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European foreword

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Introduction

General deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) in the field of road transport and for interfaces with other modes of transport is demanded by the Directive 2010/40/EU [3] of the European Parliament. ITS means “applying information technology and communications technology (ICT) for improving traffic, especially road traffic”.

Urban Intelligent Transport Systems (U-ITS) is a term indicating the provisioning of ITS services applying ITS technologies in an urban context. Development of standards dedicated to U-ITS is supported by the European Commission's mandate M/546 [2] with technical details identified in the final report [1] of project team PT1701. U-ITS standards will complement those for cooperative ITS (C-ITS) developed under the European Commission's mandate M/453, see [4].

NOTE Basic ITS technologies applied for U-ITS can be the same as those applied for C-ITS.

Provisioning of ITS services typically may require communications between ITS station units (ITS-SU) specified in ISO 21217:2014. Diverging requirements for communications and limitations of capabilities of available communication channels led to the concept of Hybrid Communications providing multiple communication protocol stacks with different access technologies and communications protocols for localized communications and networked communications together with the capability of handover, specified in a series of standards, e.g. ISO 21217:2014, ISO 21218 [30], EN ISO 17423 [20], ISO 24102-6 [31], ISO 21215 [29], ISO 17515-3 [22], ISO 21210 [28], ISO 29281-1 [32], and others.

A major characteristic of C-ITS is the sharing of data between ITS applications in the same ITS-SU and in different ITS-SUs. A major service domain of C-ITS is the domain of road safety and traffic efficiency, with a certain focus on wireless communications between ITS-SUs installed in vehicles, also referred to as Vehicle ITS-SU (V-ITS-SU), and wireless communications between V-ITS-SUs and ITS-SUs installed at the roadside, also referred to as Roadside ITS-SU (R-ITS-SU).

Although there are differences between U-ITS and C-ITS with respect of target service domains (data and procedures necessary for the provisioning of dedicated urban ITS services), data and procedures developed for C-ITS might also be beneficially applied in U-ITS.

Whilst C-ITS currently largely focuses on the road safety domain, U-ITS deals with the ITS service domains

- Multimodal Information Systems;
- Traffic Management;
- Urban Logistics;

see [1].

A major goal to be achieved with U-ITS standards is to assist urban administration to implement U-ITS, and removing barriers for implementing U-ITS, see CEN/TR 17143 [1].

A precise definition of the borderline between U-ITS and ITS for other target domains, e.g. ITS on highways, is impossible. However, this document aims on identifying and specifying ITS issues that are relevant for urban administrations. It is important to understand that ITS issues developed for urban areas also may be applicable outside of urban areas.

Development of standards for U-ITS has to consider automated and autonomous vehicles [1], and the work on data and message specifications performed under the name of DATEX for data exchange between central stations and between a central station and a service provider.

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models' (M/546 [2]). The scope of the present document results from the High Level Recommendation "1701-HLRd Traffic Management Data Models and interfaces" identified in CEN/TR 17143 [1].

The present document is about communications interfaces and profiles applicable for U-ITS with a focus on communications between central stations, i.e. Central ITS-SUs (C-ITS-SUs). Such C-ITS-SUs can be part of e.g. central traffic management centres, centres from authorities, centres from service providers. The communication profile definitions presented in this document are based on the methodology being specified in ISO/TS 21185.

Data definitions are outside the scope of this document and are developed within other PTs funded under M/546 [2].