MD receives an AllocateNsi request by utilizing E2E service orchestration service in clause 6.6.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (for example, the AllocateNsi operation defined in ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be used for implementation) from the ZSM Framework Consumer with network slice related requirements (e.g. the attributes of NetworkSlice and ServiceProfile defined in clauses 6.3.1 and 6.3.3 in ETSI TS 128 541 [7]).

2) Based on the requirements received in step 1) the E2E Service MD decides to use a new network slice to fulfil the network slice related requirements.
3) The E2E Service MD derives the requirements and sends requests to check the feasibility of required resources and, if yes, make the reservation of them to the specific MDs. The feasibility check and reservation shall be processed in the same transaction to avoid changing the result of the feasibility check due to the other reservation requests. The reserved resources may be released after a period depending on the terms and conditions with the consumer:

a) The E2E Service MD sends a request to AN MD to check the feasibility of required resources and, if yes, make the reservation of them.

b) The AN MD sends Ack to E2E Service MD.

c) The E2E Service MD sends a request to CN MD to check the feasibility of required resources and, if yes, make the reservation of them.

d) The CN MD sends Ack to E2E Service MD.

e) The E2E Service MD sends a request to TN MD to check the feasibility of required resources and, if yes, make the reservation of them.

f) The TN MD sends Ack to E2E Service MD.

4) If all the reservations are successfully completed, the E2E Service MD decides to continue the slice allocation.

5) The E2E Service MD derives the requirements and sends requests to allocate the management domain specific network slice subnet instances to the specific MDs, in particular to:

a) The AN MD to allocate AN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (e.g. the AllocateNssi operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be utilized for implementation with the network slice subnet instance related requirements, e.g. the attributes of NetworksliceSubnet and SliceProfile defined in clauses 6.3.2 and 6.3.4 in ETSI TS 128 541 [7]).

b) The CN MD to allocate CN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (e.g. the AllocateNssi operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be utilized for implementation with the network slice subnet instance related requirements, e.g. NetworksliceSubnet and SliceProfile defined in clauses 6.3.2 and 6.3.4 in ETSI TS 128 541 [7]).

c) The TN MD to allocate TN related network slice subnet instance by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. In the case of NFVO as a TN manager, the request can be converted to utilizing the NFV Create network service operation or Create network service operation in ETSI GS NFV-IFA 013 [10].

6) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, individual MDs will begin procedures for network slice subnet instance allocation, in particular:

a) AN MD initiates the network slice subnet allocation procedures for AN. In case of RAN, the network slice subnet allocation procedures in clause 7.3 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be followed.

b) The CN MD initiates the network slice subnet allocation procedures for CN, the network slice subnet allocation procedures for CN in clause 7.3 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be followed.

c) The TN MD initiates the network slice subnet allocation procedures for TN. In the case of NFVO as a TN manager, the procedures refer to the procedure of network slice Instance instantiation (see clause 4.4.1 of ETSI TS 128 526 [15]).

7) After completing the allocation of the respective network slice subnet instance each domain sends a response to the respective network slice subnet instance allocation request, in particular:

a) The AN MD sends a response to E2E Service MD by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (e.g. the AllocateNssi operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be used for implementation).

b) The CN MD sends a response to E2E Service MD by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (e.g. the AllocateNssi operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5]).
c) The TN MD sends a response to the allocation of network slice subnet instance request to E2E Service MD by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. In the case of NFVO as a TN manager, the response can be implemented by utilizing the NFV Create network service operation in ETSI GS NFV-IFA 013 [10].

8) Based on the reply from all the composing management domains the final response for network slice instance creation is sent back to the ZSM Framework Consumer by utilizing E2E service orchestration service in clause 6.6.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

6.3.2.2.2 Solution of E2E network slice modification

Figure 6.3.2.2.2-1 illustrates one of the possible solutions of modifying a network slice instance in the NSaaS scenario. In this case the E2E Service MD receives a network slice instance modification request from the NSaaS consumer.

Figure 6.3.2.2.2-1: NSaaS case slice modification solution

1) Network Slice Management Service Provider (NSMS_Provider) in the E2E Service MD receives NSI modification request by utilizing E2E service orchestration service in clause 6.6.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] (e.g. the modifyMOIAttributes operation defined in ETSI TS 128 532 [13] may be used for implementation) from the ZSM Framework Consumer with the management identifier of network slice instance and the new network slice related requirements (e.g. the attributes of NetworkSlice and ServiceProfile defined in clauses 6.3.1 and 6.3.3 in ETSI TS 128 541 [7] respectively).

2) The E2E Service MD decomposes the modification to appropriate network slice subnet instances in the corresponding MDs. Decomposing refers to the split of the modification request of network slice instance to the respective network slice subnet instance modifications.
The E2E Service MD derives the new requirements and sends requests to check the feasibility of required resources and, if yes, make the reservation of them to the specific MDs where the modification is needed. The feasibility check and reservation shall be processed in the same transaction to avoid changing the result of the feasibility check due to the other reservation requests. The reserved resources may be released after a period depending on the terms and conditions with the consumer:

a) The E2E Service MD sends a request to AN MD to check the feasibility of required resources and, if yes, make the reservation of them.

b) The AN MD sends Ack to E2E Service MD.

c) The E2E Service MD sends a request to CN MD to check the feasibility of required resources and, if yes, make the reservation of them.

d) The CN MD sends Ack to E2E Service MD.

e) The E2E Service MD sends a request to TN MD to check the feasibility of required resources and, if yes, make the reservation of them.

f) The TN MD sends Ack to E2E Service MD.

4) If all the reservations are successfully completed, the E2E Service MD decides to continue the slice modification.

5) The E2E Service MD derives the requirements and sends modification requests of the management domain specific network slice subnet instances to the respective MDs, in particular to:

a) The AN MD to modify the RAN network slicing subnet instance by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (e.g. the modifyMOIAttributes operation defined in ETSI TS 128 532 [13] and NetworkSliceSubnet IOC defined in ETSI TS 128 541 [7] may be used for implementation).

b) The CN MD to modify CN network slicing subnet instance by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (e.g. the modifyMOIAttributes operation defined in ETSI TS 128 532 [13] and NetworkSliceSubnet IOC defined in ETSI TS 128 541 [7] may be used for implementation).

c) The TN MD to modify TN network slicing subnet instance by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. In the case of NFVO as a TN manager, the request can be converted to utilizing NFV Scale network service operation or Update network service Operation in ETSI GS NFV-IFA 013 [10].

6) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD each individual MD will begin procedures for network slice subnet instance modification, in particular:

a) AN MD initiates the network slice subnet modification procedures for AN, in case of RAN, the network slice subnet instance modification procedures for RAN in clause 7.7 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be followed.

b) The CN MD initiates the network slice subnet modification procedures for CN, the network slice subnet instance modification procedures for CN in clause 7.7 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be followed.

c) The TN MD initiates the network slice subnet instance modification procedures for TN. In the case of NFVO as a TN manager, the procedures refers to the procedure of network slice Instance updating (see clause 4.4.5 of ETSI TS 128 526 [15]).

7) After completing the allocation of the respective network slice subnet instance each domain sends a response to the respective network slice subnet instance allocation request, in particular:

a) The AN MD sends a response to E2E Service MD by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (e.g. the modifyMOIAttributes operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5] and NetworkSliceSubnet IOC defined in ETSI TS 128 541 [7] and NetworkSliceSubnet IOC defined in ETSI TS 128 541 [7] may be utilized for implementation).
b) The CN MD sends a response to E2E Service MD by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (e.g. the modifyMOIAttributes operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5] and NetworkSliceSubnet IOC defined in ETSI TS 128 541 [7] and NetworkSliceSubnet IOC defined in ETSI TS 128 541 [7] may be utilized for implementation).

c) The TN MD sends a response to E2E Service MD by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. In the case of NFVO as a TN manager, the response can be converted to utilizing the NFV Scale network service operation or Update network service Operation in ETSI GS NFV-IFA 013 [10].

8) Based on the reply from all the composing management domains the final response for network slice instance modification is sent back to the ZSM Framework Consumer by utilizing E2E service orchestration service in clause 6.6.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

6.3.2.2.3 Solution of E2E network slice deallocation

Figure 6.3.2.2.3-1 illustrates one of the possible solutions of deallocating network slice in the scenario of network slice as service.

![Figure 6.3.2.2.3-1: Deallocating network with E2E network slice for communication services](image)

1) In the scenario of network slice as service, ZSM Framework Consumer (e.g. vertical industry) decides to release a network slice. E2E Service MD (E2E Service Management Domain), as communication services providers, can get the network slice termination requirements on receiving the request from ZSM Framework Consumer by utilizing E2E service orchestration service in clause 6.6.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], the deallocateNsi operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5].

2a) E2E Service Management request AN MD to deallocate AN network slicing subnet instance by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (e.g. the deallocateNssi operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be used for implementation).

2b) E2E Service Management request CN MD to deallocate CN network slicing subnet instance by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (e.g. the deallocateNssi operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be used for implementation).
2c) E2E Service Management request TN MD to deallocate TN network slicing subnet instance domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. In the case of NFVO as a TN manager, the request can be converted to utilizing the NFV *Delete network service operation* or *Terminate network service operation* in ETSI GS NFV-IFA 013 [10].

3a) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, AN MD initiates the network slice subnet deallocation procedures. In case of AN, the *network slice subnet deallocation procedures* for AN in clause 7.5 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be followed.

3b) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, CN MD initiates the network slice subnet deallocation procedures. The *network slice subnet deallocation procedures* for CN in clause 7.5 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be followed.

3c) On receiving the request from E2E Service MD, the network slice subnet deallocation procedures for TN follows. In the case of NFVO as a TN manager, the procedure refers to the procedure of *network slice Instance termination* (see clause 4.4.2 of ETSI TS 128 526 [15]).

4a) After completing the deallocation of the AN network slice subnet, the AN MD sends a response to E2E Service MD by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (e.g. the *DeallocateNssi* operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be used for implementation).

4b) After completing the deallocation of the CN network slice subnet, the CN MD sends a response to E2E Service MD by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (e.g. the *DeallocateNssi* operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be used for implementation).

4c) After completing the deallocation of the TN network slice subnet, the TN MD sends a response to E2E Service MD by utilizing domain orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. In the case of NFVO as a TN manager, the response can be converted to utilizing the NFV *Delete network service operation* or *Terminate network service operation* in ETSI GS NFV-IFA 013 [10].

5) After the E2E network slice has been deallocated internally, the E2E Service MD sends the response to the ZSM Framework Consumer by utilizing E2E service orchestration service in clause 6.5.5.2.1 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12], (e.g. the *deallocateNsi* operation in ETSI TS 128 531 [5] may be used for implementation).

### 6.3.3 E2E network slicing performance management

#### 6.3.3.1 Overall Description

In the scenario of ZSM architecture deployment example for network slicing management according to Figure 4.1-1 in the scenario of network slicing as a service.

A series of E2E KPIs and performance measurements related to network slicing are defined in 3GPP SA5 work group (see ETSI TS 128 554 [9] and ETSI TS 128 552 [8]). Some examples of performance measurements and KPIs refer to clause 6.2.3.1. This clause provides one of the possible solutions for E2E network slicing performance management in network as a service scenarios according to the example ZSM architecture deployment for network slicing in Figure 4.1-1.

#### 6.3.3.2 Solution of E2E network slice performance reporting

See the procedures described in clause 6.2.3.

**NOTE:** The input parameter of *Filter in subscribe operation* is solution set dependent. In this scenario, the filter object is expected to be set with the set of S-NSSAI IDs.

### 6.4 Topology service for E2E network slicing services

The E2E network and service topology management requirement is proposed in ETSI GS ZSM 001 [17], and the E2E Service topology information service and Domain topology information service are defined in ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]. The topology information of E2E network slice can be obtained from the E2E service topology information service provided by the E2E service management domain.
Below is the sequence diagram of querying E2E network slice topology.

![Sequence Diagram](image)

**Figure 6.4-1: Query E2E network slice topology info**

The network slice topology consumer may configure the service before query the network slice topology information by setting the abstraction policy to control the degree of detail of the provided topology information (which is defined in ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]).

E2E services topology information service producer will provide the information about the topology of the infrastructure from the perspective of E2E network slice. This may include resources (and their utilization level), services, physical/virtualized nodes, physical and/or virtual links/network connections of E2E network slice.

Domain topology information service producer will provide the information about the topology of the infrastructure of domain network slice. This may include resources (and their utilization level), services, physical/virtualized nodes, physical and/or virtual links/network connections of domain network slice. The sequence of querying the domain network slice topology is similar as the E2E network slice topology querying sequence.

