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# **#12 Accelerating digital connectivity through eSIM**

**Wednesday 24 January 2024**  
**14:00 – 15:00 GMT**

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# Agenda

Time	Segment	Speaker
14:00	Welcome and housekeeping	Chris Sumner-Smith <b>GSMA</b>
14:05	Overview of the eSIM market and trends to watch in 2024	Pablo Iacopino <b>GSMA Intelligence</b>
14:15	Discussing the eSIM IoT ecosystem and how it will unlock mass IoT deployment	Gloria Trujillo <b>GSMA</b>
14:25	eSIM Version 3 and its importance to consumer devices	Yolanda Sanz <b>GSMA</b>
14:35	Updates on GSMA eSIM Discovery and the upcoming Push notification enhancements	Chris Li <b>GSMA</b>
14:45 – 15.00	Q&A and closing remarks	Chris Sumner-Smith <b>GSMA</b>



## Momentum for eSIM is accelerating

*Some of the trends we see in the eSIM market*

**1** The launch of eSIM-only iPhones in the US in September 2022 has accelerated eSIM deployments and commercial launches globally. **2023 the strongest year so far**

**2** More and more operators are launching eSIM service – although MNO commercial push remains low

**3** Some operators have launched digital-first or digital-only consumer propositions (including digital brands), targeting digital native and tech-savvy customers

**4** Consumer awareness of eSIM is growing, but adoption remains low outside of the US. Consumer transition to eSIM takes time!

**5** IoT: eSIM making inroads into private networks while seeking scale beyond connected vehicles

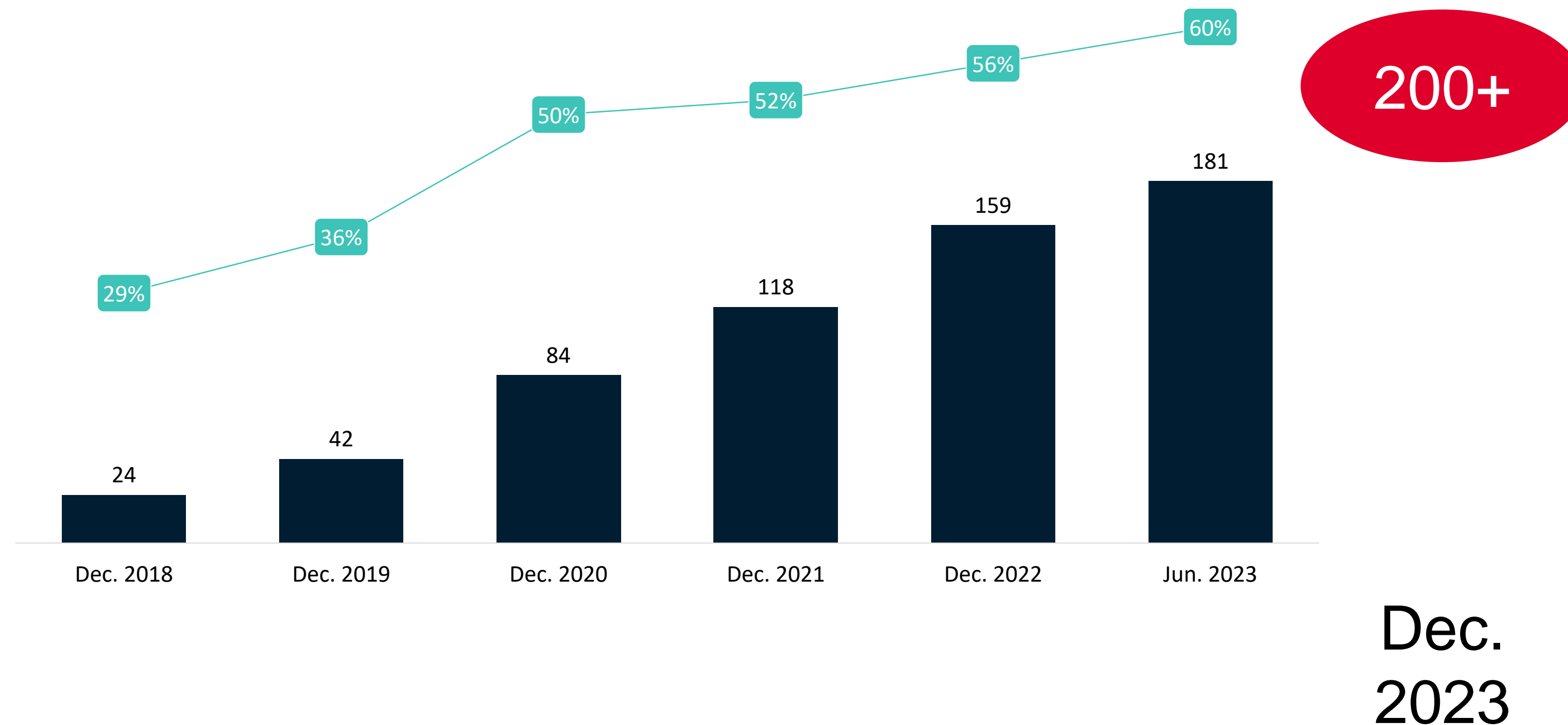
**6** Ecosystem work on global specifications continues, including for IoT, consumer and integrated eUICC

# eSIM availability in consumer devices

*Commercialisation is ramping up, with 2023 the strongest year so far*

## How many eSIM consumer devices have been launched?

Number of models launched (cumulative figures for smartphones, smartwatches and tablets) and smartphone share (i.e. eSIM smartphones as % of total eSIM devices)



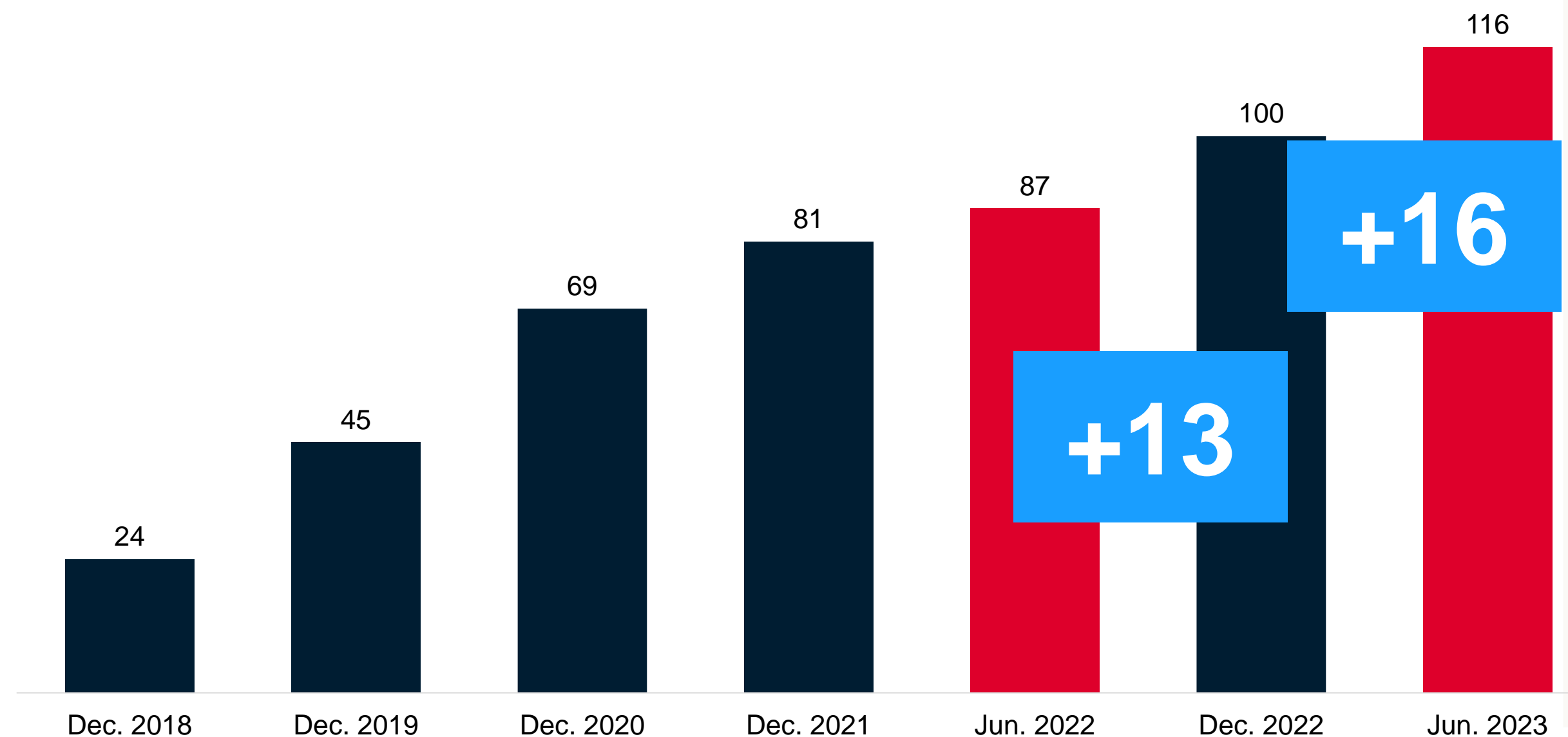
- Significant growth over the last 5 years. Most of the top OEM brands have launched eSIM
- Wide range of eSIM devices: smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, laptops, 5G FWA devices, consumer IoT (bikes, GPS trackers, security cameras)
- eSIM-only iPhones a major milestone
- eSIM is mainstream in flagship smartphones. Limited availability beyond flagships

