
ERICSSON SELECTED AS SOLUTION PARTNER FOR NETWORK VIRTUALIZATION PLATFORM AND CLOUD MANAGER BY NTT DOCOMO

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- Contributing to the realization of commercialization of NFV

Ericsson (NASDAQ:ERIC) has been selected as a solution partner to provide Japanese operator NTT DOCOMO with its network virtualization platform and cloud management for their project of commercial deployment of a complete virtualized evolved packet core (EPC) network in a multi-vendor environment.

Ericsson will deploy its globally-recognized Cloud Execution Environment and Cloud Manager for NTT DOCOMO, as part of their evolution towards network functions virtualization (NFV).

The solution will provide an open and future-proof network function virtualization architecture, fulfilling NTT DOCOMO's need for a standardized multivendor virtualization environment.

Ericsson Cloud Execution Environment is built to cater for any possible workload, including the very challenging network requirements from telecom operators.

It is built on open source software and open standards to ensure multi-vendor interoperability, and can be combined with the Ericsson Cloud Manager for network services, virtualized network function (VNF) and application management, which orchestrates and manages the provisioning, optimization and monitoring of cloud infrastructure resources, VNF, network services and application.

Ericsson is committed to being a key driver of the open platform for network virtualization (OPNFV) to ensure that the vision of NFV is realized.

Overall, the Ericsson Cloud Manager and Ericsson Cloud Execution Environment will support NTT DOCOMO with enhanced flexibility of network deployments and operations to improve its efficiency, speed up new and innovative service introduction, and increase network resilience.

Seizo Onoe, Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer at NTT DOCOMO, says: "NFV, which has finally moved into its commercial phase, is no longer just a pie-in-

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the-sky idea. Through multi-vendor initiatives with Ericsson and other leading vendors in the NFV domain, we look forward to putting NFV to practical use and thereby helping to accelerate the transition to a new era for mobile networks.”

Jan Signell, Head of Region North East Asia, Ericsson, says: “NTT DOCOMO’s selection of Ericsson as the solution partner for this project confirms our position as the market leaders in network virtualization and cloud management. Their early adoption of this solution will give them great competitive advantages in terms of flexibility and control, allowing them to react quickly to the demands and needs of their customers in Japan.”

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