

Telecommunications Reference Information

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Authors note:

This list provides a list of information sources regarding telecommunication standards & reference bodies. If you see there are errors or omissions please contact me & I will update the list

Organisation	Link	Information
Government		
EU Commission on IS/IT & Telecommunications	Information Society	European Union portal regarding EU policies, initiatives & information
European Telecommunications Standards Institute	ETSI	Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) standards body
UK Government Telecomm Regulator	Ofcom	Ofcom is the independent regulator and competition authority for the UK communications industries, with responsibilities across television, radio, telecommunications and wireless communications services
Standard Bodies		
3 rd Generation partnership Project (3GPP)	3GPP	Organisation for 3rd Generation Mobile System based on evolved GSM core networks and the radio access technologies that they support, (i.e., Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (UTRA) both Frequency Division Duplex (FDD) and Time Division Duplex (TDD) modes) including evolved radio access technologies (e.g. General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) and Enhanced Data rates for GSM Evolution (EDGE)).
API Groups		
PARLAY	Parlay Group	Open Application Programming Interfaces (APIs). Link IT applications with the capabilities of the communications world.
TIPHON		Recognizing the urgent need for common solutions, ETSI, has established TIPHON "Telecommunications and Internet Protocol Harmonization Over Networks". The project's objective is to support the market for voice communication and related voice band communication (such as facsimile) between users. It will ensure that users connected to IP based networks can communicate with users in Switched Circuit Networks (SCN - such as PSTN, ISDN and

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		<p>GSM, and vice versa. As well as between users in SCN, where IP-based networks are used for connection/trunking between the SCN involved. The support comes in the production of appropriate ETSI deliverables: technical specifications and reports. In addition, the activity will include validation and demonstrations, in order to confirm the appropriateness of the solutions proposed.</p> <p>The prime goal is to produce global standards.</p>