Self-Management Activities in the EFIPSANS Project

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Motivation and Issues

- **Why is the project working on self-management?**
  - **Background**: In which context does the project sees a need for self-management?

    Self-Managing Network —nodes/devices are designed/engineered in such a way that all the traditionally so-called network management functions defined by the FCAPS management framework, as well as the fundamental network functions such as routing, forwarding, monitoring, supervision, fault-detection and fault-removal, etc, are made to automatically feed each other with information (knowledge) such as *events,* in order to effect *feedback processes* among the diverse functions, thereby enabling reactions in individual diverse functions of the network and of individual nodes/devices, in order to achieve and strive to maintain some well defined goals of the network.

    Therefore: **Autonomicity is an enabler for self-manageability of networks.**

    EFIPSANS envisions that the current IPv6 and the extensibility of the IPv6 protocol framework opens the door to engineering autonomicity (self-managing properties) in systems, services

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- **Where are improvements expected? Where are technology gaps?**
  - **New Concepts, Components and Architectural Design Principles that facilitate Self-Management at different levels of node/device and network *functionality and Abstractions,* are REQUIRED.**

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- **Goals**: **What does the project expect to achieve with its activity? [Specifications, Methodologies, Validations]**
  - The development of a **Generic Autonomic Network Architecture (GANA)** as **Reference Model for Autonomic Network Engineering**. This includes the specification of the **Context-aware autonomic Decision-Making-Elements (DMEs or DEs in short),** their interactions, their interfaces, their Control-Loop behaviors (which determine autonomic behaviors), and their associated **Managed-Entities (MEs).**
  - The development of the **GANA Meta-Model and associated Advanced Methodologies for the engineering of** Context-aware autonomic Decision-Making-Elements (DMEs), their Control-Loops, etc, *including the application of OMG's MDA approaches and Formal Description Techniques (FDTs) towards Simulations and Validations* of complex autonomic behaviours and *Code-Generation* for DMEs.
  - The definition of a viable **Roadmap of an evolution path for today's network models, protocols (e.g. IPv6) and paradigms, as guided by**

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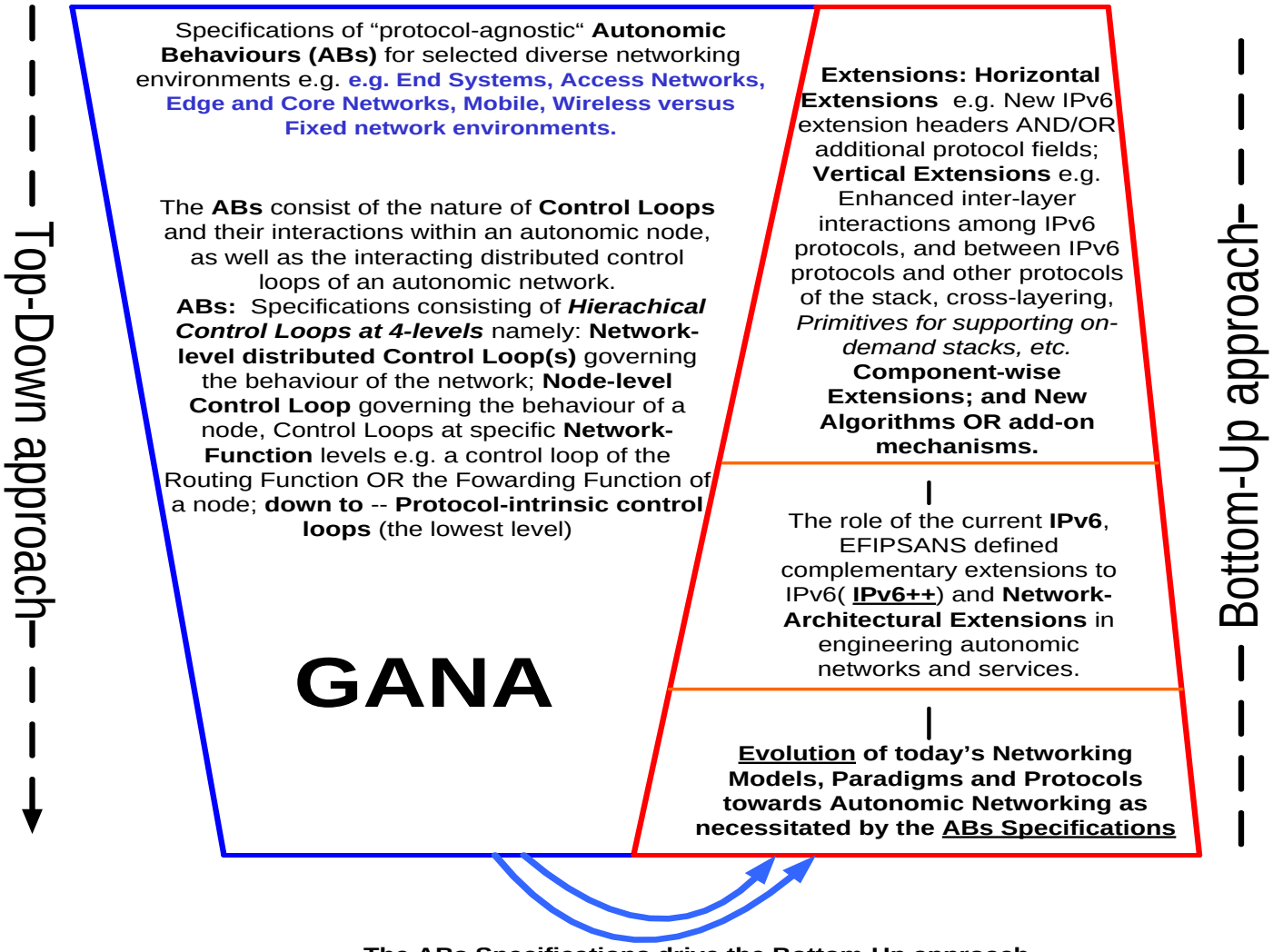
EFIPSANS Vision: Produce standardizable, protocol-agnostic **Autonomic Behaviour Specifications (ABs)** for selected diverse networking environments; **then** use the **ABs** to create and drive an evolution path for today's Networking Models, Paradigms and Protocols, **in particular IPv6**, towards Autonomic Networking.



