

1Q22 WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE - MAY 2022

Quarterly Update – 2G/3G/4G/5G Radio Access & Core Networks





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The need for IMS has never been greater	
The need for new EPC is vanishing but capacity expansion looks strong	
ERICSSON KEEPS ITS #1 POSITION FOR RAN MARKET SHARES	
Strong open RAN sales propel Fujitsu and NEC	
Due to the equilibrium, it remains musical chairs between the Chinese and the European duos	
The swap is real and here to stay, until 6G kicks in?	
In core networks, the bulk of 5G core sales again came from China in 1Q22: Huawei and ZTE combin	
COMMAND A 60% MARKET SHARE	
In the West, the strong 4Q21 activity was not sustained in 1Q22	
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Abstract

This report analyzes the 1Q22 wireless infrastructure market worldwide and covers 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G radio access network (RAN) and core network nodes. It presents historical data from 2016 to 2021, quarterly market size and vendor market shares, and a detailed market forecast through 2027 for 2G/3G/4G/5G RAN, including open vRAN, and core networks (EPC, vEPC, and 5GC), for each region (North America, Europe, Middle East Africa, Asia Pacific, Caribbean Latin America). The historical data accounts for the sales of more than 30 wireless infrastructure vendors, including a few vendors that shared confidential sales data with LightCounting. The market forecast is based on a model correlating wireless infrastructure vendor sales with 20 years of service provider network rollout pattern analysis, and upgrade and expansion plans.