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### 7 Management exposure to vertical consumers

#### 7.1 Network slice SLA/SLS

##### 7.1.1 Network slice SLA/SLS in GSMA and 3GPP

SLA is an important part of the network slicing and is used to support the diverse service requirements from various vertical consumers. GSM NEST attribute values, which collectively define the SLA, are mapped into 3GPP ServiceProfile defined in ETSI TS 128 541 [7], clause 6.3.3, which defines the SLS.

In the E2E Service MD, some ServiceProfile parameters are translated into the configurable parameters for each domain (CN domain, AN domain, TN domain), while other ServiceProfile parameters are kept at the OAM domain. Figure 7.1.1-1 shows the whole process. The SliceProfile is defined in clause 6.3.4 of ETSI TS 128 541 [7].
Figure 7.1.1-1: Relation between GSMA GST and 3GPP NRM ServiceProfile

7.1.2 Network slice SLA in ZSM

According to Figure 4.1-1 of the ZSM architecture for network slicing management, Figure 7.1.2-1 below shows the relations between SLA coming from GSMA GST, 3GPP NRM [7] ServiceProfile and SliceProfile of network slice subnet, e.g. AN SliceProfile, CN SliceProfile and TN SliceProfile.

The SLA requested by vertical consumers is translated and used as input for the attributes of ServiceProfile from the E2E management aspect. The E2E Service Management Domain is also responsible for the translation or decomposition of the ServiceProfile to the corresponding Management Domain requirements, e.g. CN SliceProfile, AN SliceProfile or TN SliceProfile. Each domain is able to schedule the resources to support the requirements of the corresponding SliceProfile.
7.1.3 Network slice management models

The network slice management models as defined in ETSI TS 128 541 [7] include NetworkSlice, NetworkSliceSubnet, ServiceProfile and SliceProfile models. The relations of the models are in Figure 7.1.3-1.
7.2 Management exposure to vertical consumers in NOP Internal scenario

In the NOP Internal scenario, the vertical customers provide the communication service-related SLA requirements to operators. The slice information is invisible to vertical customers. These requirements specify SLS of requested communication services, together with other business-related information (e.g. communication service lifetime, communication service charging/accounting, etc.).

Operator as ZSM service provider provides the individual vertical customers with information on their running communication services, including SLA fulfilment and assurance information. Information on underlying network slices is not made available to vertical customers.

7.3 Management exposure to vertical consumers in NSaaS scenario

In the NSaaS scenario, a dedicated network slice can be offered to a vertical as a service. Unlike the NOP internal scenario, in this scenario the vertical customer is slicing aware. The operator allows the vertical to use the provided network slice instance and optionally manage it.

The vertical customers provide the network slice SLA requirements to operators. In addition to specifying the SLS of the requested network slice together with other business-related information (e.g. network slice lifetime, network slice charging/accounting, etc.), these SLA requirements include information on how much control the vertical customer can retain on the network slice. Different vertical customers might want to take different levels of management over their serving slices, depending on the needs of their particular use cases. To support this variety, the operator can expose different management and data services to different vertical customers.

NOTE: The management and data services offered to a given vertical customer allow defining the management capabilities it can get from the ZSM framework.

Operator as ZSM service provider provides individual vertical customers with information on their running network slice instances, including SLA fulfilment and assurance information. It also grants individual vertical customers access to agreed management and data services.

PNI-NPN (Public Network Integrated Non-Public Network) provisioning is an example of where management exposure could be applied. PNI-NPN can be deployed as an end-to-end network composed of two segments:

- A public segment, consisting of PLMN operator provided AN and 5GC network functions. These functions are deployed in the form of a network slice, using segregated public 5G resources.
- One private, consisting of vertical customer-provided network functions. These functions are deployed as an on-premise sub-network, using private 5G resources.

Figure 7.3-1 illustrates the applicability of this scenario to the ZSM architecture framework. As seen, the PLMN operator plays the role of ZSM framework owner, while the vertical customer plays the role of ZSM framework consumer. The PLMN operator relies on NSaaS to deliver network slice to the vertical customer, together with the ZSM management and data services associated to that network slice, according to the management exposure agreed between both parties. The vertical customer consumes the ZSM management and data services made available with NSaaS to attach the received network slice to the on-premise sub-network, thus forming the PNI-NPN.

PNI-NPNs for different vertical customers may require the PLMN operator to deliver NSaaS with different management capabilities. These management capabilities allow the vertical customers to consume the received slice as needed, i.e. according to the degree of control the vertical wants to take on the slice. In this regard, while there are verticals that only want to get aggregated KPIs for passive monitoring activities (e.g. SLA assurance), there are some other verticals that might want to get more advanced capabilities (e.g. change application layer configuration of individual NFs, modify slice capacity by triggering NFV scaling out operations, etc.).
Figure 7.3-1: Example of management exposure for PNI-NPN provisioning
Annex A (informative):
Available output from standard groups and open source groups on network slicing management

A.1 Telecommunication

A.1.1 3GPP TSG SA2

SA WG2 is in charge of Architecture and procedures for the 5G system, and network slicing related work are included in specifications ETSI TS 123 501 [1] and ETSI TS 123 502 [2].

Network slicing is described in ETSI TS 123 501 [1], clause 5.15.

ETSI TS 123 502 [2] contains the stage 2 procedures and flows for the 5G System architecture described in ETSI TS 123 501 [1] and for the policy and charging control framework described in ETSI TS 123 503 [3].

A.1.2 3GPP TSG SA3

SA WG3 focuses on the security aspects of 5G network slicing management. Key issues are included in 3GPP TR 33.811 [i.1].

SA3 ETSI TS 133 501 [18] captures the security aspects for network slices.

In clause 15 of [18], it focused on the management security for network slices. When the consumer resides outside the 3GPP operators' trust domain, the mutual authentication, protection of management interactions between the management service consumer and management service provider and the authorization of management service consumer's request should be performed before provisioning of Network Slice Instance.

In clause 16 of [18], it focused on security procedures for network slices, including authorization procedure for network slice access, network slice specific authentication and authorization procedure, AAA server triggered Network Slice-specific Re-authentication and Re-authorization procedure, AAA server triggered Slice-specific Authorization Revocation procedure.

A.1.3 3GPP TSG SA5

SA WG5 focuses on the management and orchestration of 5G for 3GPP systems which includes network slicing management.

