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TAG Meeting 140

9:45 – 15:30, 29 July 2026

TAG_140_2406 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1. Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS presented the draft non-confidential minutes for TAG 139 and the TAG **APPROVED** the minutes as final.

SECAS presented the outstanding actions and the TAG **AGREED** to close the actions marked as propose to close.

2. Portfolio Level Overview of Environments (For Information) (GREEN)

The DCC presented an overview of environment utilisation, confirming the successful deployment of the July Maintenance Release and Virtual Wide Area Network (VWAN) security requirements into Production with no reported issues.

The TAG discussed the Future Service Management (FSM) Maintenance Release (MR) 2 options and timelines. The TAG requested further information on the scope of MR2 and whether the User Integration Testing (UIT) timescales could be amended.

The TAG **NOTED** the update.

3. CI/CD Overview (For Information) (GREEN)

The DCC presented the Continuous Integration/Continuous Deployment (CI/CD) approach, outlining plans for repeatable and traceable change delivery. The approach would automate governance activities for low-risk changes while retaining existing approval controls. The DCC also provided an update on test assurance, performance metrics, and the development of technical interfaces to support implementation across pipelines.

The TAG **NOTED** the update.

4. Future DSP Release 1 Update (For Information) (AMBER)

The DCC provided an update on Future Data Service Provider (DSP) Release 1 (R1), outlining the scope of the release, planned cutover activities, and the proposed testing approach. The TAG discussed potential IP address and firewall changes, engagement with Service Users and Adapter

Providers, and lessons learned from previous programmes.

The TAG **NOTED** the update.

5. Performance/System Capacity Testing Issues Severity Classification (For Decision) (GREEN)

The DCC presented the severity descriptions for Non-Functional Testing Issues (TIs) for TAG approval. The DCC confirmed that the descriptions would be adopted to improve alignment with operational expectations. No further feedback was provided by TAG members, therefore the descriptions remained unchanged since TAG139.

The TAG **APPROVED** the severity descriptions for Non-Functional TIs.

6. Future DSP Release 2 SCTAD (For Review) (GREEN)

The DCC presented the draft System Capacity Test Document Approach (SCTAD) for Future DSP, outlining the test objectives, target performance levels, and proposed testing methodology. The approach included migration, and failover scenarios, supported by detailed monitoring and reporting metrics.

TAG members were invited to review the draft SCTAD and provide feedback by 12 August 2026, with the Test Completion Report (TCR) to be submitted to TAG141 on 26 August 2026.

The TAG **NOTED** the proposal.

7. DSP Optimisation Approach to Testing (For Review) (GREEN)

The DCC presented its proposed DSP Optimisation Approach to Testing, outlining the introduction of Kafka-based queuing to improve scheduled read processing and reduce reliance on the shared Oracle database. The DCC advised that this change will be released into Production at the end of January 2027.

The TAG discussed the planned testing and migration approach, including functional regression, capacity testing, and User testing activities, as well as the limitations of replicating production volumes in test environments. The DCC confirmed that the changes would be transparent to Service Users and Adapter Providers, with no configuration changes required.

TAG members were invited to review the Approach to Testing and provide feedback by 12 August 2026 for approval at TAG141 on 26 August 2026.

The TAG **NOTED** the proposal.

8. 4G CH (R2) TAD Revision (For Decision) (AMBER)

The DCC presented the 4G Communication Hub (CH) Release 2 (R2) Testing Approach Document (TAD) version 2.1 for approval. The DCC confirmed that the approach allows software and CHs deliveries to be decoupled, enabling the software release to proceed within the planned delivery window while CHs firmware and associated functionality are delivered separately when ready.

The TAG **APPROVED** 4G CH (R2) TAD version 2.1.

9. 4G CH (R2) SIT Phase Testing Issues Severities (For Decision) (GREEN)

The TAG reviewed the open TIs identified during 4G R2 System Integration Testing (SIT) testing. TAG members highlighted the importance of effective incident triage, improved access to diagnostic information, and wider communication of known issues and recovery guidance, while noting that planned fixes and existing workarounds would help mitigate the identified risks.

The TAG **AGREED** to discount two TIs as Manufacturer Accepted issues and **AGREED** the severity of six Open TIs.

10. Java 21 PARSEC (Parse & Correlate) Approach to Testing (For Review) (GREEN)

The DCC presented the Approach to Testing to uplift the Parse and Correlate tool from Java 8 to Java 21. The DCC confirmed that the updated tool would remain fully backwards compatible with other Java versions.

TAG members were invited to review the Approach to Testing and provide feedback by 12 August 2026.

The TAG **NOTED** the proposal.

11. SEC MP293 for Enhanced DCC Service Availability during DCC Service Disruptions/Adverse Weather (For Discussion) (GREEN)

The DCC presented [SEC Modification MP293](#) which aims to improve service availability during DSP outages to support Pre-Payment consumers and Network Operators during critical events. The discussion covered data synchronisation and recovery arrangements, testing and governance approach, and proposed User Testing activities. Members provided feedback on testing arrangements and timelines, with further details to be circulated ahead of the planned modification approval process and submission to Ofgem.

The TAG **NOTED** the update.

12. GBCS 4.2 CHM2 UTS Testing Issues Position (For Information) (GREEN)

The DCC presented an update on TI position following the end of Great Britain Companion Specification (GBCS) 4.2 CHM2 User Testing.

The TAG **NOTED** the update.

13. DCC Testing Updates (For Information) (**GREEN**)

SMETS1 FOC ANSO Re-Procurement Testing Update

The DCC presented an update on the Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specification 1 (SMETS1) Final Operating Cohort (FOC) Advanced Network Services Operations (ANSO) Re-Procurement Programme.

The TAG **NOTED** the update.

November 2026 SEC Release

The DCC presented an update on November 2026 SEC Release.

The TAG **NOTED** the update.

Future DSP Release 2 Testing Update

The DCC presented an update on Future DSP Release 2 testing.

The TAG **NOTED** the update.

GBCS 4.2 Testing Update

The DCC provided an update on the GBCS testing.

The TAG **NOTED** the update.

4G CH Release 2 Testing Update

The DCC provided an update on 4G CH R2 Testing.

The TAG **NOTED** the update.

SMETS1 Testing Update

The DCC presented an update on SMETS1 testing.

The TAG **NOTED** the update.

FSM Testing Update

The DCC presented an update on FSM testing.

The TAG **NOTED** the update.

14. AOB (CLEAR)

FSM CPL Testing Issue

The DCC advised that a TI had been raised in FSM when uploading Central Products List (CPL) submissions. The DCC are currently investigating the issue.

SEC Annual Customer Survey

SECAS announced the opening of the SEC [Annual Customer Survey](#), which closes on 7 August 2026.

Meeting Format

SECAS explained the new personas-based format for meeting minutes, and Members were invited to provide feedback on the revised minutes format. Details were shared regarding the next in-person TAG meeting, with further logistical information to be circulated in advance.

SEC Mailbox

SECAS informed the group of a change in the SEC help desk email address, providing the new contact details and confirming the process remains unchanged.

Next Meeting Date:

TAG141 – 26 August 2026 (In-person)