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Consulting services



STL Partners helps our clients innovate, grow, and stay ahead of existing and new competition in a digital world



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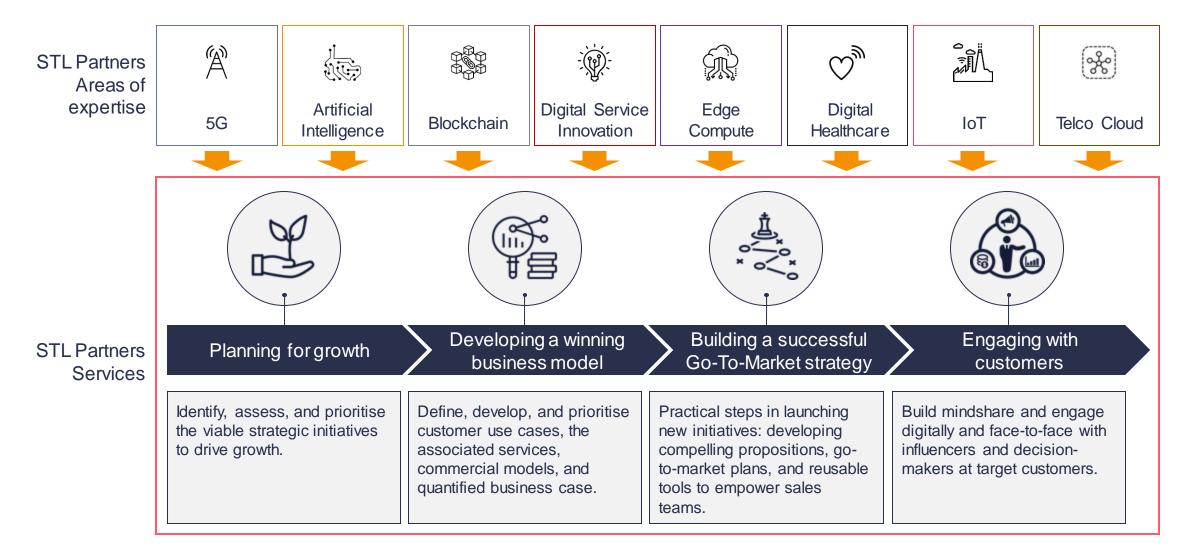
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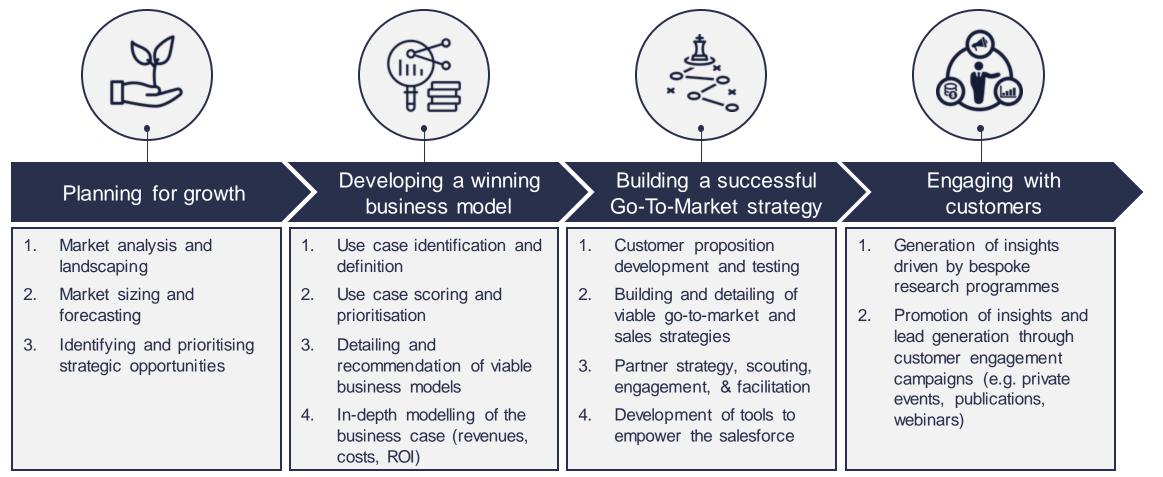
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STL Partners Consulting: Develop and execute a winning strategy in the Coordination Age



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1. Planning for Growth



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Identify, assess, and prioritise the viable strategic initiatives to drive growth.

