

OneFIT - Research Project

Opportunistic Networks and Cognitive Management Systems
for Efficient Application Provision in the Future Internet

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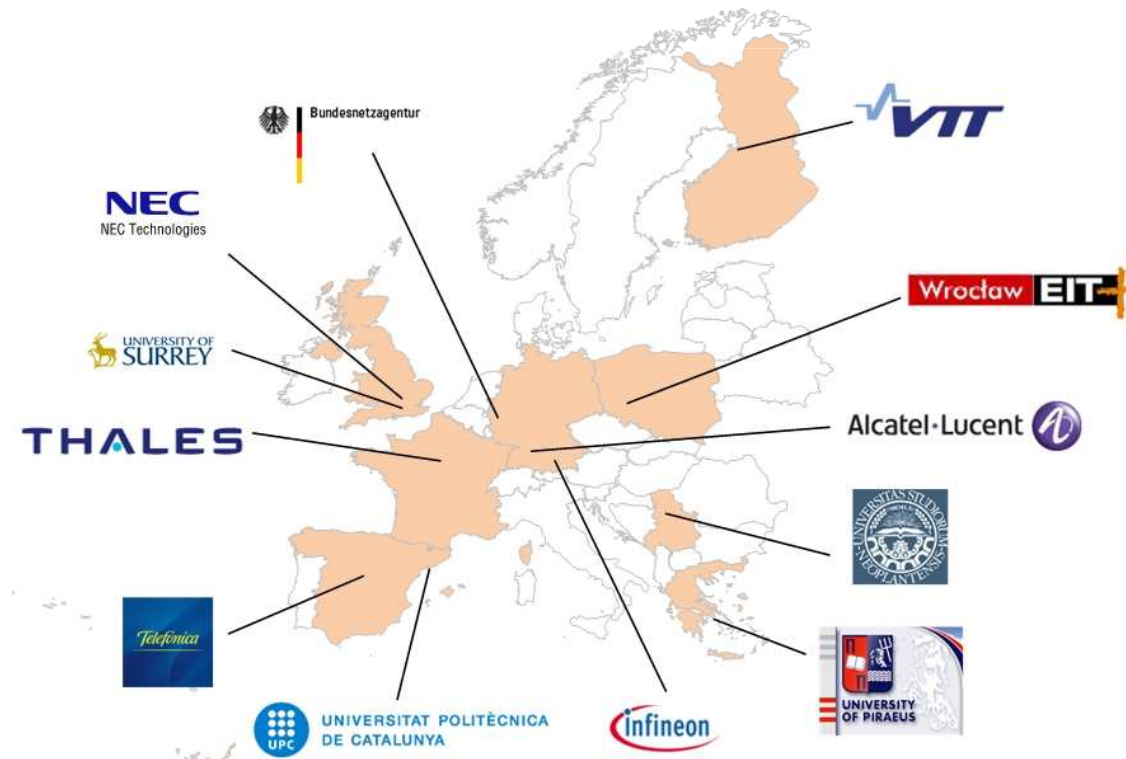
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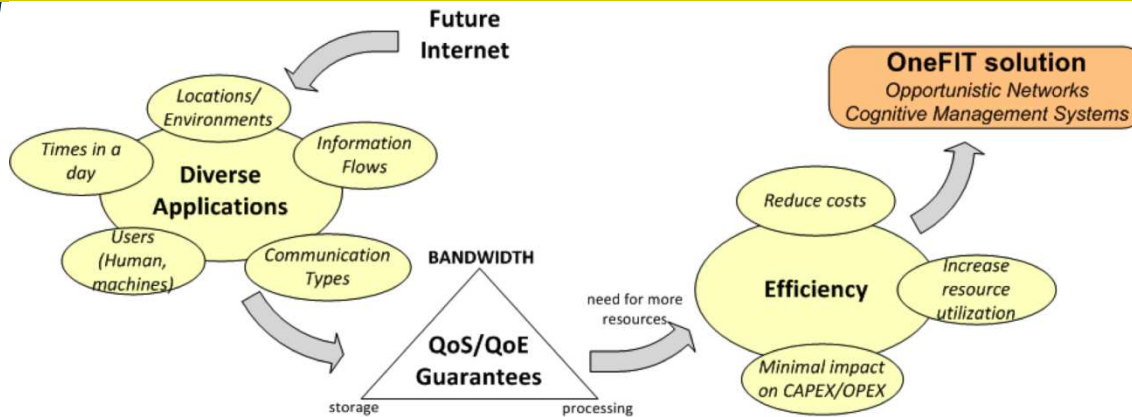
OneFIT Administrative Overview

