CO-N-SERN

COoperative aNd Self growing Energy awaRe Networks













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CONSERN Consortium

- The consortium combines academic and industrial research, with the common goal of improving actual research activities towards ICT spectrum and energy efficiency using multi-band cognitive radio techniques,
- The CONSERN consortium is composed of nine (9) partners from five (5) EU countries.
 - Large semiconductor and telecommunication manufacturers (HWSE/HWDU, IFX, TREL,),
 - Network Operators (OTE),
 - Academic partners (NKUA), and ,
 - World-leading research institutes (IMEC, Fraunhofer, IBBT)
- The consortium intends to achieve significant and concrete results, including a proof-of-concept, with associated exploitation plans.







Project Overview

- Proposal: 257542
- Acronym: CONSERN
- Program Call: FP7-ICT-2009-5
- Funding scheme: Small or medium-scale focused research project -STREP -CP-FP-INFSO
- Duration: 24 months
- Activity: ICT-5-3.5 -Engineering of Networked Monitoring and Control Systems
- Plan: A two-phase project
- 1st Phase duration: 2 years (June 10 – May 12)
- EU Budget: 2100 KE
- Resources: 274.23 PMs

1st Phase of CONSERN

Cooperative energy efficiency in small scale, single purpose network

Integrated testbed for energy efficiency and self-growing impact in NW elements

Specifications of mechanisms for the Self Growing Network

Y7

2nd Phase of CONSERN

Enhanced solutions for the transition from small to large scale

Integrated prototyping activities for the large scale network

Project applicability showcasing

Y3





Project Rationale

Future distributed systems –requirements and opportunities

- Robust, predictable and self-adaptive behaviour for large-scale networked systems,
- Efficient cooperation of heterogeneous elements in order to provide advanced problem solving capabilities and improved services,
- Innovations for low energy for sustainable economic growth,
- Increased systems complexity (wrt to scale and functionality, reliability and dependability),
- Coping with evolution of a wireless network often demands for infrastructure and terminal replacement and costly reconfigurations,
- Low energy solutions create an attractive business case.



Why do we need CONSERN?

- Energy efficient and dependable operation at the level of cooperating wireless elements, network compartments and networks as a whole is becoming an increasingly difficult objective
- Existing solutions are optimised for:
 - Reducing cost and enabling flexibility
 - Self-evolving systems which would allow the emergence of hybrid solutions with limited effort

CONSERN aims at developing and validating a novel paradigm for dedicated, purpose-driven small scale wireless networks characterized by a service-centric evolutionary approach introduced here as an energy-aware self-growing network.





Project main idea and concepts (1/3)

CONSERN is based on two (2) main research directions:

- Solutions for optimised energy and power consumption in a small scale, purpose-driven network through balancing autonomic and cooperative approaches,
- Mechanisms for the self-evolvement of the network towards a large-scale, multi-purpose network.
- CONSERN pursues an approach to increase dependability, cost and energy efficiency, and also flexibility, resilience, and robustness of a heterogeneous wireless network by utilizing reconfigurable wireless communication nodes and distributed cooperative control functions.



Project main idea and concepts (2/3)

CONSERN will work on

- The key mechanisms for communication optimisation, as well as,
- The mechanisms for dynamic and gradual evolvement of the CONSERN network features deployment in larger infrastructures. These include the development of novel abstractions and scalable methods for sensing, control and decision-making.

The Self-growing network paradigm considers

- Mechanisms for energy efficient interaction of the wireless network elements, and,
- Mechanisms for the reliable and efficient evolvement towards later lifecycle phases.



Project main idea and concepts (3/3)

Self-Growing network lifecycle phases

- A **Self-Growing network** is set up on-demand, dedicated to a single purpose.
- During its lifecycle, it can evolve to serve several different objectives as needed, such as providing general voice and data communications, integrating sensor networks in the vicinity or supporting safety of life applications under exceptional situations
- Towards the end of its lifecycle, the self-growing network may still remain active and may serve as a **dedicated purpose (embedded) network** or as a failover for applications associated with other networks sharing the same area.



Scientific and Technical Objectives

- Development and optimisation of cooperative mechanisms for heterogeneous distributed elements in a small-scale, purposedriven network,
- Underlying mechanisms for scalable energy efficient heterogeneous self-growing network paradigms and study the potential market impact of such paradigms,
- Development and presentation of an integrated demonstrator based on the selected scenarios.



CONSERN WP Breakdown

Project and Technical Management

Scenarios, Impact Assessment and Valorisation

Optimisations for Energy Efficiency Cooperation and Collaboration Mechanisms

Enablers for Self-Growing Paradigms

Validation and Proof of Concept



Standardisation Activities

ETSI RRS	Monitor & Potential Contribution	Contribution
3GPP	Monitor & Potential Contribution	Contribution
IEEE 802.15	Monitor & Potential Contribution	Contribution
IEEE 802.11	Monitor & Potential Contribution	
IEEE 802.16	Monitor & Potential Contribution	
IEEE SCC 41	Monitor & Potential Contribution	
SDR Forum	Monitor & Potential Contribution	
IETF "ROLL"	Monitor & Potential Contribution	
Femto Forum	Monitor & Potential Contribution	
ZigBee	Monitor & Potential Contribution	
M1	M6 M12	M18 M24





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