ETSI TS 128 530 [4] specifies the concepts, use cases and requirements for management of network slicing in mobile network.

SA5 ETSI TS 128 531 [5] specifies use cases, requirements, management services and procedures for provisioning of 5G networks. In particular, the life cycle management of network slices as well as network slice subnets.

ETSI TS 128 550 [6] defines the stage 1, 2 and 3 of performance assurance related management services for 5G networks including network slicing.


ETSI TS 128 554 [9] specifies End to End Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the 5G network and network slicing.


ETSI TS 128 541 [7] specifies Management and orchestration; 5G Network Resource Model (NRM); Stage 2 and stage 3.

A.1.4 NGMN

The concept of slicing was initially defined in the NGMN white paper [i.18].

In addition, NGMN in February 2018 released version 2 of their 5G End to End architecture paper [i.17] that demonstrates how to utilize the network slicing concept to release user/business services in the 5G telecommunication environment.

A.1.5 GSMA

GSMA published a white paper [i.2] on network slicing. It focuses on the business scenarios and derived requirements for network slicing from the view of vertical consumers.

GSMA published GSMA NG.116 [16] in which a Generic network Slice Template (GST) is defined as a set of attributes that can characterize a type of network slice/service.

A.1.6 ETSI NFV EVE012

ETSI NFV ISG is actually highlighting the relationship between NSs and Slices/Subnet_Slices [i.3]. This is important since the CSP is familiar and supports the network slice (and VNF) constructions. Figure A.1.6-1 presents the relationship between 3GPP and ETSI NFV data models. It can be observed that the virtualized resources for the slice subnet and their connectivity to physical resources can be represented by the nested network slice concept, or one or more VNFs and Physical Network Functions (PNF) are directly attached to the network slice used by the network slice. ETSI states that "an NFV Network Service (network slice) can thus be regarded as a resource-centric view of a network slice, for the cases where a network slice instance would contain at least one virtualized network function" [i.3].

![Figure A.1.6-1: Relating the information mode](image)

NOTE: Source ETSI GR NFV-EVE 012 [i.3].
A.1.7 IETF

The Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) has started working on network slicing, developing specifications to fulfil the requirements of transport part of the end-to-end network slice, i.e. IETF network slice. These specifications are updated and maintained by the Network Slice Design Team (NSDT), a task force formed in the Traffic Engineering and Architecture Signaling (TEAS) Working Group. The mission of the NSDT is to develop a framework for providing transport network slicing using IETF traffic engineered technologies (e.g. IP, (G)MPLS, Segment Routing and other enhanced VPN solutions [i.14]), IETF Traffic Engineering architecture (e.g. ACTN [i.9]) and IETF service delivery models (e.g. L3SM [i.19], L2SM [i.16]). The expectation is for these IETF assets to be used to create individual IETF network slices, each representing a specific, isolated and managed logical network instance executed atop a common transport network infrastructure.

According to the NSDT scope, an IETF network slice is a logical network topology connecting a number of endpoints with a set of shared or dedicated network resources, that are used to satisfy specific Service Level Objective (SLOs) [i.15]. These SLOs do not describe how the IETF network slices will be implemented or realized in the underlying network layers; instead, they are defined in terms of dimensions of operations, availability and other attributes. Examples of SLOs are guaranteed minimum bandwidth, guaranteed maximum latency, maximum permissible delay variation, maximum permissible packet loss rate and availability. This rationale allows establishing a clear demarcation point between traditional L2/L3VPNs, focused on segmentation (i.e. creation and management of private networks) and bound to a specific technology and traffic type, and IETF network slices, concerned with the assurance of SLOs and unaware of underlying infrastructure connectivity. This technology-agnostic feature provides means for the network operator to flexibly decide on the realization of individual IETF network slices, depending on the technology and traffic engineering mechanisms available for use on the operator’s managed transport network infrastructure.

Figure A.1.7-1 captures an example of an IETF network slice endpoint - conceptual points of connection of a network function/device/application between the IETF network slice endpoints. For the provisioning of individual IETF network slices, a new management entity is defined: the IETF Network Slice Controller (NSC). Conceptually equivalent to 3GPP/BBF referred Transport Network Slice Subnet Management Function (T-NSSMF), the IETF NSC is the entity responsible for IETF network slice lifecycle management activities. For the interaction with upper/lower management systems, the IETF NSC defines two interfaces:

- NSC Northbound Interface (NBI): it is the interface that allows exposing NSC capabilities to higher level operation systems - e.g. the E2E service management domain. It is a technology-agnostic interface. Over this NBI, slice characteristics and other requirements can be communicated to the NSC and the operational state of an IETF network slice may be requested.

- NSC Southbound Interface (SBI): it is the interface that allows the NSC to interact with underlying, domain-specific network controller(s) - e.g. IP/MPLS controller, optical controller, microwave controllers. These interfaces are technology-specific and leverage many of the existing network models.
Figure A.1.7-2 illustrates the NSC interfaces and their interaction with other management systems. The resulting architectural framework can be easily mapped with the ACTN framework, as captured in [i.15].

Building upon the agreed IETF network slice and NSC concepts, the NSDT contributors are exploring solutions for transport network slicing in multiple workstreams, including:

i) IETF network slice definition and terminology;

ii) architectural framework for IETF network slices;

iii) on modelling the NSC NBI.

From ZSM architecture perspective, the NSC NBI allows making TN domain management services available for external consumption, so that management functions from E2E service management domain and/or other management domains (e.g. CN, AN, virtualization management domains) can consume them. ZSM will keep track of the stage 2 and 3 solutions to be developed for the NSC NBI, considering them as part of ZSM technical specifications and reports, if/when required.
Annex B (informative):
Deployment scenario

B.1 Deployment scenario to support network slicing using NFV

The management services (MnSs) for E2E network slicing may be provided by a set of MDs. This clause shows an example of such operator deployment scenario where each MD including that for network slicing defined by 3GPP SA5 and that for NFV defined by ETSI NFV, provides various MnSs.

In this operator deployment example:

- **E2E Service MD** provides MnSs for E2E network slices/network slice subnets, e.g. Service Orchestration service (Serv-Orch), which orchestrates the individual Network Slice Subnets (NSSs) provided by Radio Access Network (RAN), Transport Network (TN) and Core Network (CN), and stitches them into an E2E network slice subnet being exposed as a network slice. The MnSs in this MD may also manage NSSs of Data Network (aka. SGi Network) using MD for NFV. It is expected that parts of specifications developed by 3GPP SA5 are re-used for the MnSs in this MD. This MD exposes e.g. management capabilities of E2E network slices (provisioning, performance assurance, fault supervision, etc.).