Market analysis and landscaping	 Conduct research programmes, including customer interviews, to understand market trends and dynamics Map the competitor and partner landscape, value chain segments, and wider ecosystem structure Leverage desk research and existing expertise to build and extract learnings from a long list of case studies, within a technology or specific industry vertical, from within and beyond telecoms
Market sizing and forecasting	 Produce market sizing research estimating, for example, addressable market, indicative revenues, expected data volumes etc. to forecast market trends and inflexion points Provide underlying assumptions, model logic, and usage guidelines to handover model as a value-add tool to clients Test and validate output and assumptions through customer/partner interviews Refine iteratively with the client to co-create a deliverable
Identifying & prioritising strategic opportunities	 Develop key criteria in collaboration with the client and wider stakeholder groups to assess the potential value of identified opportunities Evaluate and prioritise initiatives based on the client's core objectives and capabilities Drive alignment and share knowledge in strategic workshops Provide clear recommendations on initiative roadmap, including next steps, client roles and responsibilities, timelines and milestones

2. Developing a winning business model



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Define, develop, and prioritise customer use cases, the associated services, commercial models, and quantified business case.

Q.	Use case identification and definition	 Leverage desk research and existing expertise to build long list of potential use cases, within a technology or specific industry vertical Develop use case profiles including use case descriptions, Gaddi pitches/use case propositions, and key product elements for the client (e.g. target customer segments) Product: Edge use case service – click for more information
	Use case scoring and prioritisation	 Develop key criteria in close collaboration with the client, through meetings and workshops with wider stakeholder groups, to assess the potential value of identified use cases Scoring and ranking of the use cases against developed criteria STL Partners facilitated workshop(s) with the client to refine use case scoring and align on prioritised use cases for further development and exploration
	Detailing and recommendation of the viable business models	 Market analysis to assess the competitive landscape, value chain, potential partnership opportunities and existing pricing models/strategies Interviews with end users, customers, and ecosystem partners to validate the opportunity, commercial models, use case drivers/proposition, minimum product/service requirements Develop and prioritise the viable business models for delivery of the service based on the client's strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities
	In-depth modelling of the business case	 Market sizing forecasts to assess the addressable market and revenue opportunity at a use case and country level Model costs over time for developing the use cases/services, including infrastructure/ platform building Conduct sensitivity analyses to assess the value derived in different potential scenarios Derive ROI for the service to build a detailed business case for the initiative

3. Building a successful Go-To-Market strategy



Practical steps in launching new initiatives: developing compelling propositions, go-to-market plans, and reusable tools to empower sales teams.

Proposition development and testing	 Customer and channel interviews to fully understand end user and partner needs Develop 2-3 propositions and positioning options for clients and associated 'pitch decks' Test and validate options with target clients Process feedback and produce final proposition and positioning document Iterate as required: agile approach
Building and detailing of viable go-to-market and sales strategies	 Evaluate marketing and sales options for proposition: online/offline, direct/indirect via desk research and partner/channel/customer interviews Synthesise findings into 2+ coherent marketing and sales strategies with associated targets, timelines, milestones, investments (ROI) Client workshop to evaluate options via a structured process (review hard data, interview feedback, etc.) to produce final and align on agreed strategy and define the practical next steps
Partner scouting, engagement and facilitation	 Identify potential partners that are aligned with the marketing and sales strategy Produce 'pen portrait' of potential partners for client Create partner evaluation criteria to map to the client's needs and prioritise partners via client workshop Develop pitch deck(s) for engaging with partners Run client-partner workshops to develop and prioritise strategic opportunities and potential partnership models
Developing tools to empower the salesforce	 Create interactive sales tools to define sales strategy across customer segments (e.g. customer playbooks, visualisation tools) Develop compelling sales collateral material for engaging with priority clients (e.g. bespoke pitch decks, sales attack packs and battlecards)

4. Engaging with customers



Build mindshare and engage digitally and face-to-face with influencers and decision-makers at target customers.

Bespoke reports	 Co-branded research report on a new technology or business opportunity, investigating emerging trends, implementation challenges, best practice, case studies etc. Internal report to inform the client's own strategy and identify areas of opportunity or development recommendations
Case studies	 "Mini report" case study focusing on client reference customer(s) and highlighting quantified, expected and achieved benefits of a particular solution or partnership Key findings and data converted into a compelling and visually attractive infographic Designed to promote the clients thought leadership and for distribution to client's and STL's own channels
Videos	 A video of the relevant consultant or analyst from STL Partners talking through findings of a piece of bespoke research – format: being interviewed, presenting (either live or via PowerPoint recorded slideshow), etc. Video available for the client to upload to its website, use in online and offline customer interactions.
Webinars	 Co-hosted or STL Partners-facilitated webinars, marketed to our 40,000-strong telco community (or a targeted segment of this) Leverage insights from research, create reusable content for marketing & educational purposes, generate tangible warm leads
Private events	 STL Partners-facilitated invitation-only events for senior telco executives Draw upon STL's 10-year history of running invitation-only events for industry leaders globally Leverage insights from research and STL's relationships to drive deeper engagement with multiple operators
Customer workshops	 STL Partners-facilitated workshop with key stakeholders across client and end customer organisations Draw on STL's experience engaging operators worldwide, with specific insights regarding markets and industry practices Leverage STL's expertise in designing, preparing and facilitating interactive workshop sessions

