# 5G and Edge Cloud for Smart Communities Expectations from 5G for Smart Communities Call 3



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# **Funding**

- Call budget: 51 million euros
- Deployment of 5G and Edge infrastructure elements that enable innovative use-cases for services of general interest or public authorities

## **Raising Awareness**

- Benefits of 5G in populated areas
   & the importance of reaching 5G targets
- FYI: The dedicated Coordination
   & Support platform (CSA) will gather good practices & disseminate results
- See also the call: CSA for edge cloud integration



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 Reimbursing up to 75% of the infrastructure costs



 Facilitating an online community for stakeholders (5GSC.EU)





 "partner search" function of the Funding & Tenders portal



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#### The owners of the funded 5G infrastructure:

the company that will operate the network infrastructure (possibly a private network and with unlicensed 5G spectrum)



### The providers of the use cases:

public authorities or providers of services of general interest (during the lifetime of the project)



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# **Eligible costs**

- √ 5G passive & active infrastructure, including
  5G connectivity software & services and
  connectivity hardware/software for objects
- √ Edge cloud hardware/software
- Fibre backhaul, yet *not* the major focus (< about 10%)
- Individual applications, internet software services



# **Security Requirements**

✓ Applicants should fill in self-declarations, including guarantees approved by the Member State in which they are established, on the basis of national law

(Not applicable for the end-users of the consortium)

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# Call-3 in a snapshot



#### What's new

- Bundling 5G with Edge Cloud deployment.
- Reimbursement of the Edge Cloud computing infra as an option (if deployed at the same location to take advantage of energy and time efficiencies).

#### What remains unchanged

- At least 2 partners: the owner of the 5G infra & the provider of the SGI use-case.
- Up to 75% reimbursement of the infra cost (passive & active).
  - Fibre backhaul (up to 10%).
- Total funding: €51 million.
- Procurements should be in line with 5G cybersecurity toolbox (high-risk suppliers).
- Duration 36 months (extensions are possible).



# Closing the gap between 5G & Edge



## The premise?

- Slow rollout of Edge capacity in 5G. (DD target is 10 000 edge nodes by 2030)
  - no infra deployment, no software developed

## The promise?

- Decreasing latency in 5G (6G)
   added value in compute &
   storage attached
- Off-loading for battery operated and resource constraint (low CPU/RAM/storage) devices

## Hot to get there?

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5G for Connected and Automated Road Mobility in the European UnioN

#### Experimental use case example:

- low latency, autonomous and assisted driving vehicle functions
- 5G connectivity and edge computing infra deployed by the network operators



# 5GSC Community Support Platform



- Make sure to join the 5GSC Community Support Platform: 5GSC.eu
- The platform is a networking & knowledge-exchange online platform where you can:
  - Meet like-minded stakeholders & project partners
  - Share good practices
  - Stay up to date with 5G events
  - Get information on call openings





# Questions & Answers