# eSIM service for smartphone is now global

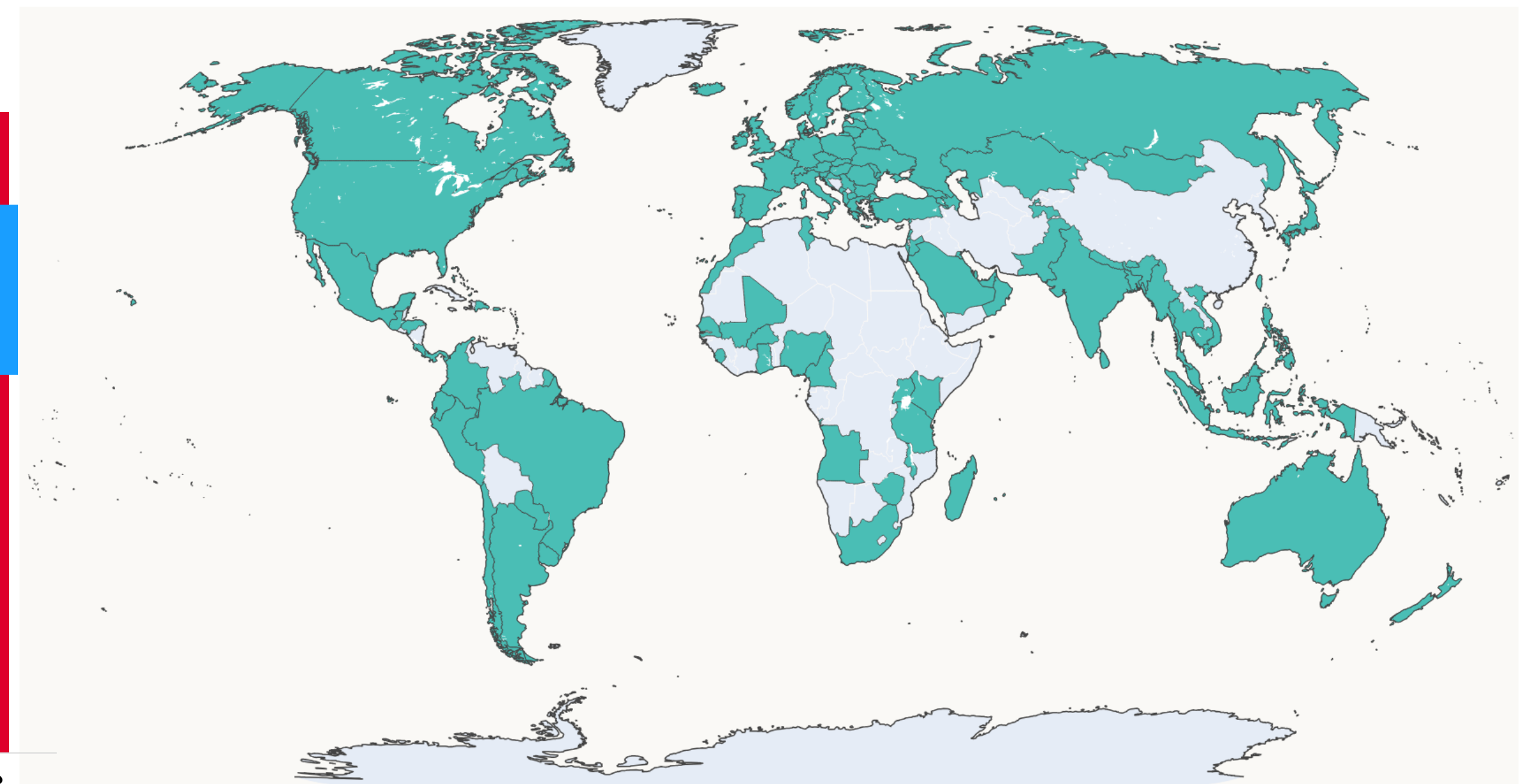
*More than half of the world's countries have launched eSIM service*

## How many countries have launched commercial eSIM service for smartphones?

Number of countries



## eSIM geographical reach



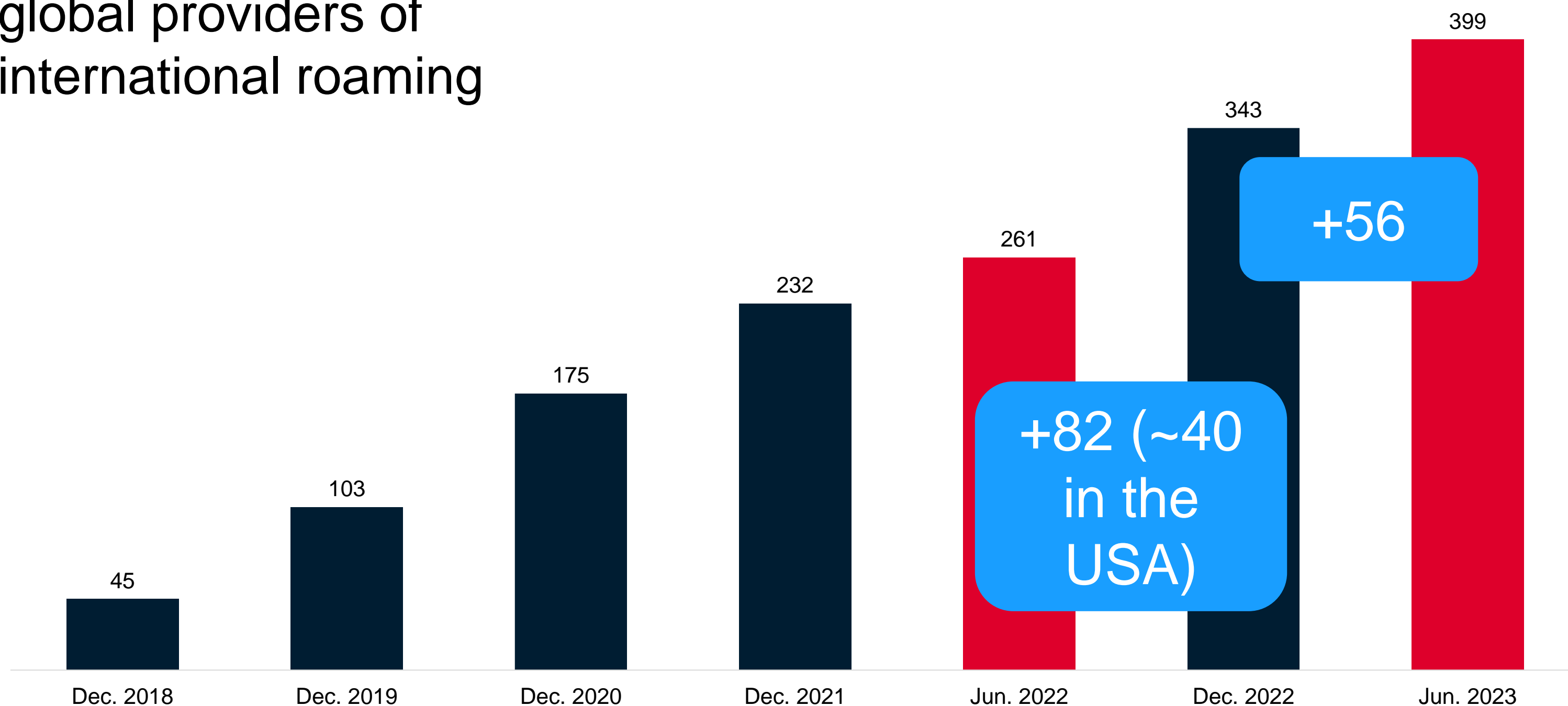
- China is still a notable exception: timeline is uncertain
- Africa is catching up: most of the 16 new launches in H1 2023 were in countries from Africa

# Operators: acceleration of eSIM deployments/launches

*~400 operators offer commercial eSIM service for smartphones*

## How many operators have launched commercial eSIM service for smartphones?

MNOs, MVNOs and global providers of international roaming



- eSIM-only effect since September 2022: a clear impact in the US and globally
- MVNOs are driving eSIM for international roaming

**BUT...**

- MNOs are not doing much (so far) to promote eSIM to their customers
- Only **11%** of eSIM-aware consumers have discovered the technology via operator channels



## New business models are emerging

*Centred on digital; capitalising on the shift to digital*

A range of operators have launched digital-first or digital-only consumer propositions (including digital brands), targeting digital native and tech-savvy customers

Leveraging eSIM as  
a main connectivity  
form factor

### Digital brands

Some examples

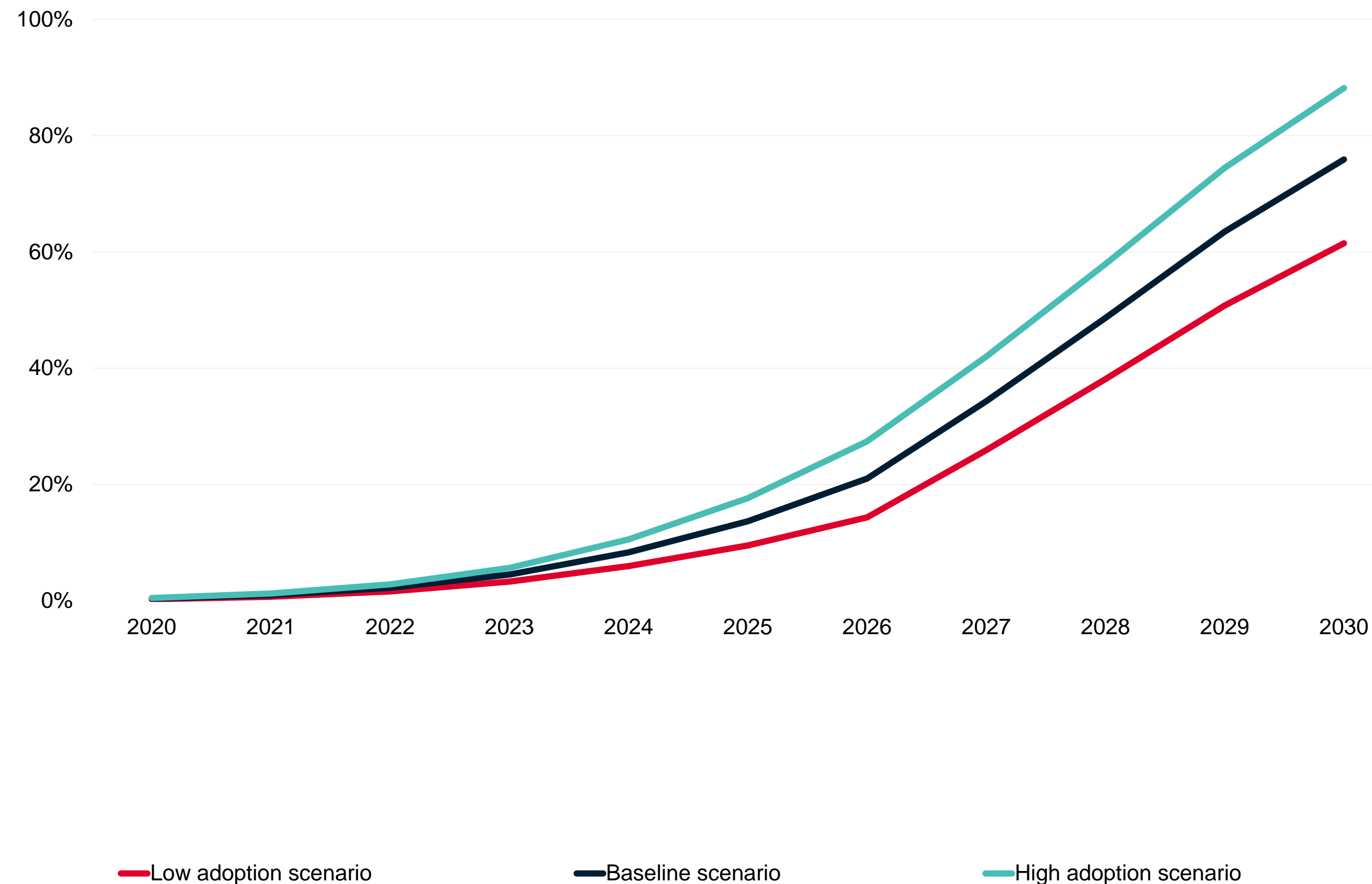
- **Visible (US)**
- **Fizz (Canada)**
- **Telia Dot (Finland)**
- **Yoodo (Malaysia)**
- **Win by inwi (Morocco)**
- **Source (France)**