OneFIT administrative highlights

- Duration: July 2010 – December 2012
- Consortium: 12 Organizations, 8 Countries
- Budget: Total budget 6,6m€, EU budget 3,9m€
- Resources: 553 PMs
- Contractual outcomes: 21 deliverables and 17 milestones



Motivation for OneFIT



● FI era requirements:

- Applications: numerous, diversified, often characterized by a “localized” interest
- QoE/QoS
- Increased need for wireless
- Need for efficiency in application provision

● Applications

- Growing interest for more application areas (FI penetrating every facet of our lives)
- New applications/services built on the concepts of social networking, need smart devices and connectivity everywhere
- Other applications including e.g. management of critical infrastructures, environment (eco-system) protection, product manufacturing, digital services each having own bandwidth and service provision requirements

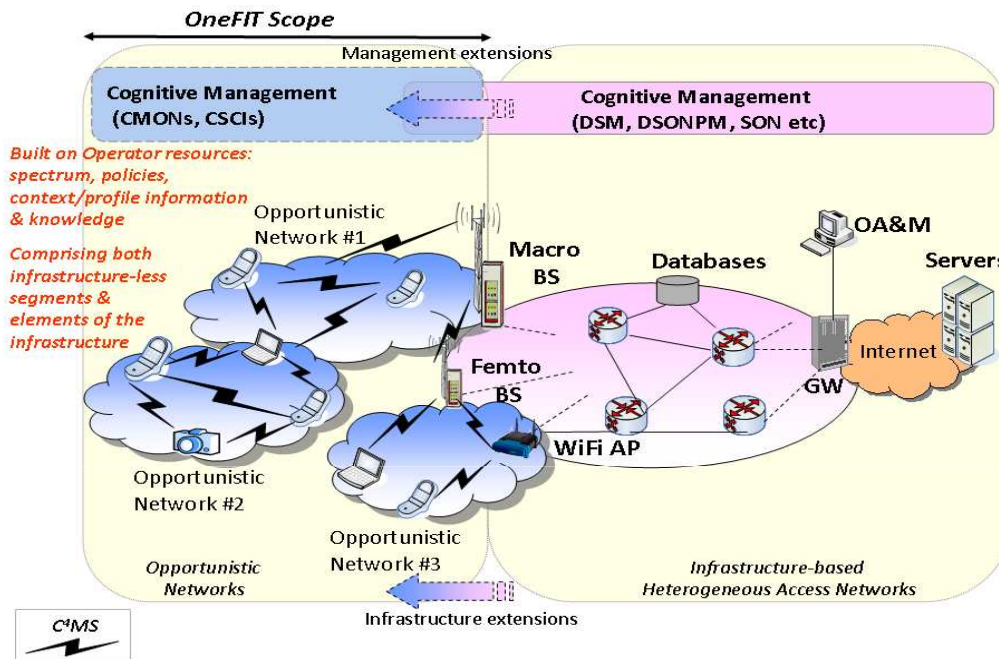
● Diversification

- Information flows, area and time of provision, end points can be users or machines, communication types
- Quality of Service – Quality of Experience
- Networks under stress for resources

● Efficiency in resource provision

- Worst-case based planning, leads to over-provisioning of resources in non-peak times.
- Intelligent resource management (e.g., spectrum reuse) is a solution, e.g., recent step is the addition of WiFi access points and femtocell nodes.
- User expectations increase and so do the resource requirements posed onto communication networks.
- Quest for further efficiency in resource provisioning.
- Efficiency coupled with: (i) the higher utilization of resources; (ii) energy consumption (iii) the reduction of the total cost of ownership, which will be assumed to comprise the operational expenditures (OPEX), capital expenditures (CAPEX), and costs associated with the management of customer relations.