Motivation and Issues

- **Concrete Issues**: **What are the big challenges to overcome during project lifetime?**
  - **EFIPSANS** is a 3-year project and we do not have enough resources **to produce detailed Specifications** of all the issues we have identified as requiring **detailed specifications in the GANA Reference Model**. Therefore, we are calling for co-operation with multiple players through an ISG Group: **Autonomic Network Engineering for the Self-Managing Future Internet** to be established in ETSI.
- **Size of the activity**
  - full project on self-management? **Yes, EFIPSANS is a full scale project on self-management**

GANA Principles and Envisioned Use Cases

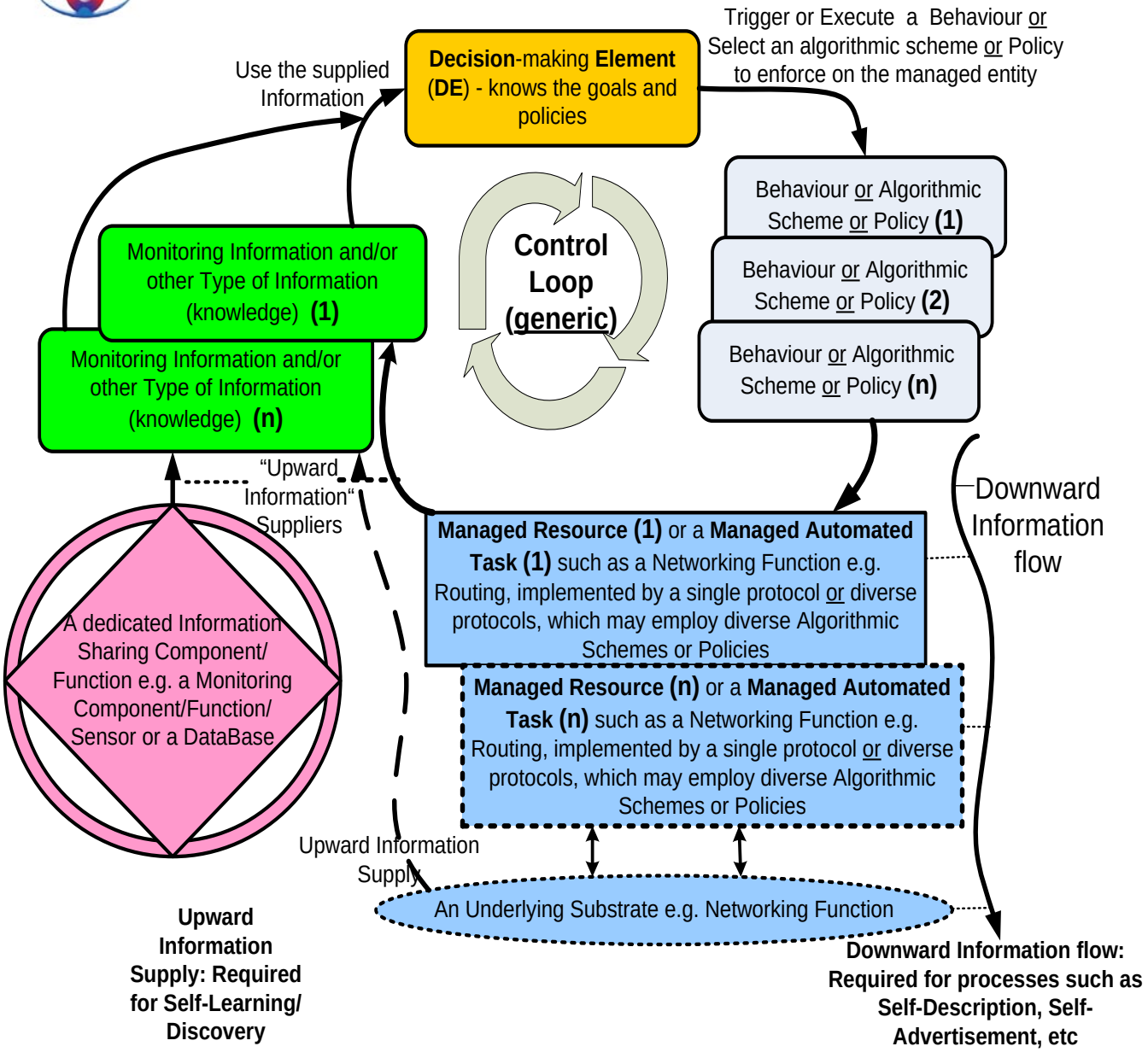
- **Restrictions of the state of the art and potential improvements to be achieved by applying self-management**
  - The **Management Paradigms of today** are based on the Relationship: **NMS** (Network Management System) ←→ **NE** (Network Element) and do not provide for the definition and implementation of **Manager ←→Managed-Entity** Concepts and Relations and issues **at different microscopic levels of abstractions, including within individual node architectures**, **down to the level of individual Protocols and System Functions.**