# Consumer awareness is growing, but adoption takes time

## *eSIM adoption in the smartphone market: forecast to 2030*

### eSIM smartphone connections to 2030

Percentage of total smartphone connections (installed base) globally



**88%** 8.0 bn  
**76%** 6.9 bn  
**61%** 5.6 bn

eSIM  
smartphone  
connections  
(2030)

**Key milestones:  
Baseline scenario  
(globally)**

**1 billion** eSIM  
smartphone  
connections by  
**2025**

By 2028, half of  
smartphone  
connections will  
use eSIM

North America  
leading by far.  
Europe follows



# IoT is a promising market for eSIM

*eSIM helps scale IoT, enabling digital transformation*

## SO FAR

### Automotive

eSIM is already mainstream in connected vehicles

### Beyond Automotive

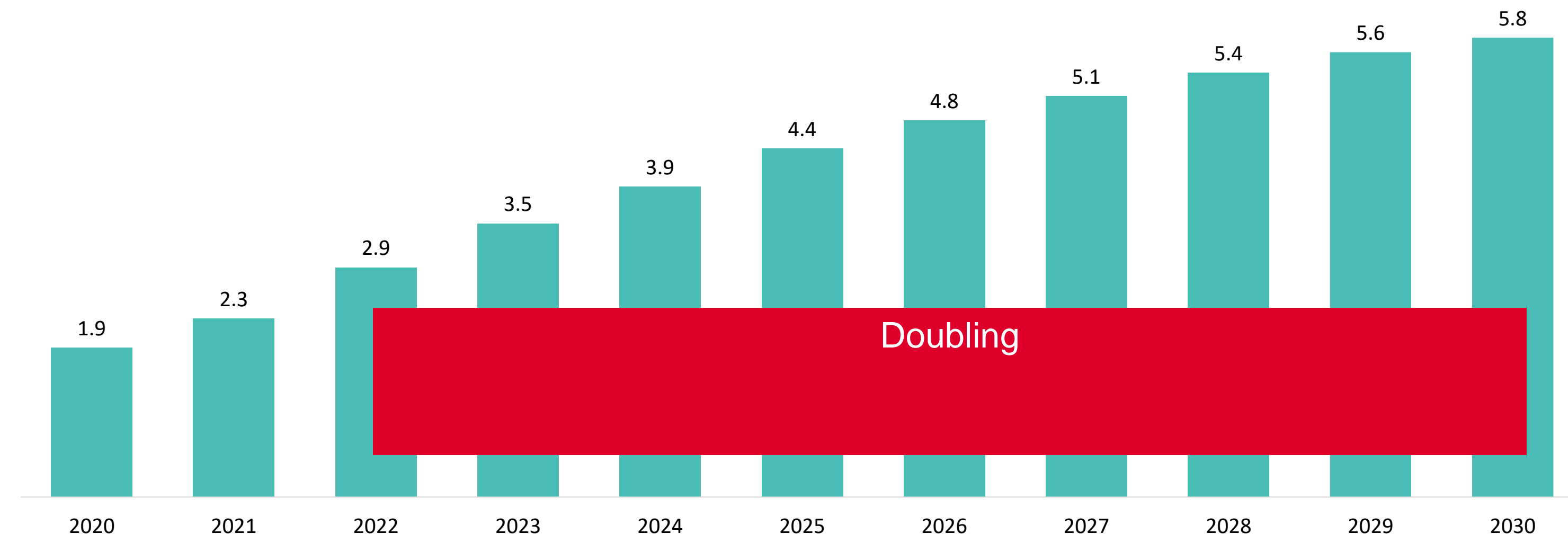
Single eSIM initiatives rather than sector-wide deployments

## FUTURE OUTLOOK

Recent developments such as enhanced eSIM specifications, iSIM, RedCap – combined with continuous product innovation from eSIM vendors – should help accelerate adoption

### IoT cellular connections globally

Billion. All SIM form factors



eSIM and iSIM targeting a growing share of the market

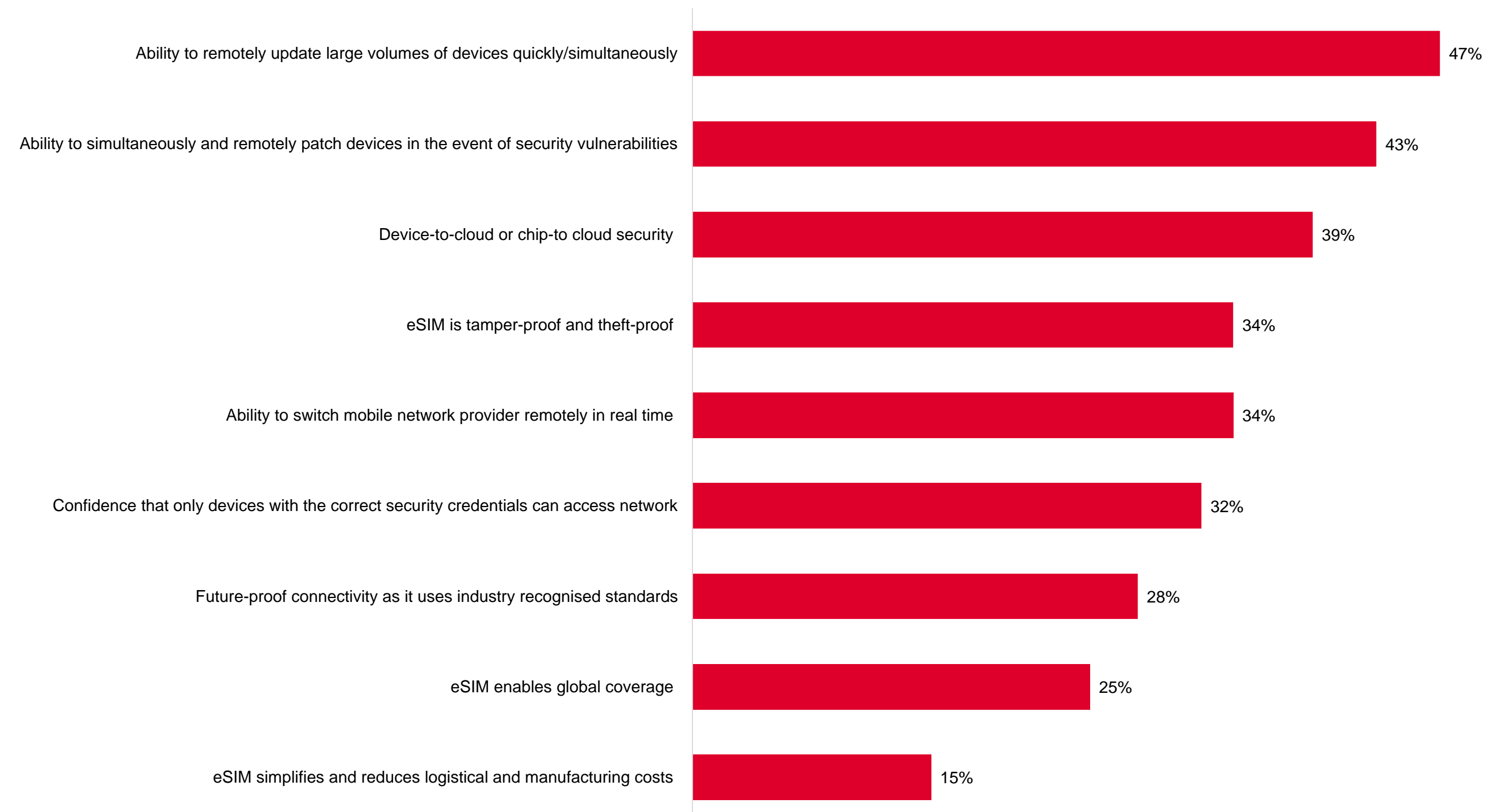
# Why is eSIM important for IoT deployments?

*Best-in-class security & scalability as the top eSIM benefits*

It is encouraging to see an alignment between the benefits of eSIM for IoT deployments expected by enterprises and those promoted by operators: these centre around best-in-class security and scalability

## Operator views: benefits of eSIM for enterprise IoT deployments

Percentage of respondents. Respondents could select the top three.



1

Will Apple launch eSIM-only smartphones in Europe?

2

Will we see greater availability of eSIM technology in low- and medium-end smartphones?

3

Will MNOs start to talk more about eSIM to their customers?

4

Will eSIM have an impact on churn?

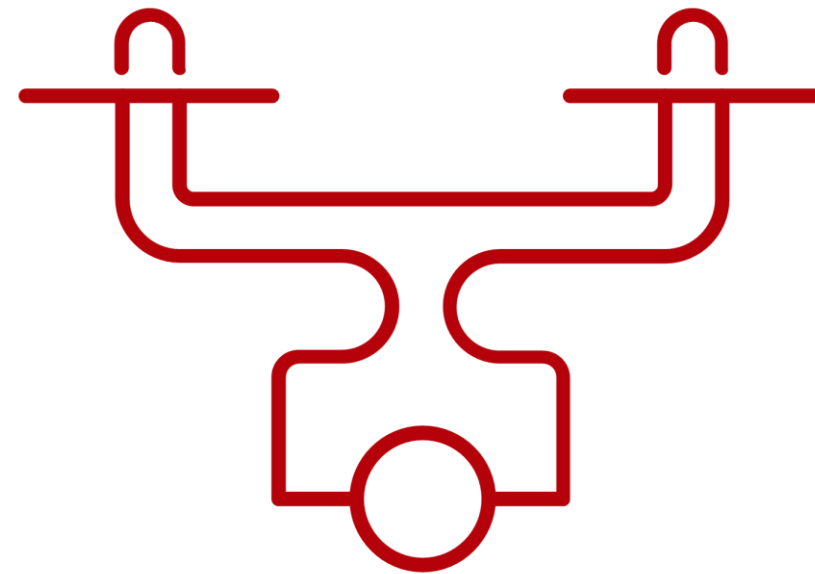
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Will eSIM start to scale in vertical sectors beyond automotive?