High level solution description



- Anticipated benefits aimed by solutions:

- Increased utilization of resources. In all cases there is the temporary assignment of spectrum to the opportunistic network
- Lower transmission power levels, energy consumption, traffic load – larger Green footprints
- Cost efficient handling of various situations including unexpected or not-frequently occurring events.
- Value creation through the support of more (application provision, operation) scenarios.

- **Solution Approach:**

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- **Opportunistic networks**

- Operator governed (through resources, policies, and information/knowledge)
- Coordinated Extensions of the infrastructure
- Existing for a particular time interval, needed for application provision to users in most efficient manner
- Comprise network elements of infrastructure and devices (envisaged in the Future Internet)
- Context, profile, policy, knowledge-aware routing

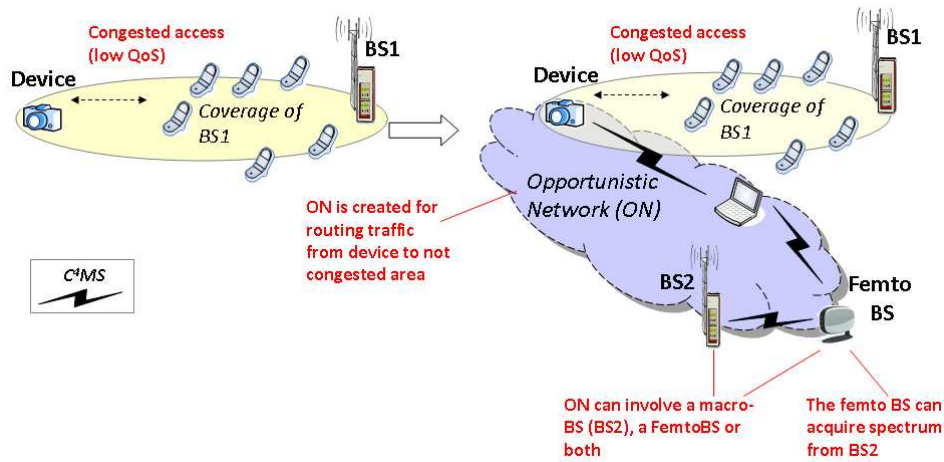
- **Cognitive management systems**

- Two types of systems are envisaged:
- Cognitive system for management of opportunistic networks (CMONs)
- Cognitive system for coordination with Infrastructure (CSCIs)
- Need close cooperation between two networks

- **Control Channels for the Cooperation (C⁴MS)**

- Cooperation of cognitive management systems
- Information definition, signalling flows, protocols (packet structures, exchange)

OneFIT Architecture



● Approach:

- *Business aspects: applications and scenarios*
- *Functional and system architecture*
- *Requirements and technical challenges* that have to be addressed by the opportunistic network, infrastructure and cognitive management systems: framed in this context is also the definition of *validation criteria*, in terms of resource utilization, green decisions,

● Architecture evolution

- Basis: E3, FA of ETSI TC RRS, IEEE SCC41 WG P1900.4
- High-level definition of functionality in the OneFIT system
- Inter-working between functionalities (abstract), and opportunistic network, and infrastructure networks.

● Tangible outcome

- Papers, contribution to ETSI TC RRS on evolved functional and system architecture

