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- *Part 2: Framework overview* [Technical Report]
- *Part 3: Concept of operations (ConOps) for 'Core' systems* [Technical Report]
- *Part 4: Minimum system requirements and behaviour for core systems* [Technical Report]
- *Part 6: Core systems risk assessment methodology* [Technical Report]
- *Part 7: Privacy aspects* [Technical Report]
- *Part 8: Liability aspects* [Technical Report]
- *Part 9: Compliance and enforcement aspects* [Technical Report]
- *Part 10: Driver distraction and information display* [Technical Report]

The following ITS parts are under preparation:

- *Part 1: Roles and responsibilities in the context of co-operative ITS architectures(s)*
- *Part 5: Common approaches to security* [Technical Report]
- *Part 11: Compliance and enforcement aspects* [Technical Report]
- *Part 12: Release processes* [Technical Report]
- *Part 13: Use case test cases* [Technical Report]
- *Part 14: Maintenance requirements and processes* [Technical Report]

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This Technical Report provides an informative 'Concept of operations for ore systems' supporting *Cooperative intelligent transport systems (C-ITS)*. It is intended to be used alongside ISO 17427-1, ISO/TR 17465-1 and other parts of ISO 17465, and ISO 21217. Detailed specifications for the application context will be provided by other ISO, CEN and SAE deliverables, and communications specifications will be provided by ISO, IEEE and ETSI.

## Introduction

*Intelligent transport systems (ITS)* are transport systems in which advanced information, *communication*, sensor and control technologies, including the Internet, are applied to increase safety, sustainability, efficiency, and comfort in the movement of people and goods.

A distinguishing feature of '*ITS*' is its *communication* with outside entities.

Some *ITSs* operate autonomously, for example, 'adaptive cruise control' uses radar/lidar/and/or video to characterize the behaviour of the vehicle in front and adjust its vehicle speed accordingly. Some *ITSs* are informative, for example, 'Variable Message Signs' at the roadside, or transmitted into the vehicle, provide information and advice to the driver. Some *ITSs* are semi-autonomous, in that they are largely autonomous, but rely on 'static' or 'broadcast' data, for example, *GNSS*-based 'SatNav' systems operate autonomously within a vehicle but are dependent on receiving data broadcast from satellites in order to calculate the location of the vehicle.

*Cooperative intelligent transport systems (C-ITS)* are a group of *ITS* technologies where service provision is enabled by, or enhanced by, the use of 'live', present situation related, dynamic data/information from other entities of similar functionality [for example, from one vehicle to other vehicle(s)], and/or between different elements of the transport network, including vehicles and infrastructure [for example, from the vehicle to an infrastructure-managed system or from an infrastructure-managed system to vehicle(s)]. Effectively, these technologies enable vehicles to 'talk' to each other and to the infrastructure, and in so doing will have significant potential to improve the safe, sustainable and efficient operation of the transport network.

A distinguishing feature of '*C-ITS*' is that data is used across application/service boundaries. This means that data collected at one point and/or processed by one application becomes available to be re-used by other applications, which may be operating in the same, or different physical entities.

The difference between any '*ITS* implementation' and a '*C-ITS* implementation' is that *C-ITSs* are dependent on the interaction with other vehicles and/or the infrastructure, and the exchange of dynamic data, to receive data to enable their function, or conversely to provide data to other vehicles/infrastructure to enable their *C-ITSs* to function.

*C-ITS* as an entity, is therefore the *functionality that enables* such 'cooperative' and collaborative exchange of data, and in some cases, collaborative control, or even decision making, that will enable applications to provide their services to one or more *actors* (3.1).

ISO/TR 17465-1 provides a summary definition of *C-ITS* as a "subset paradigm of overall *ITS* that communicates and shares information between *ITS-stations* to give advice or facilitate actions with the objective of improving safety, sustainability, efficiency and comfort beyond the scope of stand-alone systems".

ISO 17427-1 will provide descriptions of the roles and responsibilities of *actors* involved in the provision and use of *C-ITS*.

ISO/TR 17427-2 provides a framework overview which characterize the components of a *Cooperative-ITS (C-ITS)*, its context and relevance for *ITS service* provision, and provides references to Standards deliverables where specific aspects of *C-ITS* are defined.

This Technical Report concerns the high-level generic requirements for the "Concept of operations" for a 'Core System' (*CorSys*) (3.10) to support *C-ITS* in a connected vehicle-highway system paradigm. It is agnostic in respect of technology and operates with whatever (and probably multiple) *communications* technologies and hardware technologies that can support its functionalities.

The benefits of *Intelligent Co-operative Systems (C-ITS)* stem from the increased information that is available from the vehicle and its environment and from other vehicles. The same set of information can be used to extend the functionality of the in-vehicle safety systems and through vehicle-to-



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infrastructure *communications* for more efficient traffic control and management. The benefits include the following:

- improved safety;
- increased road network capacity;
- reduced congestion and pollution;
- shorter and more predictable journey times;
- improved traffic safety for all road users;
- lower vehicle operating costs;
- more efficient logistics;
- improved management and control of the road network (both urban and inter-urban);
- increased efficiency of the public transport systems;
- better and more efficient response to hazards, incidents and accidents.

*(source: EC project CVIS)*

It is important to understand that *C-ITS* is not an end in itself, but a combination of techniques, protocols, systems and sub-systems to enable 'cooperative'/collaborative service provision in a connected vehicle-highway system paradigm.

Other parts in this family of *C-ITS* standards will define specific aspects of technology and behaviour, and the roles and responsibilities within the context of *C-ITS*.

This Technical Report is a 'living document' and as our experience with *C-ITS* develops, it is intended that it will be updated from time to time, as and when we see opportunities to improve this Technical Report.