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STL Partners worked with a global mobile operator to forecast/ the connected car market

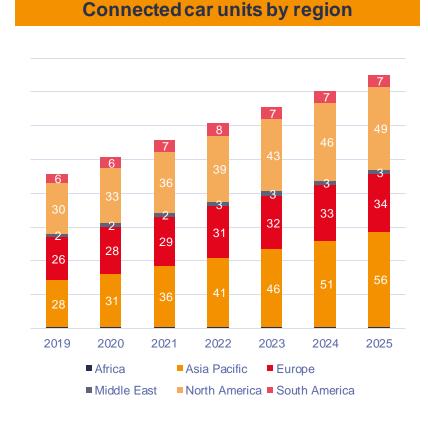
Our client wanted to find out: How much data will a car in 2019-2025 consume from telematics services broken down by key geographical regions and car segments?

STL Partners created a tool for finding:

- ARPU
- Data usage
- Revenues
- Car volumes

from telematics by:

- Country / region
- Type of service
- Type of car (economy, middle class, luxury)
- End-market (OEM or aftermarket)



Global connected car revenues by car type



Economy Mid-range Luxury

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STL Partners conducted a hands-on session with an incumbent operator to identify and prioritise strategic opportunities within healthcare



66 STL Partners' deep insights and knowledge of the market supported us in shaping our healthcare strategy, and their approach drove collaboration across our team. Overall STL under-promised and overdelivered.

Healthcare Strategy Manager, European
Tier 1 Operator

Recommendations to include:

- Prioritised list of initiatives (strategic and tactical)
- High-level plans and roadmap
- Goals and objectives clearly defined
- Deeper understanding and insight of what others have done and market trends
- Alignment across the team about future direction

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STL Partners supported a global software provider to understand the edge computing landscape and opportunity



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Interview programme with industrials

 Conducted global interview programme with senior executives across target industries





Manufacturing (incl. OEMs and automotive)

Extractives Other (incl. oil, gas industries and mining) (e.g. smart cities, logistics)

• Example companies:





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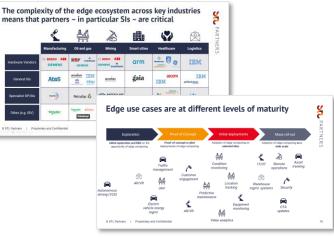
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Clarify edge opportunity and landscape

- Analysed the current and developing edge computing opportunity
- Built picture of the edge landscape including needs of target verticals, key use cases, and the edge ecosystem



Identify strategic implications

- Identified strategic implications for the company's edge proposition and partnerships
- Read-out to communicate strategy to internal stakeholders



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STL Partners identified, developed, prioritised, and sized key edge computing use cases for a tier one operator

