

Release-13 Cellular IoT Deployments – March 2023

REGION	COUNTRY	OPERATOR	NB-IoT	LTE-M
Africa			2	0
	Kenya	Safaricom	1	
	South Africa	Vodacom	1	
Asia			19	7
	Armenia	Viva-MTS	1	
	China	China Telecom	1	
	China	China Unicom	1	
	China	China Mobile	1	
	Hong Kong	China Mobile (HK)	1	
	India	Bharti Airtel	1	
	India	Reliance Jio Infocomm	1	
	Indonesia	Telkomsel	1	
	Indonesia	XL Axiata	1	
	Japan	KDDI (au)		1
	Japan	DOCOMO		1
	Malaysia	Maxis	1	
	Pakistan	Telenor Pakistan	1	
	Singapore	M1	1	
	Singapore	Singtel	1	1
	South Korea	KT Corp	1	1
	South Korea	LG Plus	1	
	South Korea	SK Telecom		1
	Sri Lanka	Dialog Axiata	1	1
	Taiwan	Asia Pacific Telecom (APT)	1	1
Taiwan	Far EasTone	1		
Vietnam	Viettel	1		
Europe			44	15
	Austria	T-Mobile	1	1
	Belgium	Orange	1	1
	Belgium	Proximus	1	
	Belgium	Telenet	1	
	Bosnia-Herzegovina	BH Telecom	1	
	Bulgaria	A1Bulgaria	1	
	Croatia	A1 Croatia	1	
	Croatia	Hrvatski Telecom	1	
	Czech Republic	Vodafone Czech Republic	1	
	Denmark	TDC	1	
	Estonia	Elisa	1	
	Estonia	Telia Estonia	1	
	Finland	DNA		1
	France	Bouygues Telecom	1	1
	France	SFR (Altice)	1	1
	France	Orange France		1
	Germany	Telekom Deutschland	1	
	Germany	T-Mobile	1	
	Greece	Cosmote	1	
Greece	Wind Hellas	1		
Hungary	Magyar Telekom	1		

	Hungary	Vodafone Hungary		1
	Hungary	Yettel Hungary	1	1
	Ireland	Vodafone Ireland	1	
	Italy	Telecom Italia (TIM)	1	
	Italy	Vodafone Italy	1	
	Kazakhstan	KaR-Tel (Beeline)	1	
	Latvia	Latvijas Mobilais Telefons (LMT)		1
	Lithuania	Bite	1	1
	Lithuania	Telia Lithuania	1	
	Malta	Go	1	
	Netherlands	KPN		1
	Netherlands	T-Mobile	1	
	Netherlands	Vodafone/Ziggo	1	
	Norway	Telenor Norway		1
	Norway	Telia Norge	1	
	Poland	Polkomtel	1	
	Poland	T-Mobile Poland	1	
	Portugal	Nos	1	
	Russia	Beeline (Russia)	1	
	Russia	MegaFon	1	
	Russia	Mobile TeleSystems (MTS)	1	
	Russia	Tele2Russia	1	
	Slovakia	Slovak Telecom	1	
	Slovenia	A1 Slovenia	1	
	Spain	Orange Espana		1
	Spain	Vodafone Spain	1	
	Sweden	Tele2 Sweden		1
	Sweden	Telia Sweden	1	
	Ukraine	Lifecell	1	
	Ukraine	Vodafone Ukraine	1	
	United Kingdom	O2		1
	United Kingdom	Vodafone UK	1	
Latin America			2	3
	Argentina	Movistar (Argentina)	1	1
	Brazil	Vivo	1	1
	Mexico	AT&T Mexico		1
Middle East			8	1
	Bahrain	Zain	1	
	Qatar	Ooredoo Qatar	1	
	Qatar	Vodafone Qatar	1	
	Saudi Arabia	Mobily	1	
	Turkey	Turkcell	1	
	Turkey	Vodafone Turkey	1	
	United Arab Emirates	Du	1	
	United Arab Emirates	Etisalat	1	1
Oceania			3	3
	Australia	Telstra	1	1
	Australia	Vodafone Australia	1	

	New Zealand	Spark		1
	New Zealand	Vodafone New Zealand	1	1
U.S. & Canada			3	5
	Canada	Bell Canada		1
	Canada	Telus		1
	United States	AT&T	1	1
	United States	T-Mobile US	1	
	United States	US Cellular		1
	United States	Verizon	1	1
Totals			81	34
Global Totals			95	

Cellular Internet of Things (C-IoT)

The Cellular Internet of Things is addressed in 3GPP Release 13 for enhanced Machine-Type Communications (eMTC) in a complementary suite of standards including both LTE Category M1 (LTE Cat-M1 also called LTE-M) and Narrowband IoT (NB-IoT). The new LTE-IoT architecture further reduces cost, improves range, and extends battery life of IoT devices. LTE-M and NB-IoT devices could achieve battery life as high as 10 years. LTE Category M1 User Equipment supporting the broadest range of IoT capabilities, with complexity reduction and coverage enhancements to at least 155.7 dB Maximum Coupling Loss (MCL); data rates up to 1 Mbps utilizing only 1.08 MHz bandwidth; supporting full-duplex FDD, half-duplex FDD and TDD modes, and ability for deployment in any LTE spectrum. LTE-M can also support voice (through Voice over LTE (VoLTE) and full-to-limited mobility, and is designed to fully coexist with regular LTE traffic (Cat-0 and above). LTE Cat-NB1 (NB-IoT) scales down further in cost and power for low-end IoT user cases. NB-IoT User Equipment further reduces complexity and extends coverage to 164 dB MCL. NB-IoT is ideal for low-throughput, delay-tolerant use cases with low mobility support, such as smart meters, remote sensors and smart buildings. Cat-NB1 uses 180 kHz bandwidth and supports stand-alone, guard-band and in-band operation. NB-IoT supports in-band deployment by utilizing a single RB within a normal LTE carrier. It can be deployed in a LTE carrier's guard-band utilizing unused resource blocks while still minimizing interference with neighboring carriers. In standalone mode, NB-IoT can be deployed in re-farmed spectrum from GERAN systems utilizing standalone 200 kHz carriers. Thus, NB-IoT provides flexible deployment options to operators.

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