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ETSI BRAN Initiative

- Project created in March 1997
- Merges ETSI's HIPERLAN expertise (RES 10) and Fixed Access expertise (TM4)
- Leverages ACTS R&D programmes (e.g. Magic WAND, MEDIAN, SAMBA)
- Future oriented
 - conventional RLL and Narrowband Fixed Access are excluded
- Broad support of the ETSI membership

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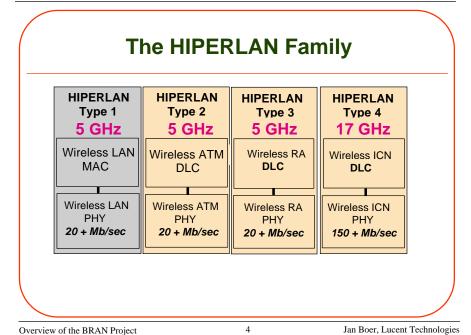
- Specifications for Broadband Radio Fixed Access and Cordless Premises Access systems
- From 25 Mb/s to 155 Mb/s
- From "50 m to 15 km" range
- User data rates from "16K to 16M"
- Core Network Independent
 - POTS, (B)-ISDDN, ATM, Frame Relay, TCP/IP supported via interworking specifications

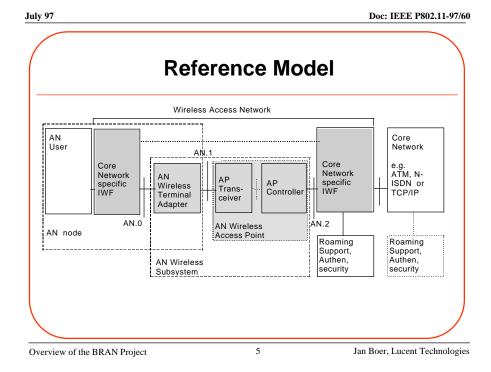
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BRAN Organzation

- Working Group 1
 - Requirements & Architectures
- Working Group 2
 - Spectrum and Regulatory Matters
- Working Group 3
 - Access Network Specifications
- Working Group 4
 - Interworking Specifications
- Liaisons with ATMForum, IEEE, ITU-R

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Work Programme

- Technical Reports
 - Requirements and Architectures WG 1
 - Broadband Technology Inventory WG 3
 - October 1997
- Radio Access Network Specifications
 - based on TRs
 - limited set of functional elements
 - service profiles
 - certification requirements
 - June 1999

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Work Programme - 2

- Interworking Specifications WG4
 - one per Core Network
 - priority for ATM in cooperation with ATMForum
 - June 1999
- Spectrum and Regulatory Matters WG2
 - target is world-wide allocations for licensed and unlicensed systems
 - in cooperation with CEPT, WRC etc.

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BRAN meeting #3

- In WG3 working on technology inventory
 - +/- 30 paper were presented
 - PHY
 - OFDM (o.a. Magic Wand)
 - single carrier (NEC)
 - ramp (Thompson)
 - MAC/DLC

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BRAN - 802.11 convergence

- Both ETSI-BRAN and IEEE develop standards for wireless access
 - datarates 20-40 Mbit/s
 - 5 GHz band
- Investigate possibilities for convergence

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BRAN - 802.11 convergence cont'

- · Why is convergence important
 - ETSI is standard development for Europe
 - All 5GHz equipment in Europe must conform to ETSI standards
 - 802(.11) is intended to be world wide
 - Standards not (mutually) accepted by ETSI and IEEE will be exluded from certain areas
 - Worldwide standards will catalyze the market

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Possible convergence scenario

- define common Radio PHY, based on same physical characteristics, suitable for adoption by standardization bodies
 - could eliminate differences in certification requirements
 - provide benefits such as scale and product costs
 - could provide a common basis for world-wide standard
 - cooperation could extent to include MAC/DLC

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BRAN / IEEE802.11 liaison

- Certain 802.11 members attend BRAN
 - helps to put cooperation into effect
- Jan Boer attends both BRAN and IEEE802.11 meetings
 - appointed by BRAN > IEEE liaison
 - available as IEEE > BRAN liaison

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