

## Partners

EVOLVED-5G consortium brings together 21 partners, i.e., 3 research and academic institutions, 11 SMEs, 6 industrial partners, and 1 entrepreneurship accelerator, from 10 countries. The project is led by Telefonica I+D.



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Experimentation and Validation Openness for  
Long-term evolution of Vertical industries  
in 5G era and beyond

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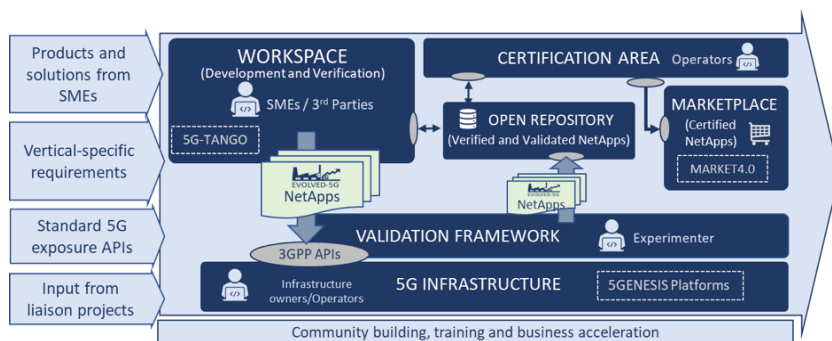
## MOTIVATION

The intense research work on 5G experimentation in Europe has reached the point where the evolved 5G capabilities, provided through the Service-Based Architecture (SBA), are to be exploited by third party innovators. Key enabler for this openness is the realisation of network programmability through standard APIs. An endeavor that is expected to shape a new and dynamic ecosystem in mobile networks from both the technology and marketing perspectives. Indeed, SBA allows the exposure of network services and capabilities through the Network Exposure Function, a border function of the 5G core network. Already, 3GPP has specified the procedures and the information flows for a common API framework to address applicability, duplication and inconsistency aspects of the 5G northbound service APIs.

In this context, vertical industries will be able to develop NetApps, i.e., to compose services by consuming 3GPP APIs as well as other telco assets. For example, a NetApp could consume APIs that provide monitoring events and network slice configuration analysis to compose a service that guarantees quality of experience for latency-sensitive applications.

**EVOLVED-5G** embraces the potential of the emerging NetApp ecosystem under a twofold scope:

- Build an open experimentation facility for NetApp creation, validation, and certification, and
- Provide the means and the tools for long-term evolution of 5G-enabled vertical industries.



Abstract representation of the EVOLVED 5G approach

## PILOT 5G SITES

**EVOLVED-5G** proposal is built on top of two 5G-PPP ICT-17 experimentation infrastructures in **Athens** and **Malaga**, which have been developed in the framework of 5GENESIS Project. Both facilities are composed of distributed components and are equipped with 3GPP-R15 5G-NR infrastructure in bundle with a set of automation tools to support the experimentation by vertical users across multiple domains.

- **The Athens platform** will be implemented on the Athens.5Glink ([www.athens5glink.eu](http://www.athens5glink.eu)) testbed. The testbed is going to be extended to offer the telecommunication ecosystem an E2E experimental 5G platform, showcasing features of next generation networks, with particular focus on software network technologies (NFV/SDN) and edge computing for small cell infrastructures.
- **The Malaga platform** aims the validation of selected 5G KPIs in indoor and outdoor 5G scenarios. The platform integrates 5G with other access technologies (4G, WiFi, fiber, etc) with great automation capabilities to execute experiments both unattended and with real users.

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