  - **In EFIPSANS we introduce the GANA, which defines management and manageability aspects at different levels of node/device and network functionality and introduces Autonomic Manager Components that are designed following *Hierarchical*, *Peering*, and *Sibling Relations* among each other and are characterised by autonomic control of their associated Managed-Entities, and co-operate with each other in driving the Self-**

GANA Principles and Envisioned Use Cases

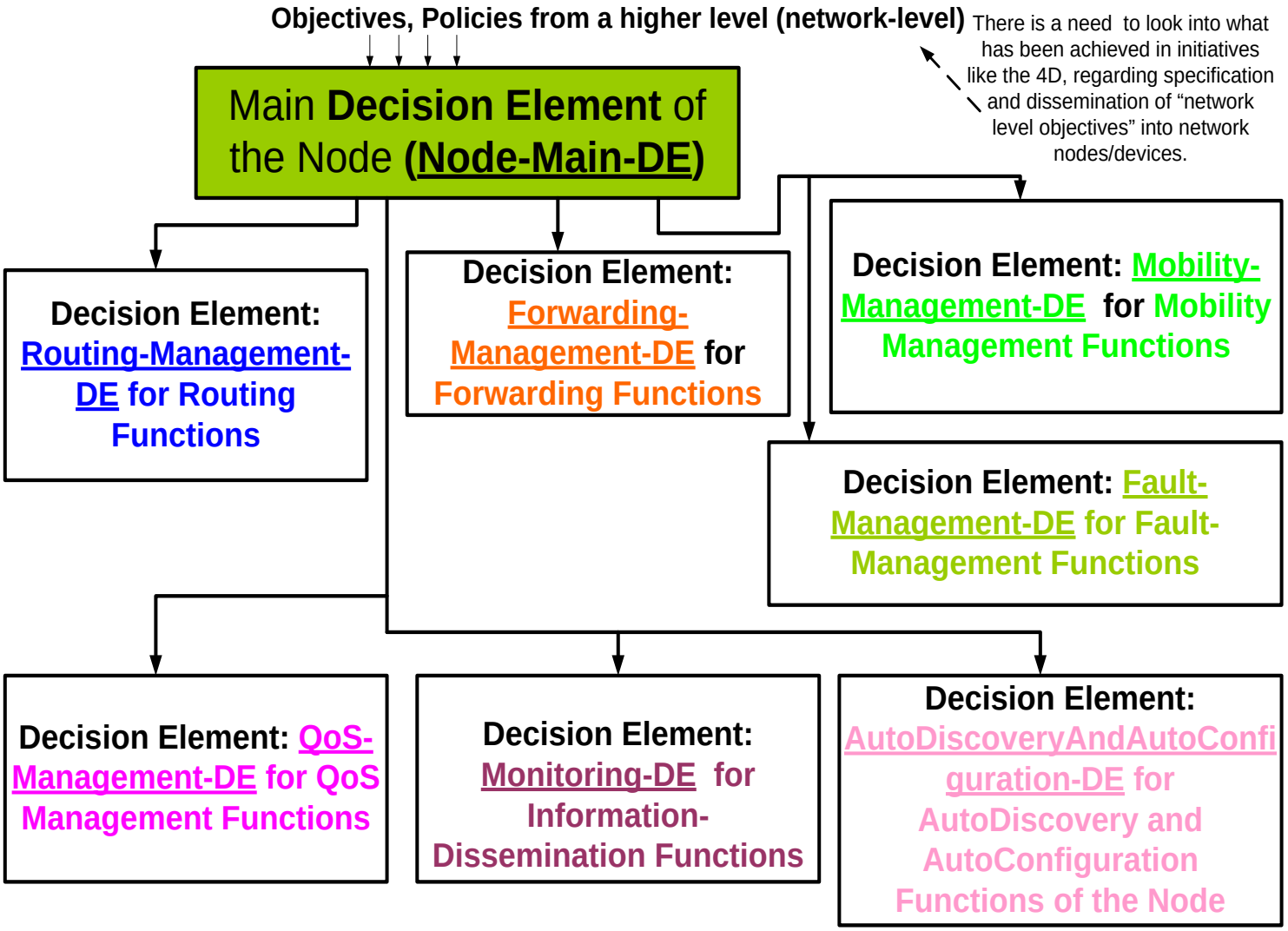
- **Elaborate difference to today's best known approaches**
  - **EFIPSANS reviewed a number of approaches including clean-slate approaches (both pure and non-pure): such as 4D, ANA, CONMan, Knowledge plane for the internet, etc, and concluded that non of these approaches proposes a holistic Reference Model that defines and distinguishes between diverse Autonomic Managers and their associated Managed-Entities for different levels of abstractions within node/device architectures and network architectures.**
  - **GANA (being introduced by EFIPSANS) is a holistic Generic Autonomic Network Architecture that defines the structures (diverse Decision-Making-Elements (DMEs) i.e. Autonomic Managers and their associated Managed-Entities (MEs), including Interfaces between DMEs (DEs in short) of the GANA's Decision Plane and interfaces between DMEs and their associated MEs and Control Loops.**
  - **GANA is also meant to address the problems of (1) Complexity—by defining the Abstractions for autonomic/self-management functionality; (2)**