- **MD for network slice subnet in TN** provides MnSs for NSSs of TN, e.g. Dom-Orch service. This MD may consume TN resources outside of ZSM supported by e.g. Configuration Management service(s) (Conf-Mgmt). It is expected that parts of specifications developed by e.g. BBF, MEF, IETF and/or ETSI NFV are re-used for the MnSs in this MD. This MD exposes e.g. management capabilities of network slice subnet of TN (provisioning, performance assurance, fault supervision, etc.).

- **MD for network slice subnet in RAN** provides MnSs for NSSs of RAN, e.g. Dom-Orch service. This MD may consume application level RAN resources (i.e. application part of RAN Network Functions) outside of ZSM supported by e.g. Conf-Mgmt, and it may also consume MnSs for Network Services which include virtualized resources from MD for NFV. It is expected that parts of specifications developed by 3GPP SA5 are re-used for the MnSs in this MD. This MD exposes e.g. management capabilities of network slice subnet of RAN (provisioning, performance assurance, fault supervision, etc.).
• MD for network slice subnet in CN provides MnSs for NSSs of CN, e.g. Dom-Orch service. This MD may consume application level CN resources outside of ZSM (i.e. application part of CN Network Functions) supported by e.g. Conf-Mgmt, and it may also consume MnSs for Network Services which include virtualized resources from MD for NFV. It is expected that parts of specifications developed by 3GPP SA5 are re-used for the MnSs in this MD. This MD exposes e.g. management capabilities of network slice subnet of CN (provisioning, performance assurance, fault supervision, etc.).

• MD for NFV provides MnSs for NFV Network Service(s) (at resource level), e.g. Dom-Orch service (NFV Orchestrator). This MD may also have Conf-Mgmt (VNF Manager) and MnSs for managing compute/network/storage resources (Virtualized Infrastructure Manager). It is expected that parts of specifications developed by ETSI NFV are re-used for the MnSs in this MD. This MD exposes e.g. management capabilities related to NFV Network Services (Create/Read/Update/Delete of the Network Services, on-boarding of catalogues for those, etc.).

B.2 Providing media streaming service by deployment of an E2E network slicing

Using the operator deployment scenario in Figure B.2-1, a media streaming service over an E2E network slice instance comprising of DSL streaming access + Mobile users + virtualized application (streaming server) can be deployed. Figure B.2-1 describes the particular instance of service consumption across the domains.

NOTE: All management service exposure and consumption is via the integration fabric.

The steps of deployment are:

• The E2E service breaks up the E2E network slicing deployment requests into Transport Part of the E2E network slice (for fixed users) + 3GPP Core Part of the E2E network slice (for Mobile users) + 3GPP RAN part of the E2E network slice + Streaming application service (Virtualized).

• The transport part of the E2E network slice is handed over to the TN management domain using the appropriate management services exposed by the transport management domain.

• The 3GPP core part (e.g. AMF, SMF, UPF, N1 or N6) goes to the core management system.

• The core management domain requests the connectivity (N1 and N6) to the transport management domain.

• The Core management domain hands over the VNFs (e.g. AMF, SMF or UPF) to the virtualization management domain.

• The access part goes to radio access service management domain.

• The Radio access management domain uses the management services of the virtualization management domain to deploy the virtualized RAN part.
• The virtualized streaming AS is handed over to be deployed by the virtualization management system.
Annex C (informative):
Sequences of Network Slice Management by ZSM

C.0 Introduction

This informative annex describes examples of sequences of network slice management to help the reader of the present document to understand how ZSM works to support network slice management. The diagrams in this annex is high level illustration. Detailed operations which are not essential for understanding of ZSM and network slice instance management are not appeared. Also, Network Slice as a Service (NSaaS) is considered as a use case in this annex.

C.1 Sequence of network slice instance Creation

C.1.1 Basic Sequence of network slice instance Creation

Figure C.1.1-1: Example of basic sequence diagram of network slice instance Creation

1) The ZSM Framework Consumer requests the creation of network slice instance (by invoking the AllocateNsi operation defined in clause 6.5.1 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5]) to the E2E service orchestration service in the E2E Service Management Domain with requirements on the network slice instance.

2) The E2E service orchestration checks with the E2E services inventory information service if there are sufficient inventories of E2E network slice instance.

3) The E2E services inventory service responses with availability of E2E network slice instance to the E2E service orchestration service. If there is an available E2E network slice instance, the E2E service orchestration service activates this (go to step 6)).
4) If there is no available E2E network slice instance that is ready to use, the E2E service orchestration service requests the domain orchestration service to configure the Management Domains (by invoking the AllocateNssi operation defined in clause 6.5.2 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5]). This step initiates domain-level sequences of the relevant Management Domains (see clauses C.1.2 and C.1.3). A typical network slice instance consists of multiple Management Domains. Therefore, the multiple requests to configure managed entities are sent to each Management Domains.

5) After completion of configuration of the Management Domains, the configuration management service sends the acknowledgement (see the AllocateNssi operation defined in clause 6.5.2 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5]) for step 4).

6) The E2E service orchestration service sends the update of the inventory of the E2E network slice instances to the E2E service inventory information service. The E2E services inventory information service updates the inventory information based on this information.

7) The E2E service orchestration service sends the acknowledgement (see the AllocateNsi operation defined in clause 6.5.1 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5]) for step 1).

C.1.2 Domain Level Sequence of network slice instance Creation

When the domain orchestration service receives the request (see the AllocateNssi operation defined in clause 6.5.2 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5]) to configure the Management Domain, the domain-level sequence is initiated. There are two possible cases of initiation of this sequence. One is the request from the E2E service orchestration service. The other one is the request from the domain orchestration service in the other Management Domain which has dependency with this Management Domain (see clause C.1.4 for details).

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**Figure C.1.2-1: Example of a domain-level sequence**

1-a) The domain orchestration service receives the request to configure the Management Domains from the E2E orchestration service.
1-b) The request to configure the Management Domain may be initiated by the domain orchestration service in another Management Domain.

2) The domain orchestration service checks the domain inventory information service if there is domain-level inventory. The domain-level inventory can be a network slice subnetwork instance or a set of managed entities.

3) The domain inventory information service responds the availability of domain-level inventory. If there is a network slice subnetwork instance, the domain orchestration service activates this (go to step 9)).

