
ERICSSON LAUNCHES OPNFV CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

- Creates an environment to ensure NFV solutions and infrastructure are compatible with emerging NFV standards and the open-source OPNFV reference platform
- Certification will initially be available from facilities in the US and Europe, and globally via a distributed cloud environment
- Ericsson is a firm believer in the potential that NFV holds for telecommunications, and is contributing to a range of related open-source initiatives

Ericsson (NASDAQ: ERIC), a platinum member of Open Platform for Network Functions Virtualization (OPNFV), has launched an OPNFV certification program. The program will create an environment to ensure NFV solutions and infrastructures are compatible with emerging NFV standards and the open-source OPNFV reference platform.

OPNFV is a collaborative project hosted by The Linux Foundation in which the carrier and vendor communities are working together to advance the evolution of NFV and ensure consistency, performance and interoperability.

OPNFV will be a carrier-grade, integrated, open source reference platform to allow operators to accelerate introduction of new products and services and reduce costs.

Multi-vendor interoperability is a key requirement for telecommunications, and Ericsson provides testing and verification services for both carriers and vendors around the world. By leveraging the existing multi-vendor and interoperability capabilities, Ericsson will make the program available from two lab facilities – one in the US and one in Europe – and globally via a distributed cloud environment.

Paolo Colella, Vice President and Head of Consulting and Systems Integration at Ericsson, says: “The OPNFV certification program will certify vendors for compliance with the NFV standards being developed on the OPNFV reference platform. Ericsson is a firm believer in the potential that NFV holds for telecommunications, and this certification program is one of the concrete steps we are taking to hasten its adoption.”

The OPNFV certification program will validate workload portability, flexibility, scalability, and full-stack interoperability of features, functions and interfaces, in addition to benchmarking performance where relevant. Ericsson welcomes customers, partners and other members of the OPNFV community to discuss their requirements for processes, methods and tools.

In addition to being a platinum member of OPNFV, Ericsson contributes to a range of related open-source initiatives such as the OpenDaylight and OpenStack projects.



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About OPNFV

Open Platform for NFV (OPNFV) is a new open source project focused on accelerating the evolution of Network Functions Virtualization (NFV). OPNFV will establish a carrier-grade, integrated, open source reference platform that industry peers will build together to advance the evolution of NFV and to ensure consistency, performance and interoperability among multiple open source components. Because multiple open source NFV building blocks already exist, OPNFV will work with upstream projects to coordinate continuous integration and testing while filling development gaps.

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