Multi-cluster Migration of MEC Applications

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Summary: Nowadays, more and more devices are connected to the internet, generating a lot of data and requiring constant and fast communication with remote servers. This data is usually processed far from the user that consumes it, leading to high latency and low-efficiency problems. Multi-access Edge Computing (MEC) aims to improve this by bringing cloud-like computation closer to the network's edge. To achieve this, it is being used Software Defined Networks (SDN) and Network Functions Virtualization (NFV) to push the development of MEC as these technologies offer many reusable features that can do MEC workloads.

The main goal of this work is to introduce new functionalities that improve the integration of NFV and MEC, specifically enabling the automatic migration of MEC applications between different MEC clusters.

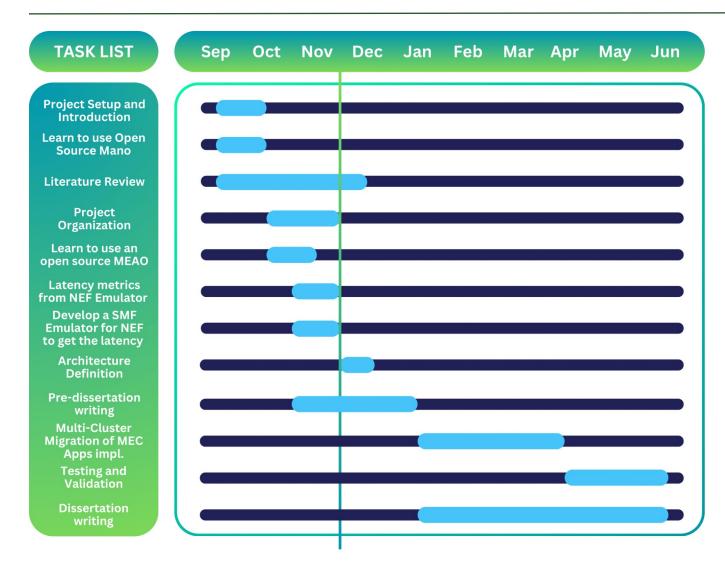


Work done / results

- Designed and implemented a basic 5G SMF (Session Management Function) Emulator, more precisely, the Event Exposure API and the notifications callbacks.
- ❖ Updated the 5G NEF (Network Exposure Function) Emulator to a newer release version and integrated it with the 5G SMF Emulator, enabling the simulation and collection of latency metrics while ensuring better compatibility and a more realistic representation of 5G network functionalities.
- Started writing the pre-dissertation.



Future work / challenges



- Complete an initial draft of the pre-dissertation, consolidating the project's introduction, state-of-the-art and methodology.
- Define the project's architecture, methodology, testing framework, and validation approach.