Architecture View

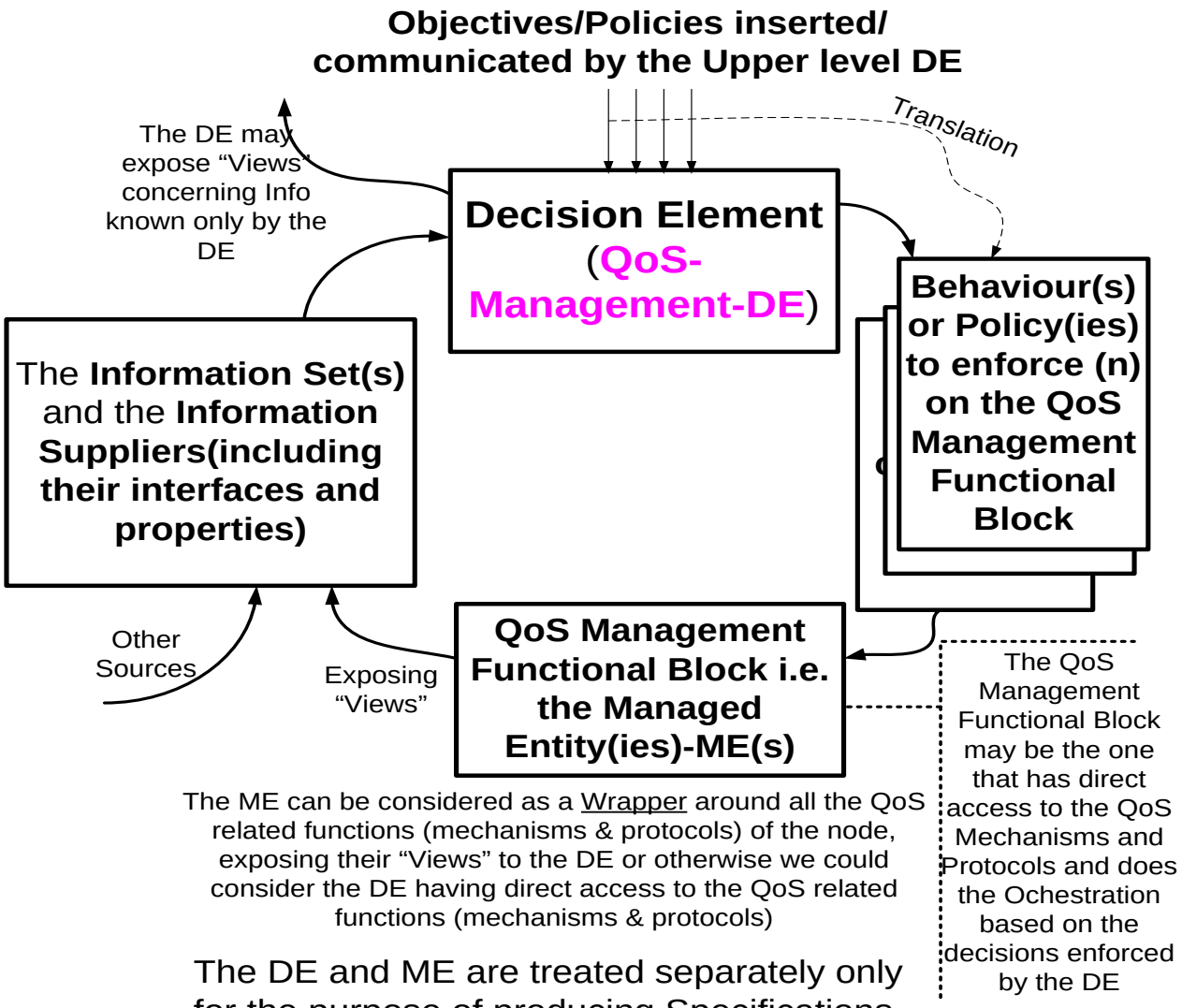


How does the project intend to introduce self-management in the network?

