

Attendees: Dan Xu, Gabriel Yu, Georg Kunz, Lincoln Lavoie, Rabi Abdel, Rex Lee, Steven Wright, Tapio Tallgren, Vicky Brasseur

Joining from The Linux Foundation: Heather Kirksey, Kenny Paul, Min Yu

Operators' Views about Performance Testing

- Rabi is talking to Orange, Verizon, and AT&T offline. These organizations will present on their views about performance testing during the next few CVC meetings.

Collaborating with GSMA

- Rabi is working on an engagement plan with GSMA. There is some uncertainty regarding the timing, but Rabi hopes to have something concrete to report in 2 weeks.

Discussion of Exception/Exemption Process

- Tapio brought up a recent issue with LAN configuration option/suitability for commercial platforms and asked if there is an established process to review and approve exceptions.
- Georg noted that an earlier request for exemption from the strict API validation was made to the Committee and was approved by the OPNFV TSC. A company simply needs to indicate this on the participation form and then it will be exempted from the strict API check requirement. However, a general process for exemption request and approval is not yet defined or documented/included in the governance document.
- The attendees discussed that an exemption for extended time and that can be applied to multiple users/participants is different from a one-off specific request from an individual company tied to a specific test run, certification, and listing.
- In order to involve the project TSC in the technical oversight of the testing program and to continue the CVC's role in ensuring the overall process and integrity/value of the compliance program, the attendees generally agreed with the following:
 - The participant should first raise the issue with the technical teams to seek a technical solution, e.g. a patch release to correct the error or to add an option to the test tools.
 - If the issue cannot be resolved by a technical solution, the exemption request, including justification, should be presented to the CVC for feedback.
 - The CVC will then present the exemption request on behalf of the participating company to the corresponding Project TSC for final review and approval.
- The attendees are in general agreement that exemptions should be used as little as possible as this may reduce the value of the program but that it's useful to define a process should such a need arise.
- Based on today's discussion, Tapio will transfer the LAN configuration option/suitability request to Dovetail to seek the possibility of a patch release to address the issue.
- Lincoln will send a draft describing the exemption process via email this week for the Committee members to comment on. The plan is to finalize the draft to be added to the governance document by the next Committee call so the LFN Governing Board can review and vote to approve it afterwards.