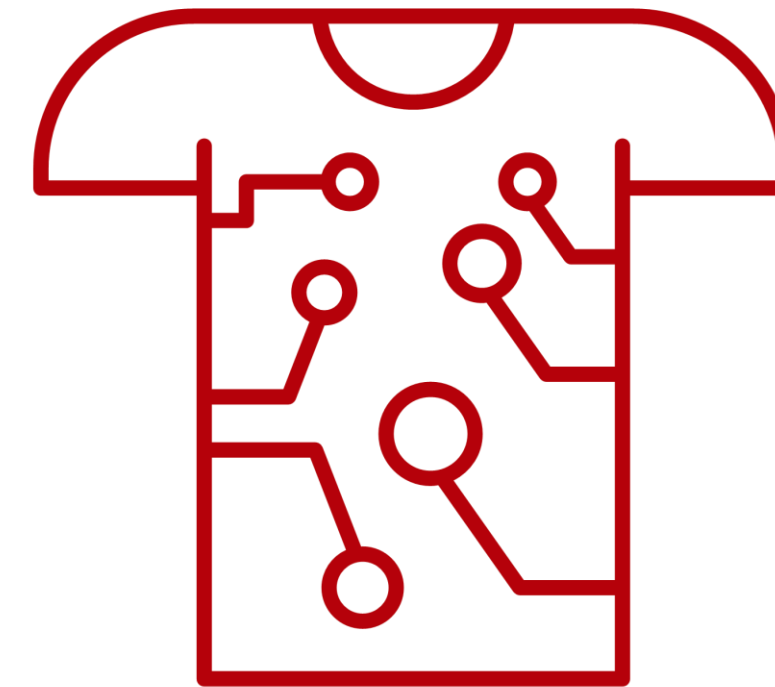


# In Which IoT Device Could We Find an eSIM

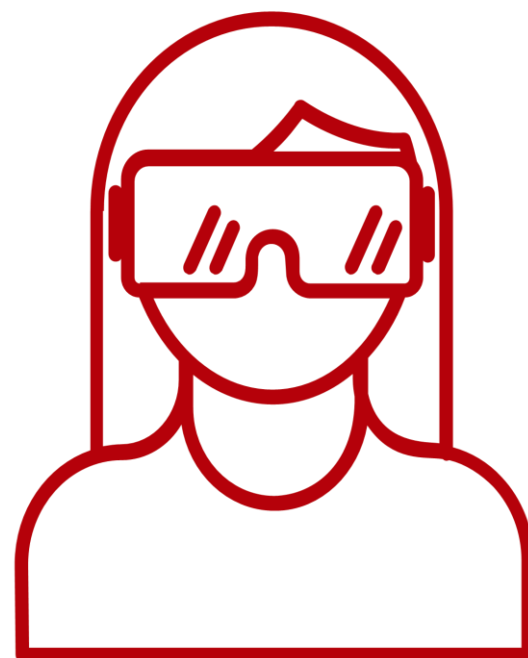
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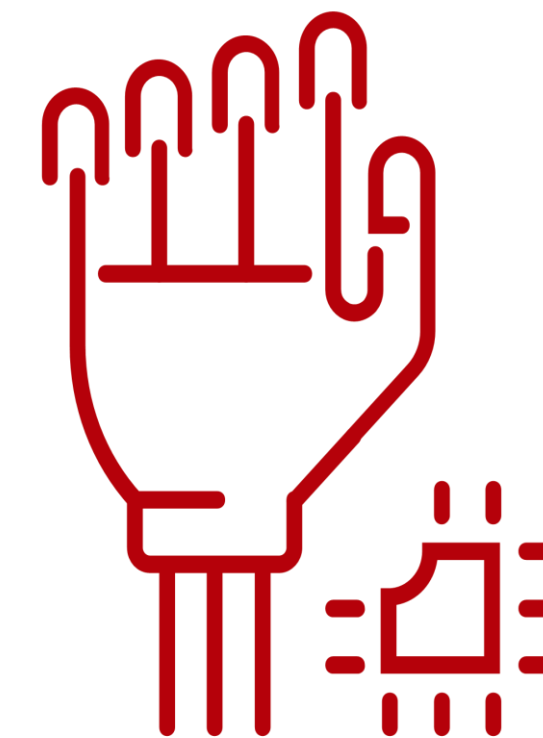
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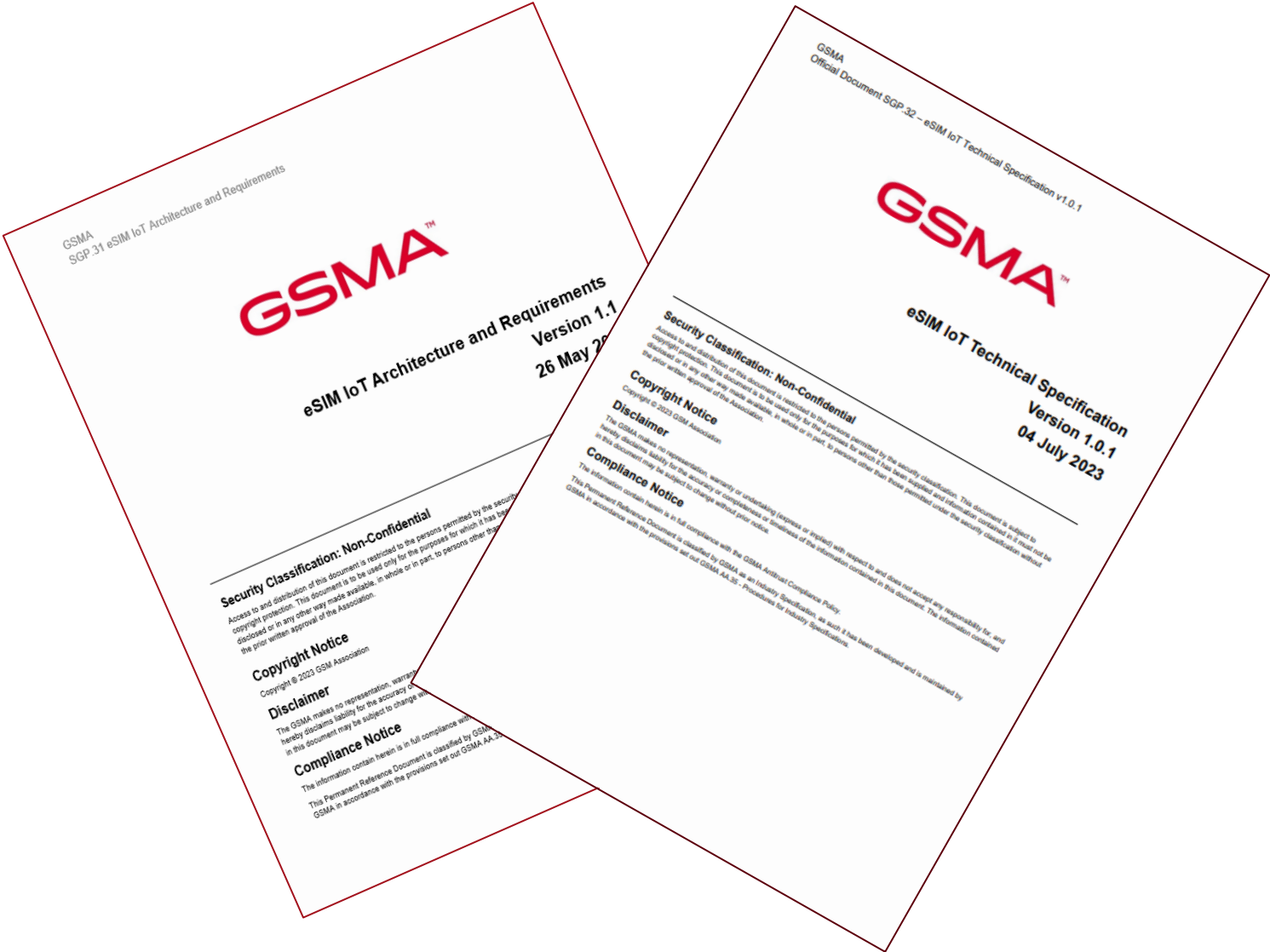
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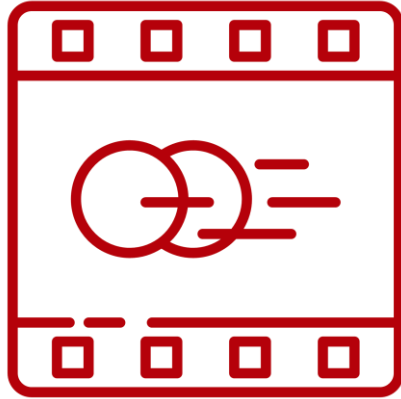
Smart Glove



# The eSIM IoT Specifications



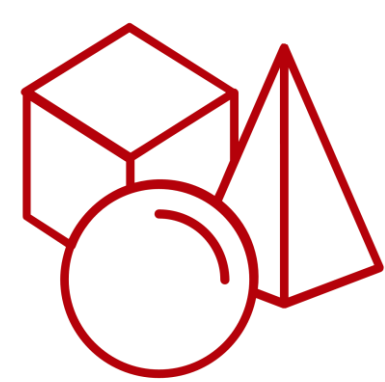
IoT Manager



IoT Assistant

# How to get from specifications to products on the market?

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eSIM IoT Architecture and Technical Specs



eSIM IoT Security Specs for IoT eSIM

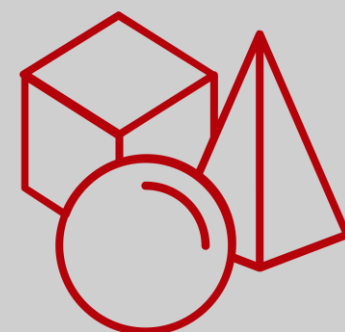


IoT eSIM Production Site

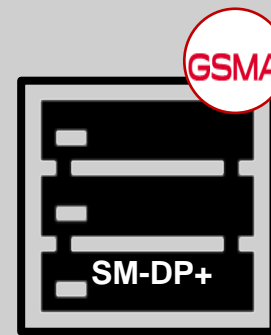
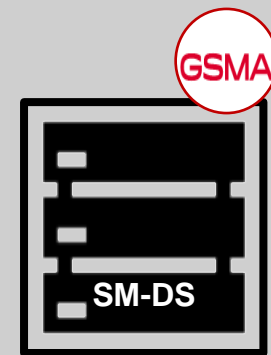