Architecture View (DEs Hierarchy in a Node/Device)

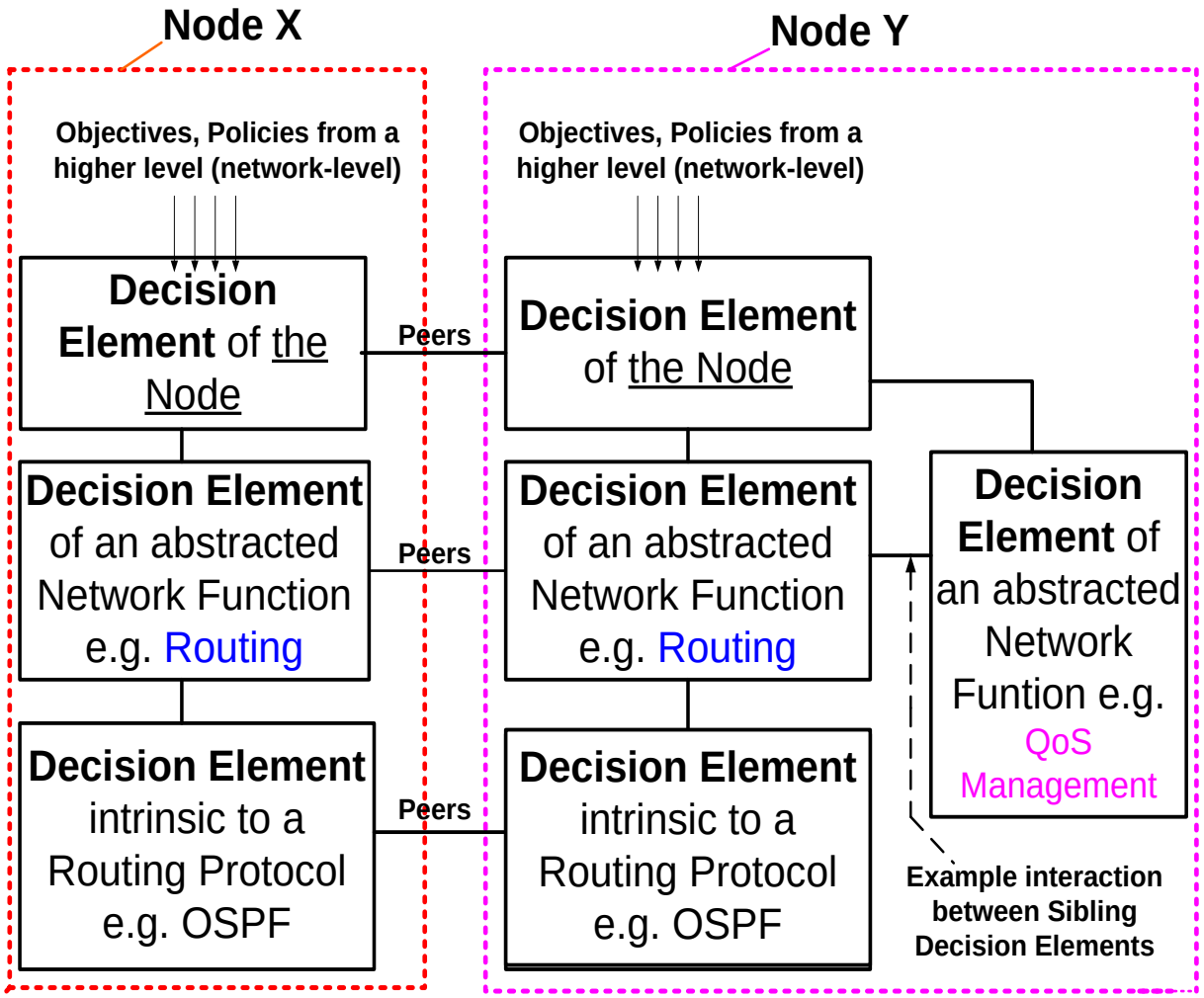


Architecture View (Example of a DE inside a Node/Device)



