

ESTABLISHMENT OF DUAL CONNECTIVITY

ABSTRACT

The disclosure relates to methods for supporting establishment of dual
5 connectivity for a wireless device, performed in a wireless communication network. The
wireless device is connected to a first network element via a second network element.
The second network element and the wireless device are communicating over a first
wireless link. Network functions are split between the first network element and the
second network element. The method performed in the wireless device comprises
10 transmitting (2110) a request for a connection to a third network element which is a
candidate network element for establishing DC, transmitting (2120) information identifying
the first network element to the third network element, and transmitting (2130) an identifier
of the wireless device to the third network element, for enabling the establishment of dual
connectivity for the wireless device. The disclosure also relates to the methods performed
15 in the network elements, and to the corresponding apparatus.

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