4) If there is no available network slice subnetwork instance but enough capacity of managed entities, the domain orchestration service requests configuration of the managed entities to the resource configuration management service.

5) If the configuration data is not available in the configuration management service, the configuration management service may request the configuration data to the configuration data generation service.

6) The configuration data generation service produces the configuration data and sends them to the configuration management service.

7) The configuration management service configures the managed entities.

8) After completion of configuration of managed entities, the configuration management service sends the acknowledgement for step 4).

9) The domain orchestration service updates the domain-level inventory in the domain inventory information service.

10-a) The domain orchestration service sends the acknowledgement for step 1-a).

10-b) If other Management Domain is waiting the completion of configuration of this Management Domain due to dependency, the domain orchestration service in this Management Domain may request configuration of the managed entities under other Management Domain on behalf of the E2E orchestration service.

C.1.3 Domain Level Sequence of network slice instance Creation with resource adjustment

The creation of a network slice instance gives impacts on the utilization of managed entities. This may demand the rebalancing of resource allocation among network slice instances. This sequence shows the domain-level sequence with additional feature of resource adjustment by a management service in the Domain Intelligence. Also, this sequence is initiated when domain orchestration service receives the request (see the AllocateNssi operation defined in clause 6.5.2 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5]) to configure the Management Domain.
1) See step 1-a) in clause C.1.2.

2) See step 2) in clause C.1.2.

3) Same as step 3) in clause C.1.2. If there is a network slice subnetwork instance, go to step 12).

4) If there is no available network slice subnetwork instance but enough capacity of managed entities, the domain orchestration service requests the management service in the Domain Intelligence for optimized configuration of the managed entities.

5) The management service in the Domain Intelligence calculates the optimized configuration.

6) The management service in the Domain Intelligence responses with the optimized configuration.

7) See step 4) in clause C.1.2.

8) See step 5) in clause C.1.2.

9) See step 6) in clause C.1.2.

10) See step 7) in clause C.1.2.

11) See step 8) in clause C.1.2.

12) The domain orchestration service updates the domain-level inventory in the domain inventory information service. This update of domain-level inventory considers the consequences of resource adjustment.

13-a) The domain orchestration service sends the acknowledgement for 1-a).

13-b) If other Management Domain is waiting for the completion of configuration of this Management Domain (e.g. due to dependency), the domain orchestration service in this Management Domain may request configuration of the managed entities under other Management Domain on behalf of the E2E orchestration service.
C.1.4 Patterns of interaction between E2E Service Management Domain and Management Domains

Typical E2E network consists of multiple different Management Domains. These Management Domains may or may not work independently. If more than two Management Domains have dependency, the operation of Management Domains should be sequential or interactive rather than parallel. Therefore, several different patterns of interaction between E2E Service Management Domain and Management Domains are described.

![patterns of interaction diagram]

(a) Parallel Configuration  
(b) Sequential Configuration between Management Domains  
(c) Interactive Configuration between Management Domains

Figure C.1.4-1: Patterns of interaction between E2E Service Management Domain and Management Domains

C.2 Sequence of network slice instance Auto Healing

In an operational phase of network slice, it is possible that trouble happens on a managed entity constituting a network slice instance. In this case, the ZSM framework can detect the trouble and takes necessary actions (e.g. replacing troubled managed entity with alternative managed entity).
Figure C.2-1: Example of basic sequence diagram of network slice instance Auto Healing

1) The management service (note 1) in the Domain Assurance detects a trouble of a managed entity such as fault event, performance event or performance degradation.

2) The management service (note 1) in the Domain Assurance requests analysis for finding available domain-level solution to a management service (note 2) in the Domain Intelligence.

3) The management service (note 2) in the Domain Intelligence analyzes the trouble and produces a domain-level solution (e.g. replacing the troubled managed entity with an alternative managed entity).

4) The management service (note 2) in the Domain Intelligence requests the resource configuration management service to configure the troubled managed entity for implementing the domain-level solution. If no domain-level solution is available, go to step 6).

5) If the domain-level solution is available, the resource configuration management service configures the alternative managed entity.

6) If domain-level solution cannot fix the trouble, the management service (note 2) in the Domain Intelligence may request the management service (note 1) in the E2E Assurance

7) The management service in the E2E Assurance requests the management service in the E2E Intelligence for further analysis to find an E2E level solution.

8) The management service (note 2) in the E2E Intelligence analyzes the trouble and produces an E2E level solution (e.g. replacing the troubled managed entity with managed entity in the alternative management domain).

9) The management service (note 2) in the E2E Intelligence requests the resource configuration management service in the alternative management domain to configure the managed entity for implementing the solution.

10) The resource configuration management service in the alternative management domain configures the managed entity.
11) The management service (note 2) in the E2E Intelligence requests the configuration management service in the original management domain to configure the troubled managed entity (e.g. release the troubled managed entity).

12) The resource configuration management service in the original management domain configures the trouble management entity.

NOTE 1: There are some management services in the Domain/E2E Assurance which are relevant for this use case.

NOTE 2: The management service in the Domain/E2E Intelligence is FFS.

### C.3 Sequence of network slice instance Termination

#### C.3.1 Basic Sequence of network slice instance Termination

![Diagram of network slice instance Termination](image)

**Figure C.3.1-1: Example of basic sequence diagram of network slice instance Termination**

1) The ZSM Framework Consumer requests the termination of network slice instance (by invoking the `DeallocateNsi` operation defined in clause 6.5.3 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5]) to the E2E service orchestration service in the E2E Service Management Domain.

2) If the managed entities or the network slice instance can be released, the E2E service orchestration requests the domain orchestration service to configure managed entities (by invoking the `DeallocateNsisi` operation defined in clause 6.5.4 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5]). This step initiates domain-level sequences of the relevant Management Domains. A typical network slice instance consists of multiple Management Domains. Therefore, the multiple requests to configure managed entities may be sent to each Management Domains.
3) After completion of configuration of managed entities, the domain orchestration service sends the acknowledgment (see the `DeallocateNssi` operation defined in clause 6.5.4 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5]) for step 2).

4) The E2E orchestration service sends updated the inventory of the E2E network slice instance to the E2E services inventory information service. The E2E services inventory information service updates the inventory information. Also, the updates of domain-level inventory are sent to the domain inventory information services.

