

Exploring the impact of NFV

Objective of Working Group

- explore impact of SDN/NFV implementation in the Service Providers' and Carriers' networks
- analyze how SDN/NFV is changing the current services in terms of configuration, implementation, information exchanged, operational process, expertise of the personnel, etc.
- identify whether and how SDN/NFV modify the current way of interconnecting for wholesale services
- evaluate the additional efficiency Service Providers and Carriers can gain adoption a SDN-NFV architecture

Deliverables

- State of the art in NFV – May 2016
- Operational Impact of NFV – May 2017

Operational Impact of NFV (May 2017)

- Processes : Engineering, QA, Commercial, Site, IP, Security, Provisioning, Other
- Technical : Activation and Provisioning, Change management, Inventory management, Performance management, Fault Management, SLA management, OSS/BSS
- Organizational : Culture, Headcount, Performance, Re-architecting NFV Solution to Fit Existing Infrastructure, Inter departmental commitment



New Areas to Explore

- Sharing information to migrate successfully – what are the main components (hypervisors, virtual components, cloud software, orchestrators)
- Multi-vendor / open source implementations – how to put all the pieces together, what works with what
- Issues encountered if any from those PoCs – lessons learned
- How can carriers improve their infrastructure to support such technologies – what can be achieved and what are still open issues
- Dimensioning rules for NFV
- Debugging in NFV
- HA in NFV (using public clouds)
- Moving beyond NFV to cloud