Server and IoT Manager implementation site

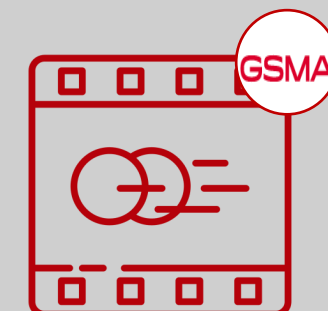
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eSIM IoT Architecture and Technical Specs Ready



Certified IoT Server and IoT Manager



Certified IoT Assistant (IoT Device)



Certified eSIM



## Security Accreditation Scheme (eSA)



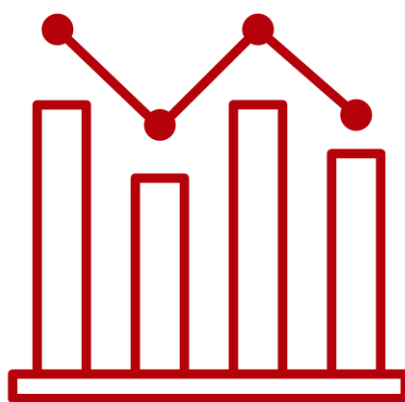
Certification of eSIM Software and Hardware implementation

## Security Assurance Scheme (SAS)



Certification of eSIM factory and Server implementation

## Compliance Process



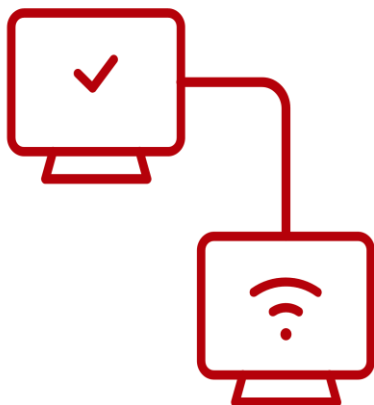
Digital Certificate to operate on the GSMA eSIM Ecosystem

## Identity Scheme (eIS)



Identification for the eSIM

## eSIM Discovery

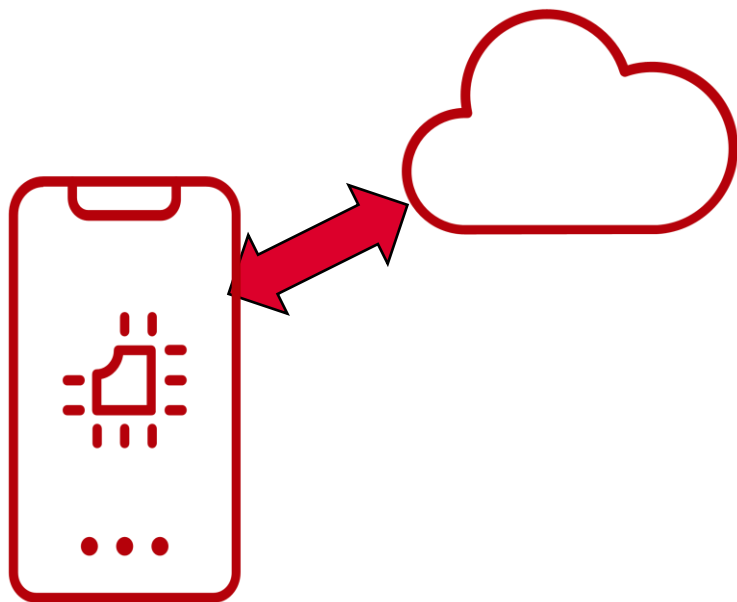


Digital method for profile activation

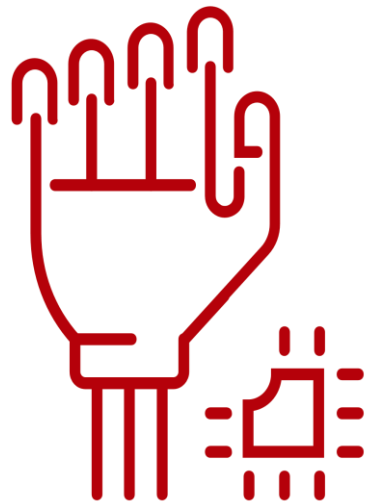
# Highlights



**Download optimization  
(Light Profile Template)**



**End-user intent  
in Cloud/Server**



**IoT Devices without UI**



**No SMS or TCP/IP dependencies**



**Constrained IoT / B2B fleet management  
use-cases**



**Cover SMS-less and LPWAN  
(e.g. NB-IoT)**

# eSIM IoT Specifications

**SGP.31**



**SGP.32**





# In which consumer devices can you find eSIM

Smartphones



Wearables



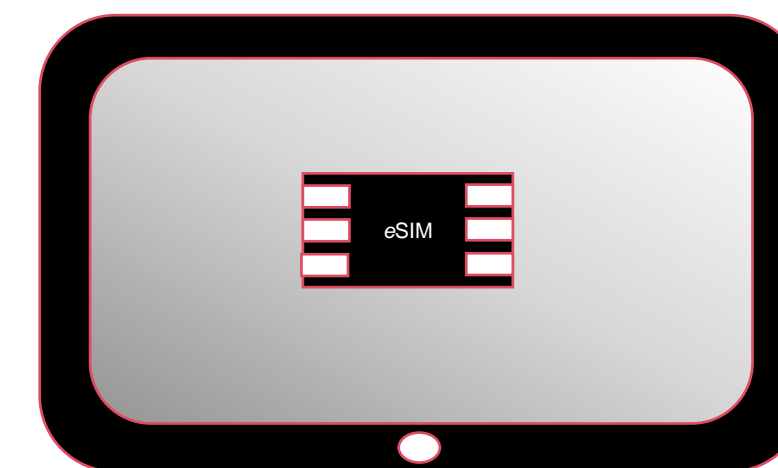
**200+ eSIM Devices**  
have been launched\*