5) The E2E service orchestration service sends the acknowledgement (see the `DeallocateNsi` operation defined in clause 6.5.3 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5]) for step 1).

C.3.2 Domain-Level Sequence of network slice instance Termination

When the domain orchestration service receives the request (see the `DeallocateNssi` operation defined in clause 6.5.4 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5]) to configure the Management Domain, the domain-level sequence is initiated. There are two possible cases of initiation of this sequence. One is the request from the E2E service orchestration service. The other one is the request from the domain orchestration service in the other Management Domain which has dependency with this Management Domain (see clause C.1.4 for details).

![Figure C.3.2-1: Example of a domain-level sequence of network slice instance Termination](image)

1-a) The domain orchestration service receives the request to configure the managed entities from the E2E orchestration service.

1-b) The request to configure the managed entities may be initiated by the domain orchestration service in other Management Domain.

2) If the managed entities allocated to the network slice instance can be released, the domain orchestration service requests the resource configuration management service to configure the managed entities.
3) If the configuration data is not available in the resource configuration management service, the resource configuration management service may request the configuration data to the configuration data generation service.

4) The configuration data generation service produces the configuration data and sends them to the configuration management service.

5) The configuration management service configures the relevant managed entities.

6) After completion of configuration of managed entities, the configuration management service sends the acknowledgement for step 2).

7) The domain orchestration service updates the domain-level inventory.

8-a) The domain orchestration service sends the acknowledgement for step 1-a).

8-b) If other Management Domain is waiting for the completion of configuration of this Management Domain (e.g. due to dependency), the domain orchestration service in this Management Domain may request configuration of the managed entities under other Management Domain on behalf of the E2E orchestration service.

C.3.3 Domain-Level Sequence of network slice instance Termination with resource adjustment

The termination of a network slice instance gives impacts on the utilization of managed entities. This may demand the rebalancing of resource allocation among network slice instances. This sequence shows the domain-level sequence with additional feature of resource adjustment by a management service in the Domain Intelligence. Also, this sequence is initiated when domain orchestration service receives the request (see the DeallocateNssi operation defined in clause 6.5.4 of ETSI TS 128 531 [5]) to configure the Management Domain.

Figure C.3.3-1: Example of a domain-level sequence of network slice instance Termination with resource adjustment

1-a) The domain orchestration service receives the request to configure the managed entities from the E2E orchestration service.

1-b) The request to configure the managed entities may be initiated by the domain orchestration service in other Management Domain.
2) If the managed entities allocated to the network slice instance can be released, the domain orchestration service requests the management service in the Domain Intelligence for optimized configuration of the managed entities.

3) The management service in the Domain Intelligence calculates the optimized configuration. This calculation may be based on the given policy or based on analysis using AI.

4) The management service in the Domain Intelligence responds with the optimized configuration.

5) See step 2) in clause C.3.2.

6) See step 3) in clause C.3.2.

7) See step 4) in clause C.3.2.

8) See step 6) in clause C.3.2.

9) See step 7) in clause C.3.2.

10) The domain orchestration service updates the domain-level inventory. This update of domain-level inventory considers the consequences of resource adjustment.

11-a) The domain orchestration service sends the acknowledgement for step 1-a).

11-b) If other Management Domain is waiting for the completion of configuration of this Management Domain (e.g. due to dependency), the domain orchestration service in this Management Domain may request configuration of the managed entities under other Management Domain on behalf of the E2E orchestration service.

C.4 Sequence of Switching Network Slice

There is a possibility that a network slice in use is changed to an alternative network slice when fault events occur in multiple management domains. By means of example, the anomaly events are detected in both core network management domain and transport network management domain. In such a case, network slice is switched over to another slice to solve the failure. This case provides an example of a sequence that a network slice instance is switched over to another one, triggered by the detection of anomaly by a ZSM service.
Figure C.4-1: Example of basic sequence diagram of Switching Network Slice
The performance measurement collection service in the Domain Data Collection collects data (e.g., performance data or fault data) from managed entity (network slice subnet instance) and notifies the MD of alarms/fault.

NOTE: Other management services such as performance measurements streaming service and performance events service can be used to collect data.

Based on collected data, the anomaly detection service in the Domain Analytics detects the trouble of a network slice subnet instance such as fault event, performance event or performance degradation.

The analytics service in the Domain Analytics tries to find root cause.

If the root cause could not be found in the MD, the domain orchestration service notifies the E2E service MD to analyse the root cause.

The analytics service in the E2E Service Analytics analyses the anomaly event and finds root cause.

The analytics service provides insights derived from the analysis with the service (which is responsible to make decisions).

If the E2E service MD make a decision to switch the network slice instance, the E2E service orchestration service checks the feasibility of E2E service MD.

The feasibility check service in E2E service MD notifies the alternative MD to check the feasibility of the MD.

The feasibility check service in the alternative MD checks and reserves the network slice subnet instance.

The feasibility check service in the alternative MD notifies the managed entity (network slice subnet instance) to check the feasibility.

The managed entity (network slice subnet instance) notifies the result to alternative MD.

The alternative MD notifies the result to E2E service MD.

The E2E Service Orchestration service in the E2E service MD notifies to switch the network slice and activate the alternative network slice instance.

The domain orchestration service in the alternative MD notifies to activate the alternative network slice subnet instance.

The alternative managed entity (network slice subnet instance) notifies the result to alternative MD.

The alternative MD notifies the result to E2E service MD.

The E2E service orchestration service in the E2E service MD notifies to deactivate the existing network slice instance.

The domain orchestration service in the MD notifies to deactivate the old network slice subnet instance.

The managed entity (network slice subnet instance) notifies the result to MD.

The MD notifies the result to E2E service MD.

The E2E service orchestration service reports the switching of network slice to the ZSM Framework Consumer.
Annex D (informative):
Recommendation on the cooperation with the standard groups and open source groups

D.1 Coordination between ZSM and other groups

Different groups have done specifications for network slicing management within their own domains. E2E network slicing needs to make use of the output from different groups and build federated solution with the coordination between different groups.