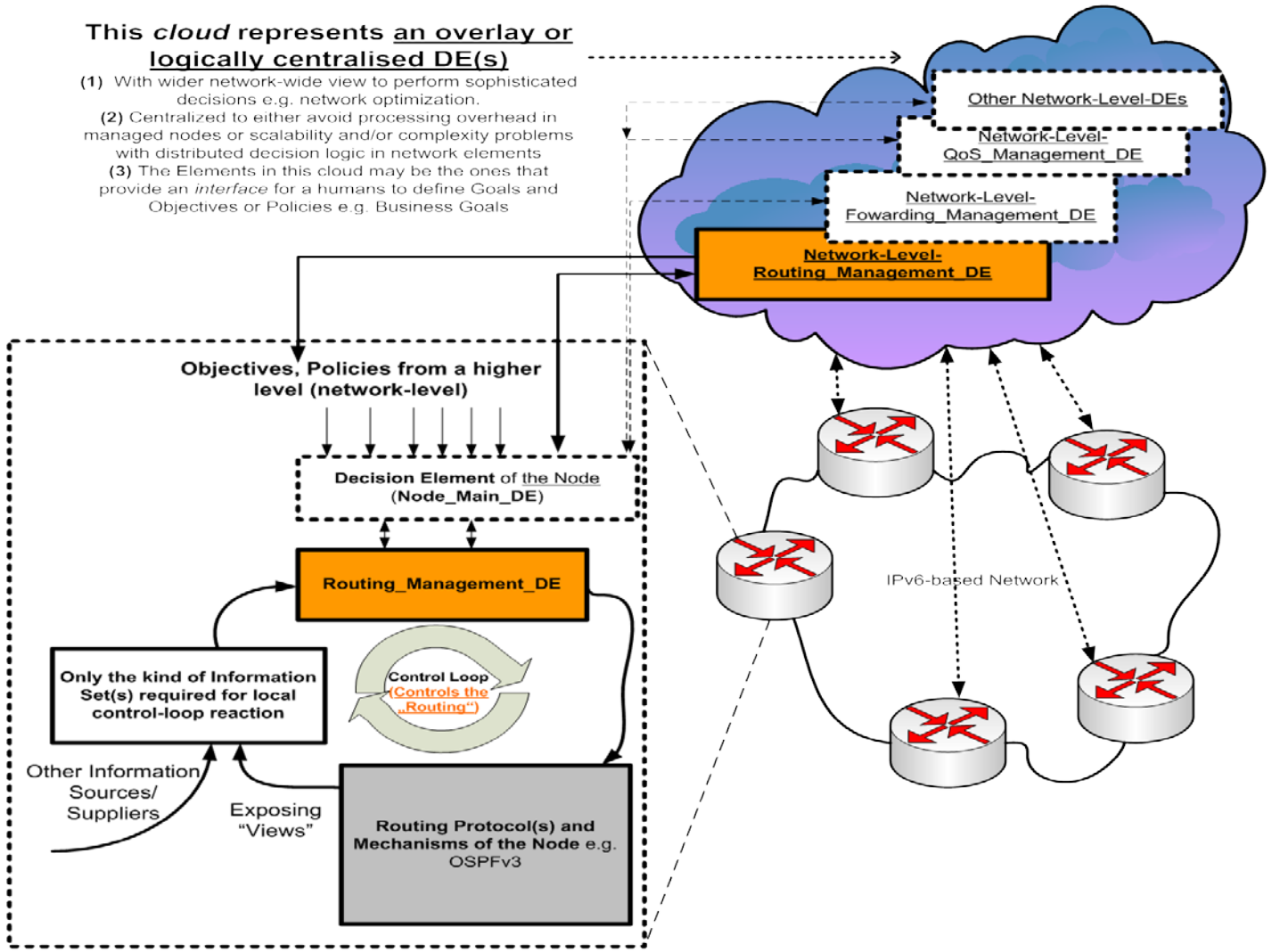
Some of the Issues calling for Specifications (as depicted on the diagram)

Architecture View (Hierarchy, Peering and Sibling Relations between DEs)