**300+ Operators**  
supporting eSIM technology\*

Laptops



Tablets

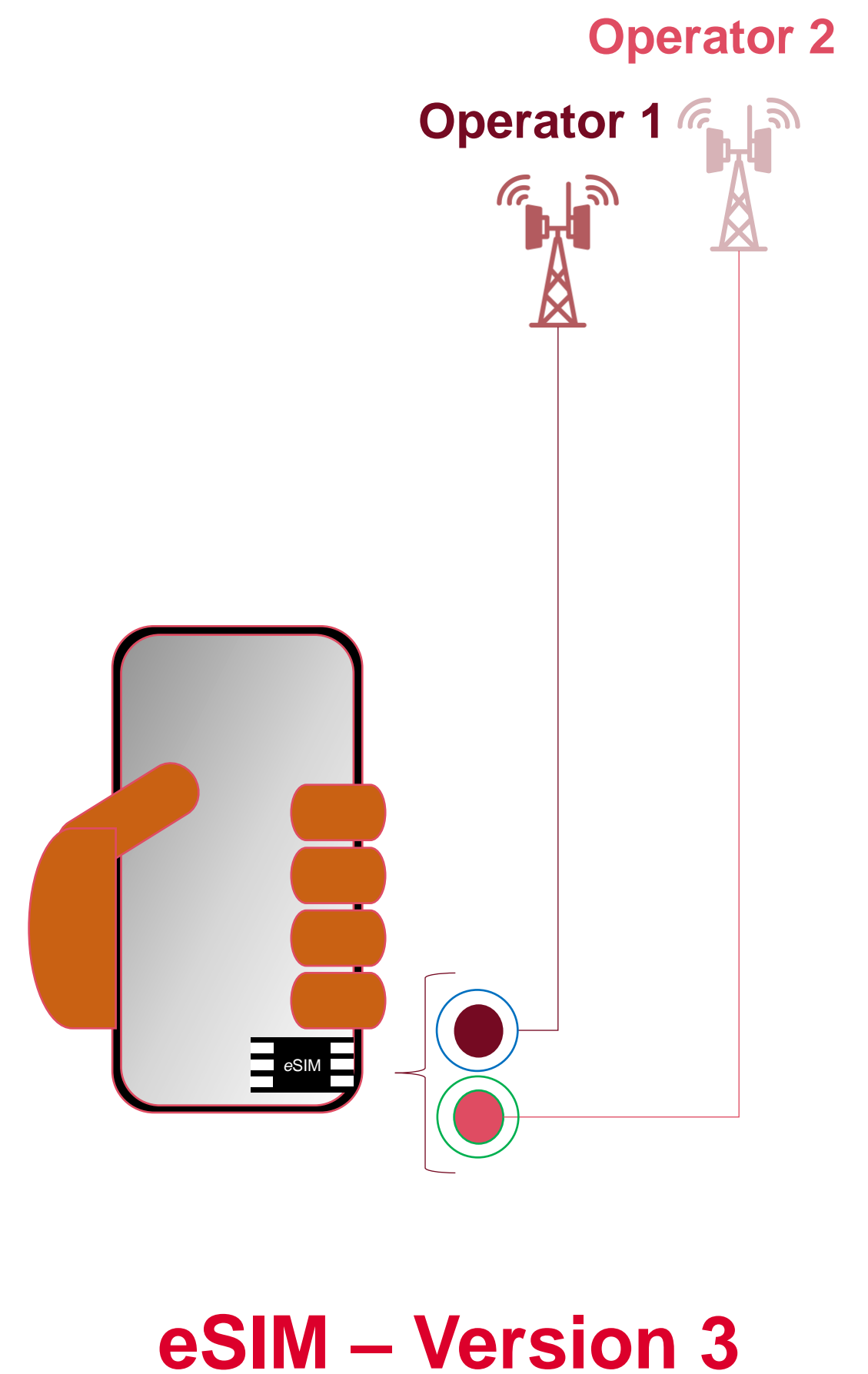
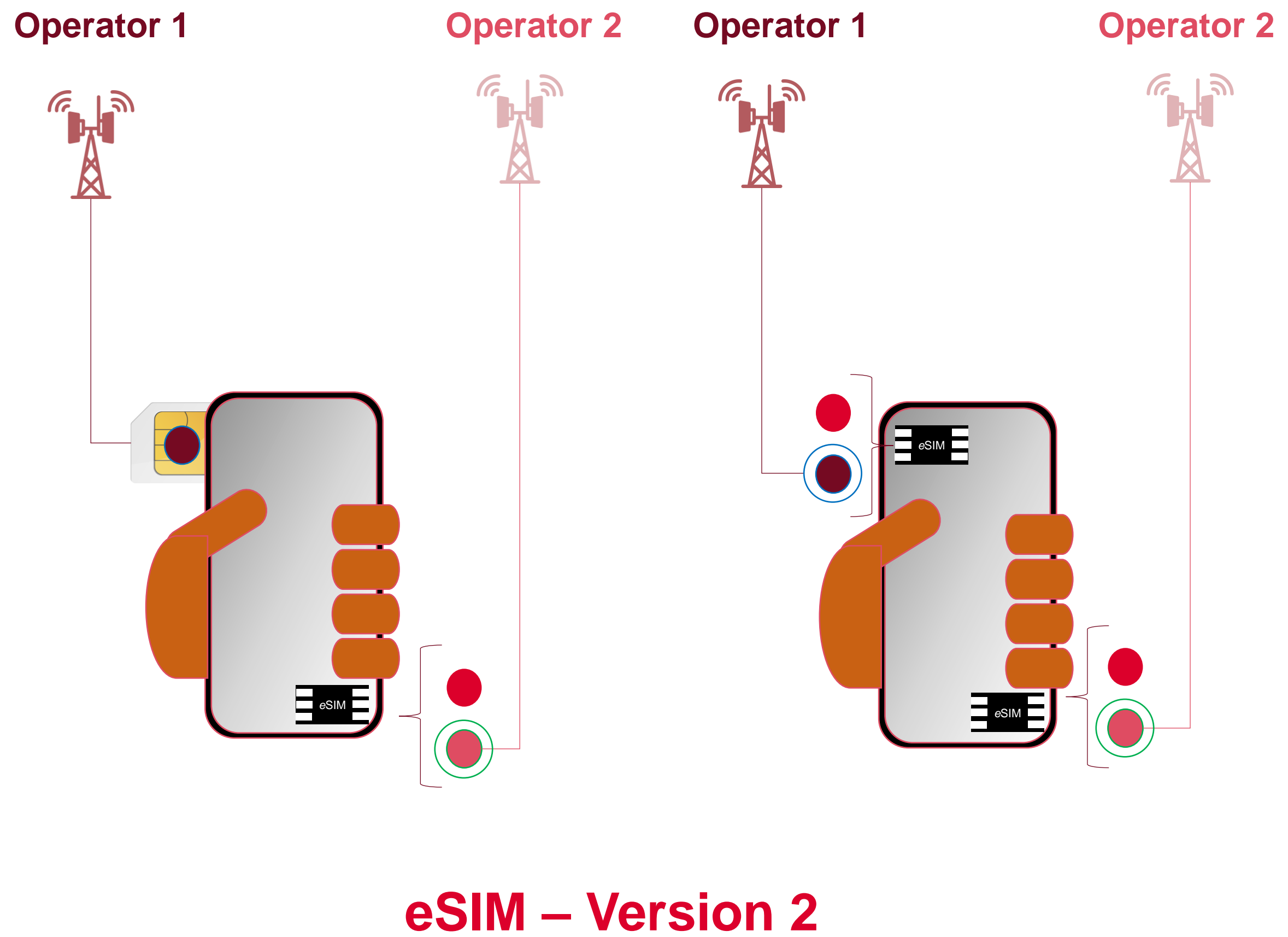
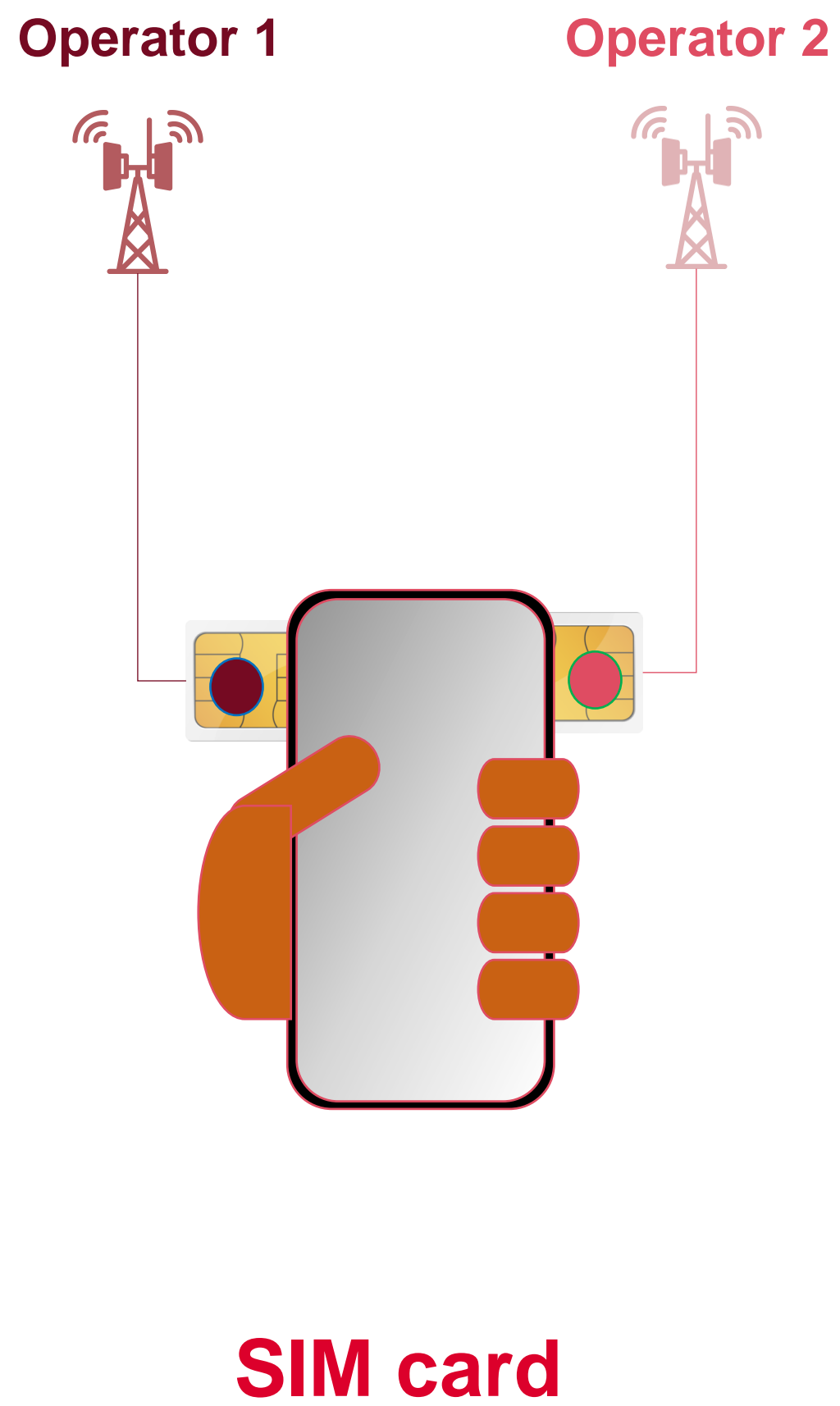


# eSIM Consumer – Version 3 features



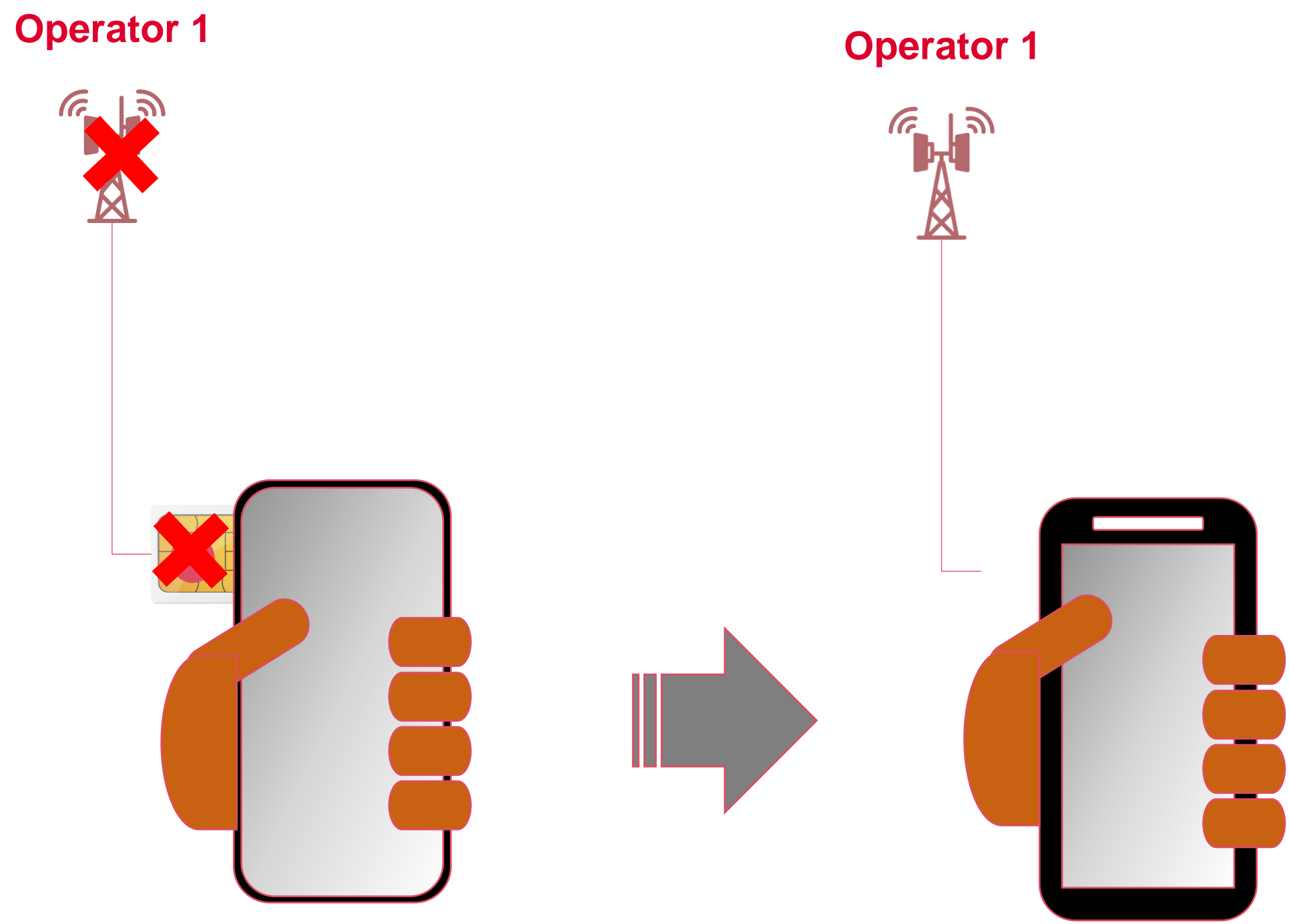
**GSMA eSIM Services** are playing a relevant role in version 3 Consumer, ensuring the robustness of the eSIM Ecosystem