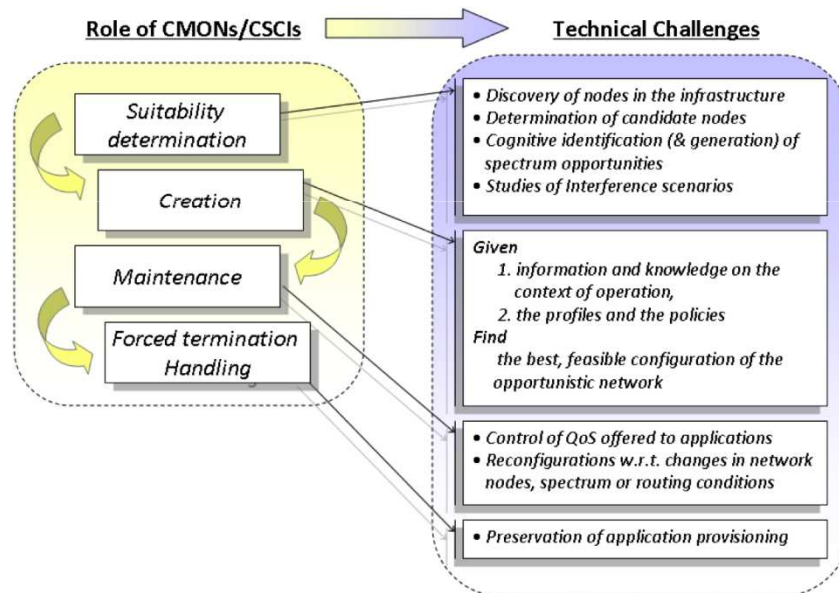
● Scenarios

- Expanding the coverage of the infrastructure.
- Congested access to the infrastructure.
- Operator-governed cost-efficient localized application, service, content provision
- Traffic aggregation and bridging of opportunistic networks with the outside world
- Congestion handling in the backhaul of wireless networks

● Applications

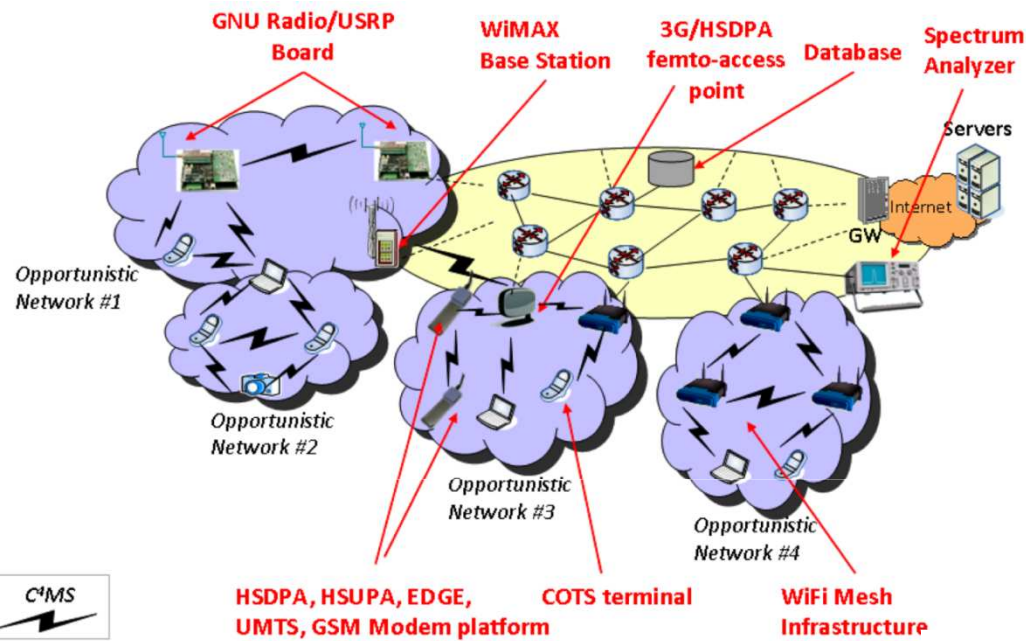
- SMS/MMS, instant messaging, voice chats etc. of users in a social network.
- Users in a social network, interested in a popular topic (relevant to a particular location/context), establish/join spontaneously a voice/video multi-conference.
- Seamless, automatic, self-configuration (identities, devices, call routing etc.), taking into account user profile (preferences, requirements, contacts), context and policies.
- Tag, share and record voice/video conversations and messages/chats, in real time. Discovery by users of this content
- Enabling users to record, comment, categorize and organize their past, present and future communications in social networks.