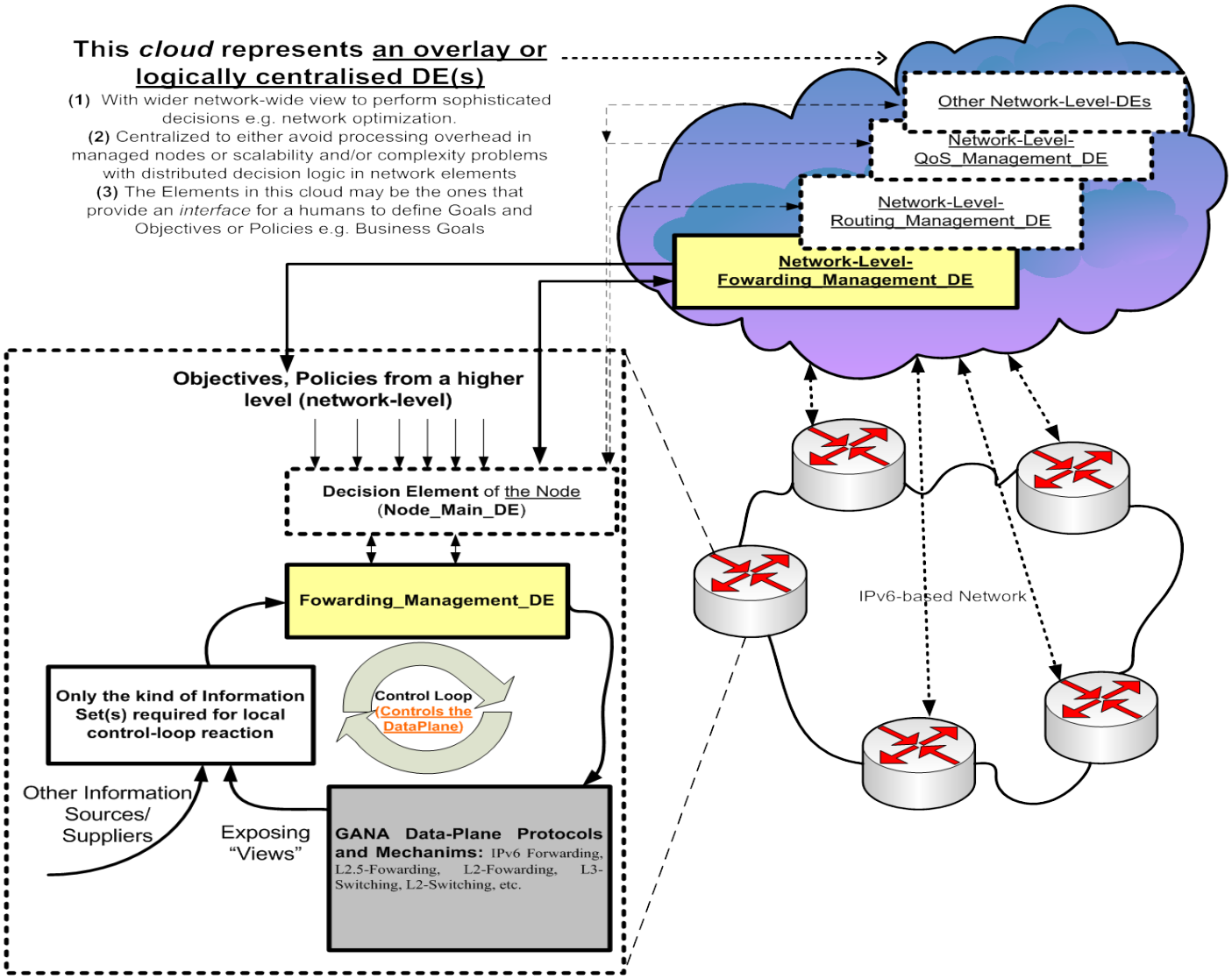


The Interfaces depicted are calling for Specifications

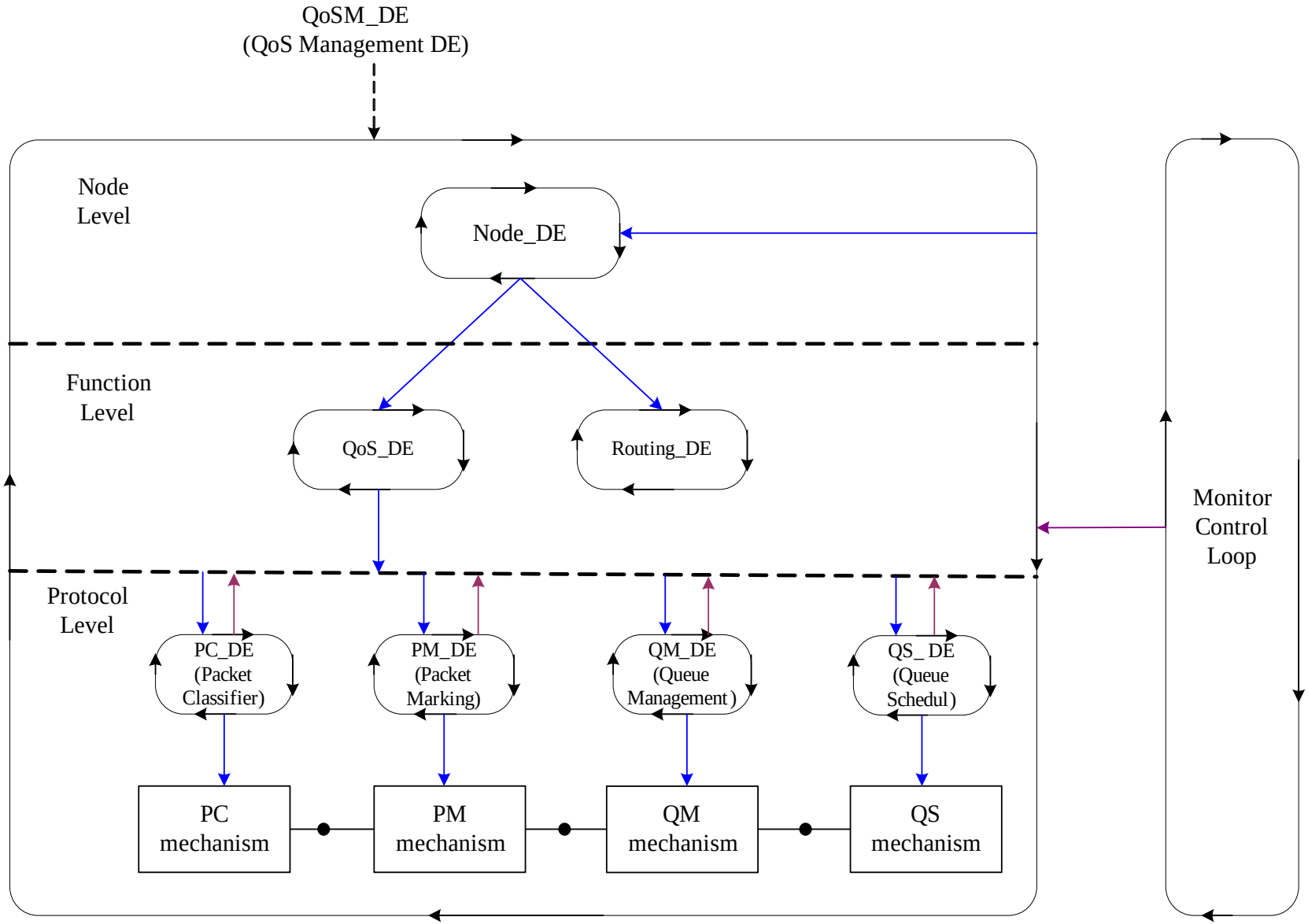
Architecture View (Example instantiation of GANA: **Routing and Autonomicity**)



Architecture View (Example instantiation of GANA: **Forwarding and Autonomicity**)



Architecture View (Example instantiation of GANA: **QoS and Autonomicity**)



Innovations

- **Which innovations to self-management does the project expect to create?**
  - The introduction of the GANA as a Reference Model for Autonomic Network Engineering, and Specifications of Autonomic Behaviours of diverse DEs for Diverse Network Environments.
  - The development of the GANA Meta-Model and associated Advanced Methodologies for the engineering of Context-aware autonomic Decision-Making-Elements (DMEs), their Control-Loops, etc, including the application of OMG's MDA approaches and Formal Description Techniques (FDTs) towards Simulations and Validations of complex autonomic behaviours, and Code-Gen.
  - The use of the current IPv6 Protocols, the creation of Extensions to IPv6 protocols as necessitated by GANA and the creation of a viable Roadmap for the evolution of today's protocols and Architectural Principles towards the Self-Managing Networks.

Design Principles and Engineering

- **Does the project support self-management innovations by new design principles or engineering methods?**

1. **Yes:** The GANA, as our Reference Model, establishes some Design Principles.
2. **EFIPSANS is developing Advanced Methodologies for the engineering** of Context-aware autonomic Decision-Making-Elements (DMEs), their Control-Loops, etc, including the application of OMG's MDA approaches and Formal Description Techniques (FDTs) such as SDL.