To provide E2E management solutions for management of E2E network slice instance, the ZSM provides the following functions:

1) Stitch the work from different groups and provide federated solution. The E2E management domain of the ZSM framework coordinates with the underlying management domains from each of those technical fields. Stitching requires the following minimum set of capabilities to be exposed from the domains to create E2E network slice instances.

   a) The capability to allocate and deallocate a domain slice subnet of the E2E network slice instance.
   b) The capability to modify a domain slice subnet of an E2E network slice instance.
   c) The capability to receive performance measures from the deployed domain slice subnet of the E2E network slice instance both file based and streaming.
   d) The capability of configuring performance thresholds relating to a domain slice subnet belonging to the E2E network slice instance and receiving threshold violations.
   e) The capability to receive fault events relating to a domain slice subnet belonging to the given E2E network slice instance from the management domain.
   f) The capability to check feasibility for allocation and modification of a domain slice subnet belonging to the given E2E network slice instance prior to allocation/modification. It is important to guarantee that the result of the feasibility check is valid within a particular period.
   g) The capability to request the customized exposure of management services from the respective management domains used to manage a domain slice subnet belonging to the given E2E network slice instance.

2) Support vertical customers' requests for E2E network slice instance. This involves that the E2E MD can support:

   a) Multiple vertical customers that may request different network slice instances at different times.
   b) Support the understanding of a specified SLA related to an E2E network slice instance for the vertical consumer.
   c) Support appropriate management service exposure and its configuration to the vertical consumer.

Figure D.1-1 shows the relation between ZSM and the other groups.

NOTE: The following groups may not be the complete list.
Support to verticals:
- Coordination with GSMA: GSMA is working on the GST and NEST to differentiate the service requirements from different vertical customers. ZSM federated solution can utilize outputs of vertical service requirements from GSMA as one of inputs.
- Coordination with TM Forum: TM Forum has provided a series network slicing related northbound OPEN APIs defined in TMF641 [i.4], TMF638 [i.5], TMF633 [i.6], TMF628 [i.7], TMF642 [i.8]. ZSM federated solution could use these OPEN APIs to for the interaction between ZSM framework consumers and the ZSM E2E service MD.

Support of E2E network slicing management:
- Coordination with 3GPP SA5 on 3GPP RAN and core network: 3GPP SA5 has provided network slicing solutions within 3GPP Management System defined in ETSI TS 128 531 [5], ETSI TS 128 532 [13], ETSI TS 128 550 [6]. ZSM federated solution should utilize the management services defined in 3GPP for the interaction between ZSM E2E service MD and RAN management domain and CN management domain. ZSM federated solution could use APIs defined by SA5 to support the interaction between ZSM Framework Consumer and the ZSM E2E service MD.
- Coordination with ETSI NFV on virtualization: ETSI NFV has provided virtualization resource management solutions. ZSM federated solution should utilize the virtualization solutions defined in ETSI GS NFV-IFA 013 [10] for the coordination between E2E service MD and virtualization management domain.

Coordination on transport:
- Coordination with ETSI NFV on transport: ETSI NFV has provided transport management solutions when NFVO MANO behaves as a TN manager. ZSM federated solution should utilize the solutions defined in ETSI GS NFV-IFA 013 [10] for the coordination between E2E service MD and TN domain.
- Coordination with IETF on transport networks: interaction between ZSM E2E service MD and TN management domain could use network slicing specifications developed or being developed in the TEAS WG to fulfil the requirements of transport part of the E2E network slice instance. See the table below.

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**Figure D.1-1: Illustration of the relation between the scopes of ZSM and other groups**
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<td>c. The capability to receive performance measures from the deployed domain slice subnet of the E2E network slice instance both file based and streaming in the performance measurements streaming service (see clause 6.5.2.2.2 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]) and in the performance measurements collection service (see clause 6.5.2.2.3 of ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12]).</td>
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- Coordination with BBF on transport: ZSM federated solution should coordinated with BBF on the Mobile-Transport Network Slice Interface (MT network slice instance) which deals with the transport network capabilities exposure architecture towards the 3GPP network slice management function. The details is FFS.
Annex E (informative):
Network slice subnet and Management Domain

An E2E network slice instance is produced as a collection of network slice subnet instances which are associated with specific portions of network. The scope of network slice subnets may or may not be consistent with that of the Management Domains depending on the business environments and requirements of each operator. The ZSM framework needs to be flexible to support various patterns of relationship between Networks Slice Subnet and Management Domains. The annex shows some possible patterns and how these patterns are supported by ZSM framework.

![Figure E-1: Possible patterns of network slice subnet and Management Domain](image)

The E2E Network Slice is under responsibility of E2E Service Management Domain. Network slice subnets are under responsibility of the E2E Service Management Domain and the Management Domains depending on the characteristics of the network slice subnet. The following patterns of network slice subnet are possible in the ZSM framework.

- **Pattern(1)** Network slice subnet covering multiple Management Domains
  An operator may want to make a network slice subnet covering multiple Management Domains. This network slice subnet can be produced by collecting network slice subnets in the different Management Domains. The network slice subnet made of the subordinate network slice subnets is managed by the E2E Service Management Domain.

- **Pattern(2)** Network slice subnet incorporating network slice subnet under other Management Domain
  A basic assumption of ZSM is that a network slice subnet is produced by collecting resources only under its own Management Domain. But there may be cases where the capability of the network slice subnet needs to be enhanced incorporating the capabilities provided by the other Management Domain. In such cases, network slice subnet incorporates network slice subnet in other Management Domain.
[Pattern-3] Hierarchical network slice subnets within the same Management Domains
Network slice subnets can be defined within the same Management Domain in hierarchical manner. This allows to provide different levels of granularity of network slice subnets by the same management domain. The network slice subnet can be the whole Management Domain or only a specific part of the Management Domain depending on the business requirements. Also, this allows multiple network slice subnets which have mutually exclusive sets of capabilities.

[Pattern-4] Incorporating lower level network slice subnet to the network slice subnet in the E2E Service Management Domain
The Management Domain can have a hierarchical structure of network slice subnet. In this case, the lower level network slice subnets may be allowed to be directly provided to the E2E Service Management Domain without producing higher level network slice subnet. This characteristic is useful if, for example, the operator wants to define different levels of network slice subnets to provide the different network slice customers based on the relationship with them.
Annex F (informative):
MnS mapping relations

F.1 MnS mapping table between ETSI GS ZSM 002 and 3GPP SA5

A series of management services are both defined in ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] and 3GPP SA5. Furthermore, 3GPP SA5 has already defined the detailed operations and notifications of each management services. This clause maps the management services in ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12] with the related ones in 3GPP SA5 to facilitate the ZSM management services to interact with the 3GPP system as one of the management domains.

Table F.1-1 shows the mapping relations of MnS in 3GPP SA5 to ETSI GS ZSM 002 [12].

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