The PICASSO 5G Expert Group established an expertise network and analysed opportunities and challenges of EU-US collaboration on 5G networks. Based on these analyses, the Expert Group identified seven technology themes and three strategic initiatives, which provides public and private organisations a solid foundation and knowledge base to take concrete actions on EU-US collaboration in the future.

What is the PICASSO project about?
The PICASSO project “ICT Policy, Research and Innovation for Smart Society: towards new avenues in EU-US ICT collaboration” is a 2-years project, from January 2016 to June 2018, funded under the European Union Horizon 2020 programme. The project brought together EU and US prominent specialists. Their aim was to reinforce EU-US ICT collaboration in pre-competitive research about the key enabling technologies related to societal challenges of common interest – 5G Networks, Big Data, Internet of Things and Cyber Physical Systems – and to support the EU-US ICT policy dialogue.

Who are the 5G Experts?
In the PICASSO project period, the 5G Expert Group chair identified and invited several top experts in the 5G network area based on the scope of the 5G group. In total, 9 experts were assembled to the PICASSO 5G Expert Group and provided their insights and contributed their visions on EU-US collaborations in the field of 5G networks on a voluntary basis. Those experts are:

- Prof Gerhard Fettweis (Expert Group chair) – Vodafone Chair Professor, TU Dresden Germany, IEEE Fellow, member of acatech, coordinator 5GLab, Germany
- Mr Leif Johansson – BusDev Manager Northern Europe, European Leaduser Manager RF/Communication, National Instruments, Sweden
- Dr Deborah Crawford – Vice President of Research at George Mason University (GMU), US
- Dr Olav Queseth – Project Coordinator METIS I & II, Ericsson, Sweden
- Dr Amitabha Ghosh – Head, North America Radio Systems Research, Nokia, US
- Mr David Kennedy – Director, Project Coordinator EURO 5G and To-EURO 5G, Eurescom, Germany
- Prof Chengshan Xiao – Lehigh University / NSF, US
- Prof. Matti Latva-Aho – Professor, Head of Telecommunication Laboratory, Oulu University, Finland
- Dr. Meryem Simsek – Senior Scientist, ICSI/Berkeley, US

Expert Group manager: Dr. Yaning Zou – Research Manager, TU Dresden, Germany

What are the impacts of their actions?
With contributions from the above-mentioned members of the 5G Expert Group as well as PICASSO project partners, the PICASSO 5G Expert Group creates the following impacts:

- Establish an external stakeholder network for EU-US collaboration

With the help of members of the PICASSO Expert Groups and through different PICASSO project activities, the 5G Expert Group has gradually established an external stakeholder network with many influential public and private external stakeholders from the EU and the US. This provides a solid foundation for continuing the exchange within a sustainable EU-US research community in the future:
Identify opportunities, challenges, major technology themes for EU-US collaboration

As one important output of the PICASSO 5G Expert Group, the opportunity report thoroughly analysed major opportunities and challenges as well as identified four technology themes for EU-US collaboration:

- Connecting the last billions in unserved areas
  - ultra large terrestrial cells – technology
  - economical study on incentives by governments for rural connectivity
  - areal/satellite communications for broadband access in oceans
- Ad-hoc premises networks, e.g. for regional niche markets as farms
  - Technology development and standardization
- mmWave technology
  - at carrier frequencies beyond 100 GHz
  - mmWave deployment strategies
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- Spectrum farming & harmonization

Considering the major challenges faced in building a sustainable EU-US collaboration partnership, the PICASSO 5G Expert Group recommends to focus on technologies that have niche markets yet will have strong societal impact.

Identify potential strategic initiatives for the EU-US collaboration

Based on analyses of opportunities and challenges, the PICASSO 5G Expert Group proposed two types of strategic initiatives for EU-US collaboration:

- US PAWR model & EC project model
- ERC model, each side funds it part

For the both types of initiatives, the PICASSO 5G Expert Group recommends to establish a joint evaluation panel to ensure constructive collaboration between EU and US sides.

Promote EU-US collaboration by improving mutual understanding and visibility

Through versatile PICASSO project activities, e.g. public events, expert group meetings and email discussions, the PICASSO 5G Expert Group has reached a wide range of external stakeholders and discussed individually with different interest groups.

Impact beyond the PICASSO project

It is expected that the knowledge obtained in the PICASSO project will be used as basis within a future EU-US collaboration project on advanced wireless and inspire the wireless research community on both sides of the Atlantic, to continue working together bringing benefits to the both EU and US societies.
PICASSO Project Website: www.picasso-project.eu  
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