Validation

- **Which methods of validations does the project plan to apply?**
  - **Analytical study?** EFIPSANS has defined the following Tasks that are carrying our analytical studies: (1) **IPv6 as an enabler for Large Scale Autonomic Networks (2) The Implications of Autonomicity on the performance of applications and services;**
  - **Simulation?** EFIPSANS aims at simulating Decision-Making-Elements (DMEs/DEs), their associated Control Loops on Managed-Entities, and Interactions with other DMEs/DEs, which govern Self-Management of Networks, in SDL-based Simulation environments such as the Telelogic TAU environment.

Validation

- **Which methods of validations does the project plan to apply?**
  - **Prototyping and Measurements**? EFIPSANS is prototyping the DMEs/DEs that govern Self-Management of the Networks.
  - **We will also attempt to go for Validations of Formal Models** in an SDL-based environment.
  - **Trials?** Testbeds for Trials will be established by EFIPSANS Partners

Validation

- **Deployability**
  - **Is the solution scalable, robust, secure?** We consider the solution to be scalable and robust due to the fact that these two issues are part of the issues being addressed in our research. The issue of security is complex and we are covering some limited aspects of security such as *self-protecting network functionality*.
  - **Is there a migration path?** EFIPSANS is creating Extensions to IPv6 protocols as necessitated by GANA and is also creating a viable Roadmap for the evolution of today's protocols and Network Architectural Principles towards Self-Managing Networks.