# Multiple enabled profiles

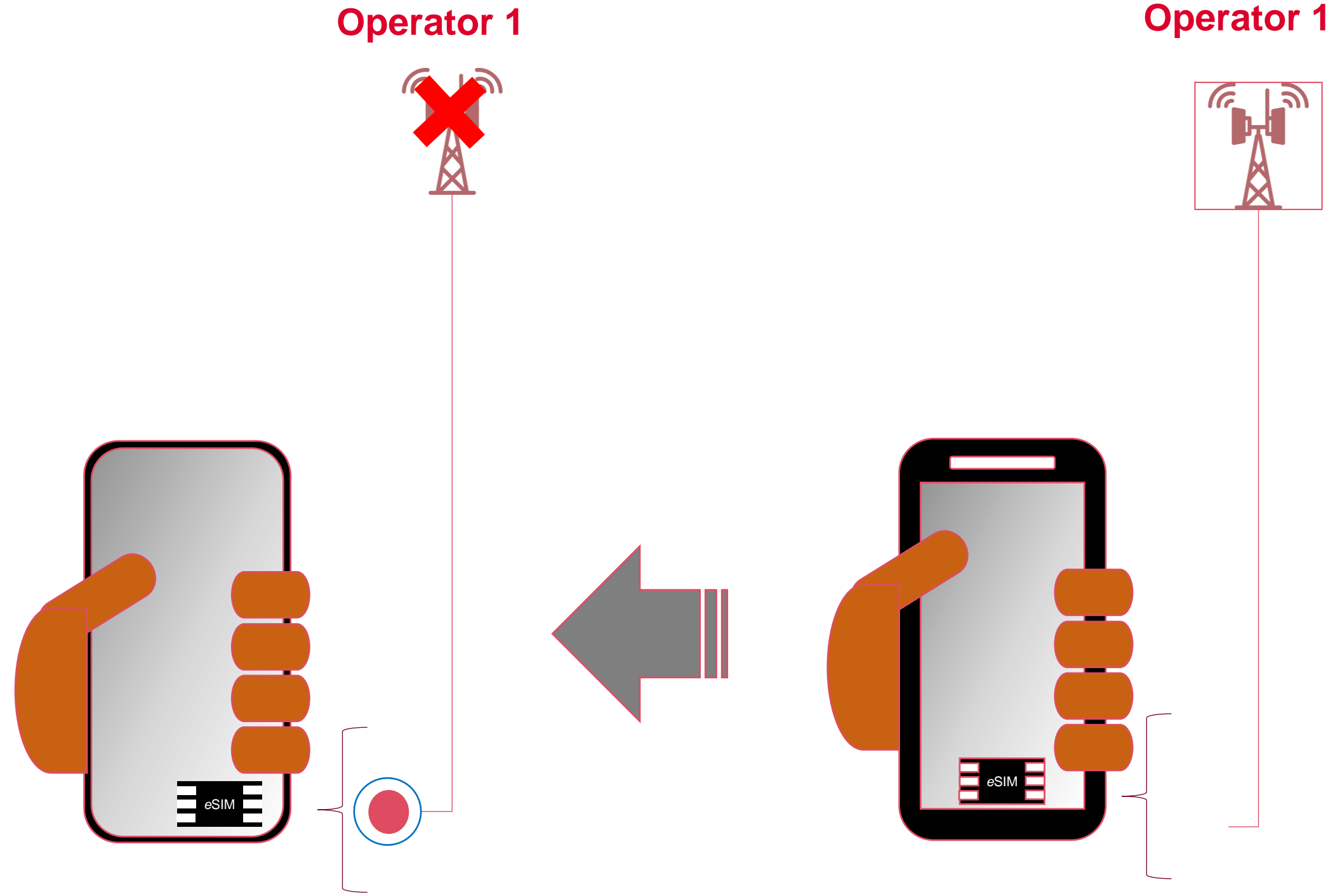




# Device change



SIM card



eSIM Device Change

# GSMA eSIM Services improve the eSIM Technology Robustness for the Consumer Market



# Conclusion



**Complete Key Features**

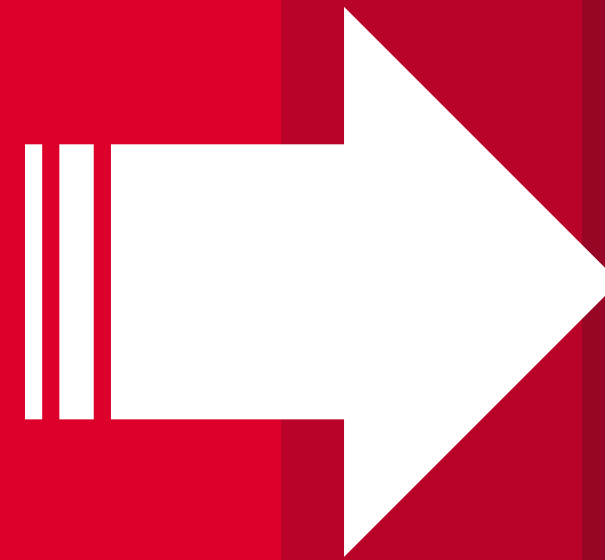


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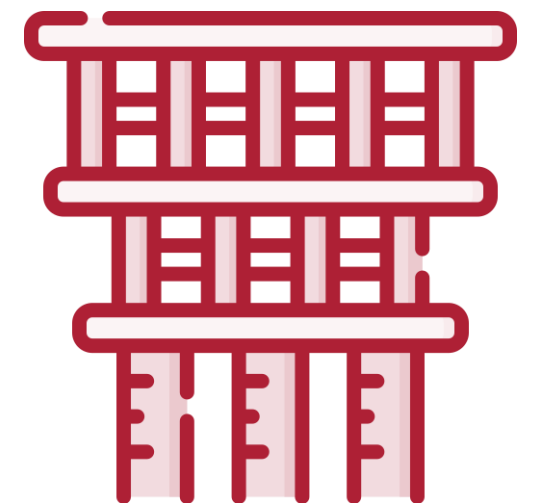


**Ready to Growth**

**Coming soon**



**In Factory Provisioning**



**Quantum Computers**

# eUICC Identity Scheme





# Current Consumer eSIM Challenges



## Reliance on manual/ partial digitalised process

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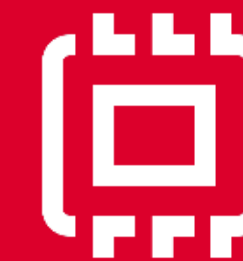
- Learning curve for consumers
- Operational issues for large scale deployment



## Device dependent customer experience

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- Smartphone and consumer IoT devices have various enrolment and download processing options
- Increased customer support challenges and costs



## Challenges for Consumer IoT Devices

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Selected devices with limited user interface require complicated procedures:

- Devices without cameras
- Devices which MNOs cannot pre-configure

# Introducing eSIM Discovery



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Centralised location

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Consumer and IoT eSIM  
devices retrieve the eSIM profile

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Automatic, streamlined,  
independent



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GSMA eSIM Discovery, also  
known as Root DS, provides a  
universal, independent lookup  
service to connect MNOs and  
devices for streamlined eSIM  
downloads

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A superior “open box”  
experience and built to scale



# How it streamline customer experience

## Deutsche Telekom Germany

*“With eSIM direct, the activation of the eSIM profile on the end device is triggered by the network operator. The customer only has to confirm with "OK" on his or her device. The eSIM profile is transferred to the device immediately after the order is completed.”*

[How Deutsche Telekom is ready to ride the eSIM wave](#)

[Easy and simple: eSIM](#)

[What is eSIM? \(German\)](#)

## Vodafone Germany

*“From Vodafone’s perspective, we find its use in our direct distribution provides the best customer experience, by giving an almost no-touch device activation experience.”*  
Fabrice Denis, Principal Manager Services & Platforms at Vodafone Group

[How Vodafone are driving growth through the broad adoption of eSIMs](#)

[How can I push my eSIM profile to a device? \(German\)](#)

[Everything about eSIM \(German\)](#)



# Introducing eSIM Discovery

**4+**

eSIM Discovery  
Providers

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**200+**

Device Models from  
40 OEMs

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**50+**

MNO Account from  
30+ countries

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**78M+**

unique devices  
since 2020

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# eSIM Discovery Service Providers



More in pipeline:

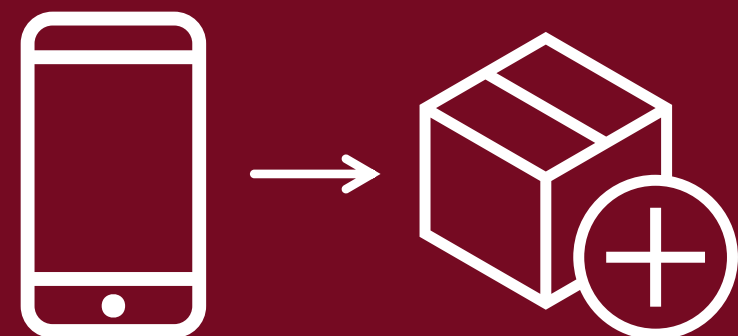


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# eSIM Discovery Process

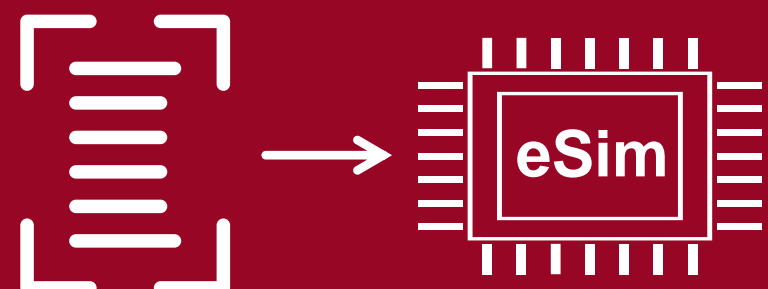
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Customer visits MNO with existing device/  
buys new device