Cognitive management systems – Control channels for cooperation



- Suitability determination (Suitability of opportunistic network approach).
 - Node/infrastructure discovery
 - Identification of candidate nodes
 - Identification and generation of spectrum opportunities from the infrastructure side,
 - Interference scenarios resulting from the opportunistic networks.
- Opportunistic network creation.
 - Selection of the optimal, feasible configuration of the opportunistic networks.
 - Configuration includes the selection of participant nodes, spectrum and routing pattern.
- Opportunistic network maintenance.
 - How to control QoS offered to the applications served by opportunistic networks?
 - Reconfiguration actions in the case of alterations in the node status, and the spectrum and routing conditions.
- Handling of forced terminations of the opportunistic network.
 - Preservation of applications as much as possible, even when the opportunistic network has to be terminated before the data session ends.

Validation



- **Hardware platform**

- 3G/HSDPA femto-access point (NTUK).
- WiMAX and WiFi access points (UPRC).
- WiFi Mesh infrastructure (UNS). "Access" type, using 802.11b/g, "interconnecting" or "gateway" type using 802.11a. ArrowSpan's MeshAP3800.
- GNU board/USRP (UNIS, UPC).
- COTS mobile terminals (UPC, implemented as GNU boards) and PDAs (UPRC).
- 2G/3G modem platform (IFX).
- Spectrum analyzer, database (UPC).

- **Management platform**

- Discovery procedures and algorithms by ALUD
- Candidate node determination by UPRC
- Spectrum opportunity identification by UPRC , ALUD and UPC
- Opportunistic network creation and reconfiguration by NTUK, UPC and UPRC (spectrum selection functionality), and TCF and UNS (routing pattern selection).
- Forced termination handling by UPRC.
- Exploitation of findings from off line studies

- **Tangible outcome:**

- Prototype platform realizing the system architecture and supporting the scenarios of WP2
- Integration of algorithms (WP4) and interfaces and protocols (WP3) into the platform
- Integration of Future Internet class of services, focusing on social networking and prosumer related applications, services and micro-services
- Experiments and fine tuning of OneFIT systems based on results
- Papers on the benefits and the validation of the OneFIT solutions

Consortium, WPs, outputs

Participant organization name	Part. short name	Country
University of Piraeus Research Center	UPRC	Greece
Alcatel-Lucent Bell-Labs Deutschland	ALUD	Germany
Telefónica Investigación y Desarrollo S.A. Unipersonal	TID	Spain
Thales Communications S.A.	TCF	France
Infineon Technologies AG	IFX	Germany
NEC Technologies	NTUK	United Kingdom
VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland	VTT	Finland
EIT+ Wrocław Research Centre	EIT+	Poland
The University of Surrey	UNIS	United Kingdom
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya	UPC	Spain
University of Novi Sad – Faculty of Technical Sciences	UNS	Serbia
Bundesnetzagentur für Elektrizität, Gas, Telekommunikation, Post und Eisenbahnen	BNetzA	Germany

- WP Structure:

- WP1: Management
- WP2: Business aspects, requirements, architecture
- WP3: Control channels for the cooperation of the cognitive management systems
- WP4: Algorithms
- WP5: Integration, experiments, validation
- WP6: Dissemination, Standardization, Regulation, Exploitation, Training

Objective	Concrete output
Architecture	Standards (RRS), prototype
Algorithms	Papers, prototype, IPR
C ⁴ MS	Standards (RRS), prototype
Validation	Prototype platform encompassing algorithms and interfaces
Dissemination	Papers, standards, regulation

OneFIT Dissemination and External Relations

- Cooperations and interactions at EC level
 - Future Internet cluster, RAS cluster
 - ICT – UniverSelf
- Standardization and Regulation
 - ETSI TC RRS is a primary focus
 - Regulation impact through guidance of BNetzA
- Dissemination
 - Presence in conferences already, submitted journal publications, target regular presence in main conferences and more journal publications
- Further cross-fertilization
 - Future Internet Assembly (FIA), European Future Internet initiatives
 - Cost Actions IC092 and IC095
 - Wireless Innovation Forum (WInF)
- Web site: www.ict-onefit.eu