2

MNO scans EID and  
prepares eSIM  
profiles



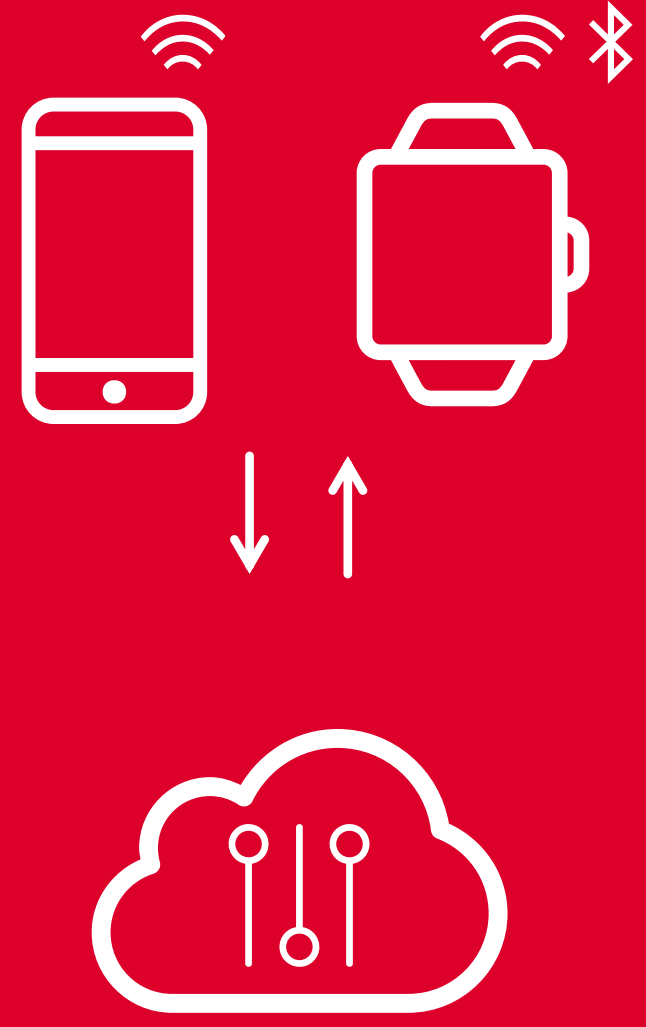
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Once switched on,  
the device checks if  
there's a subscription  
via Root DS



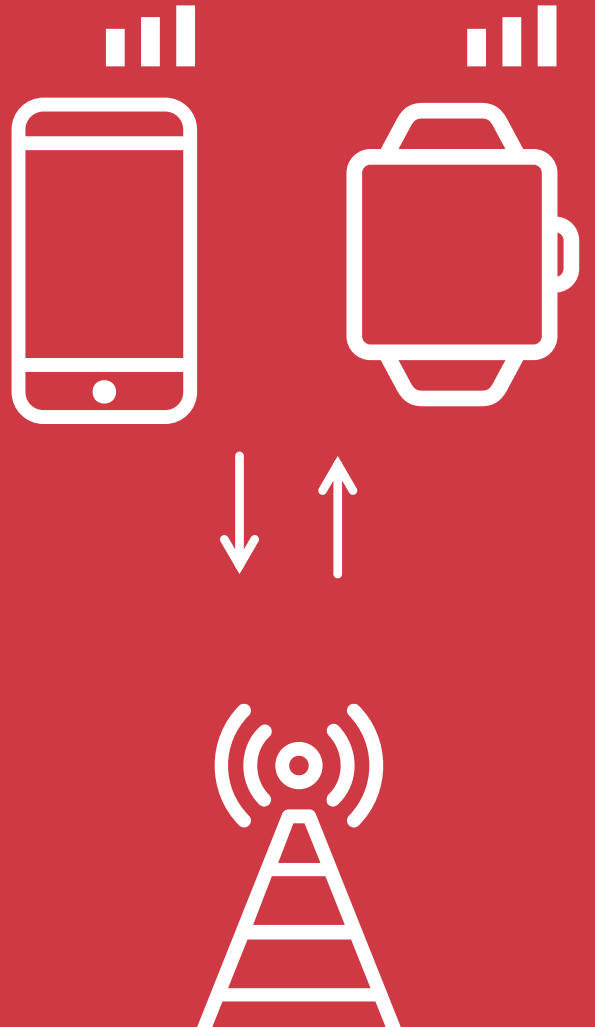
4

Device subsequently  
connects to MNO  
SM-DP+ for profile  
download



5

Device connects  
to MNO using eSIM  
profile



# OEMs supporting eSIM Discovery

## Brands:

**SAMSUNG**



**Google**  
**SHARP**

**SONY**  
**oppo**

**ZTE**  
**Rakuten Mobile**

**Lenovo**



**FCNT**

 **Microsoft**

 **KYOCERA**

**MONTBLANC**

## Models including:

**S20 – S24 Series, Z flips, Z  
folds, A54, A34, A23 Watch  
3 / 4 and more**

**G53, Razr, Edge Series**

**Pixel 8, 7, 6, 5, 4a and more**

**AQUOS wish2, wish, sense4 lite,  
sense6 and more**

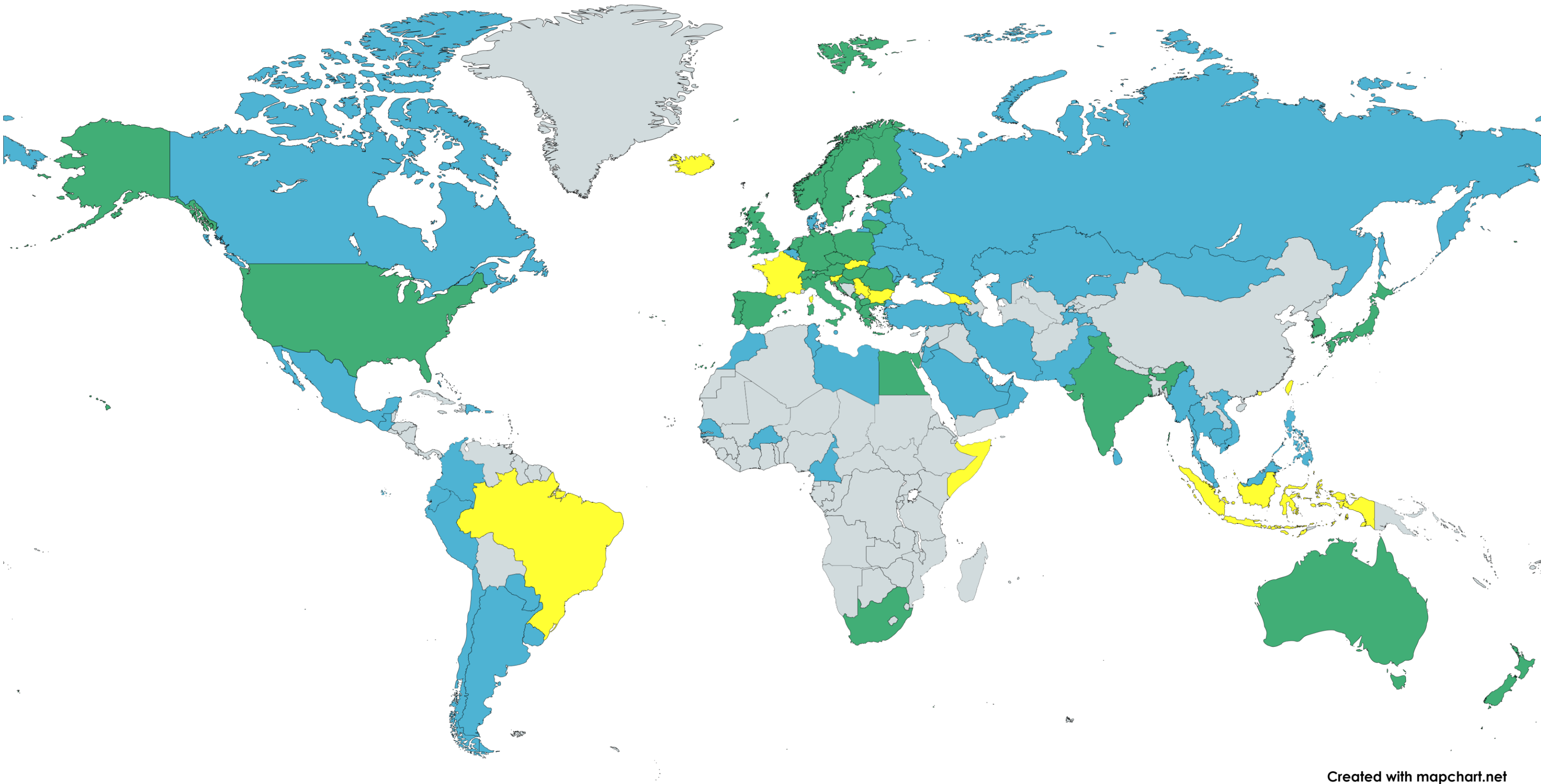
**Xperia 1, 5, 10 Series  
Ace III, 10 III Lite**

**A73, Find X3 Pro, Reno 5A,  
Reno6 Pro 5G, A55s, OPPO  
Watch**

Source: GSMA eSIM Discovery, December 2023

# GSMA eSIM Discovery operator coverage

Source: Consolidated from GSMA  
eSIM Discovery and Online  
Information, January 2024



Created with mapchart.net

- Countries with operator(s) using GSMA eSIM Discovery
- Countries with operators interested in GSMA eSIM Discovery
- Countries with operators providing eSIM services to Smartphones

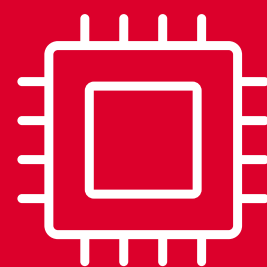


# Developments



## Push Notification

- Push notification to proactively notify profile availability
- Reduces the need for user involvement
- Streamlines customer and enterprise user deployment (e.g. eSIM Profile update when the device transits between countries, or switching operators)



## Expansion into IoT Segment

- eSIM IoT Architecture and Requirements (SGP.31 / 32)
- Alternative to M2M specification by reusing Consumer investments
- eSIM Discovery provides the same, central lookup service for IoT devices





# Ready to Scale



## 2023: Cloud Migration

- SAS-SM Accredited Public Cloud Operation
- Improved resilience and scalability

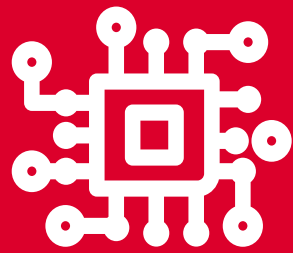


## Beyond

- Options available including:
  - Geo Redundancy
  - Improved SLA



# GSMA eSIM Discovery Values



## Fully digitised

- Interfaces to SM-DP+ / Cost reduction
- Zero-delay to business processes



## Streamline experience

- Simple, streamlined flow for everyone involved, customer, sales, support



## Universal and standardised

- Supports all use cases / devices
- “spec compliance” of devices sufficient



## Best option for IoT devices

- Unrestrained support of any IoT device, e.g.
- Devices without cameras
- Devices which MNOs cannot pre-configure



A photograph of three people in a modern office environment. In the foreground, a woman with curly hair and a green shirt is clapping and smiling broadly. To her left, another woman with long dark hair and a black top is also clapping and smiling. In the background, a man with a beard and a plaid shirt is clapping. The scene is brightly lit with natural light coming from a window on the left.

**Thank you  
for joining, any  
questions?**