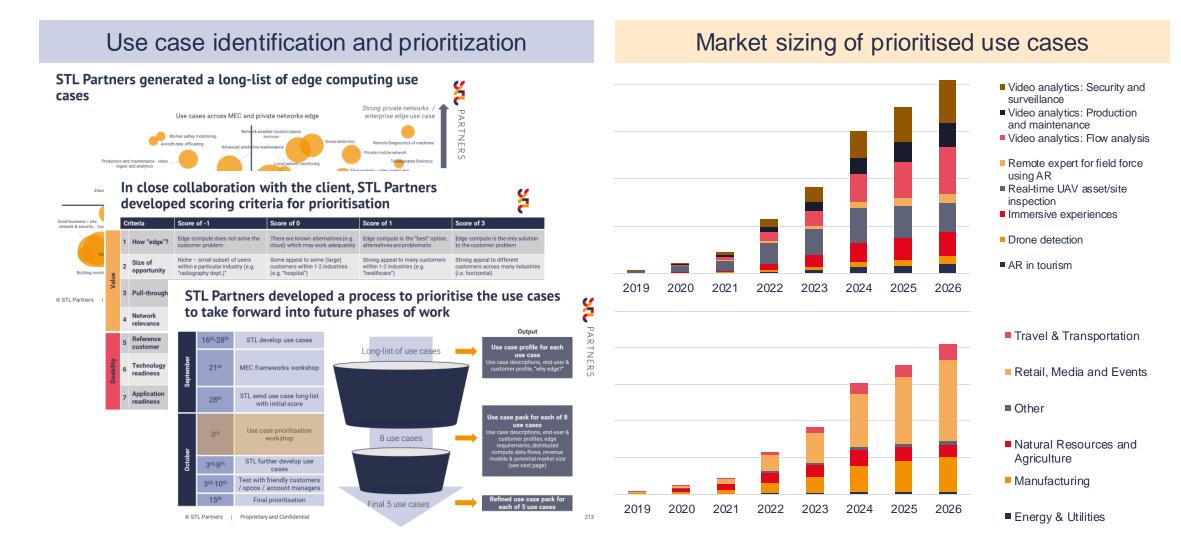


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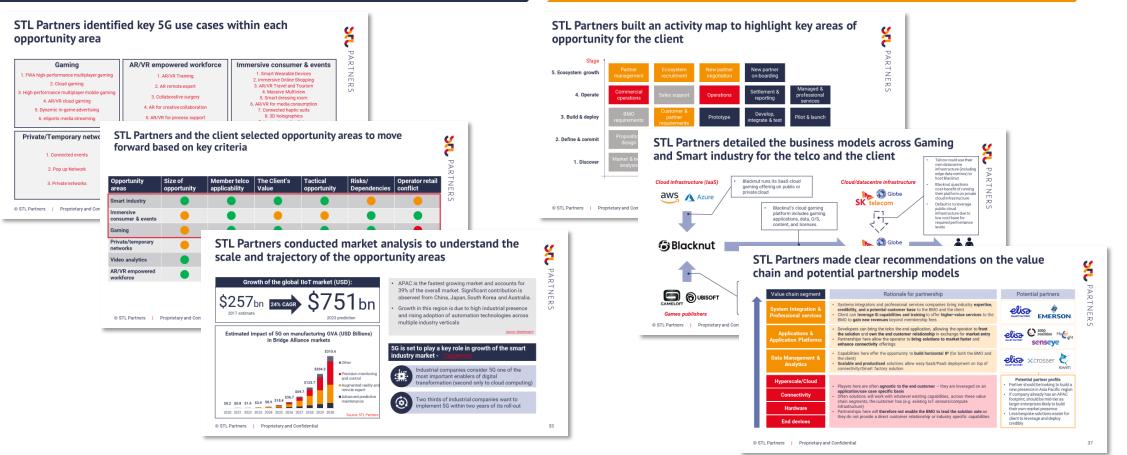


STL Partners supported an alliance of mobile operators to define its strategy around 5G-enabled initiatives



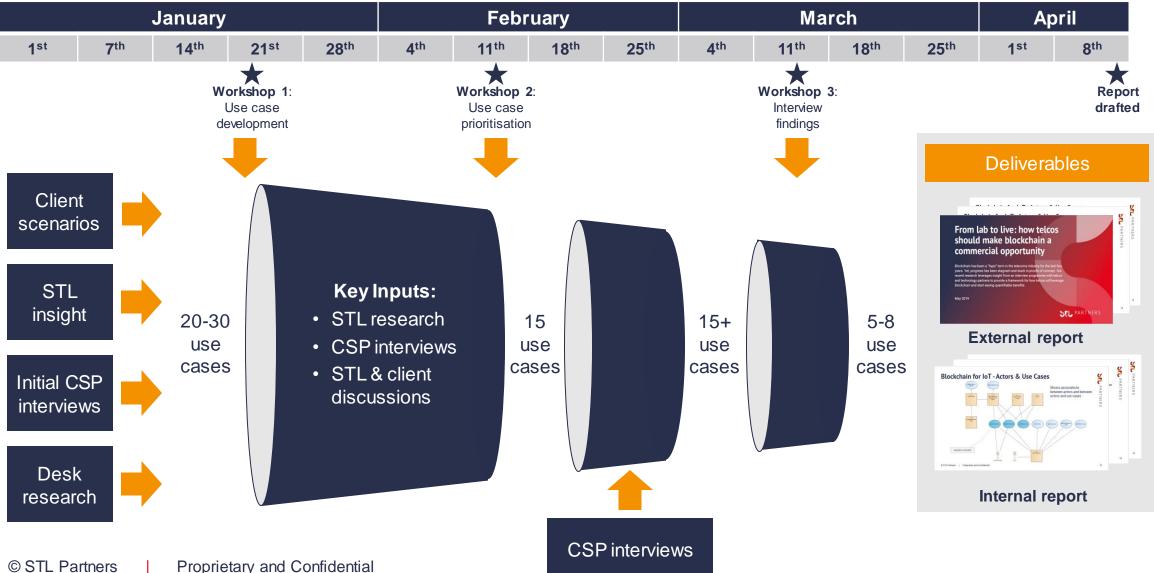
Phase 1. Identification, development and prioritisation of initiatives

Phase 2. Detailed business and commercial model development

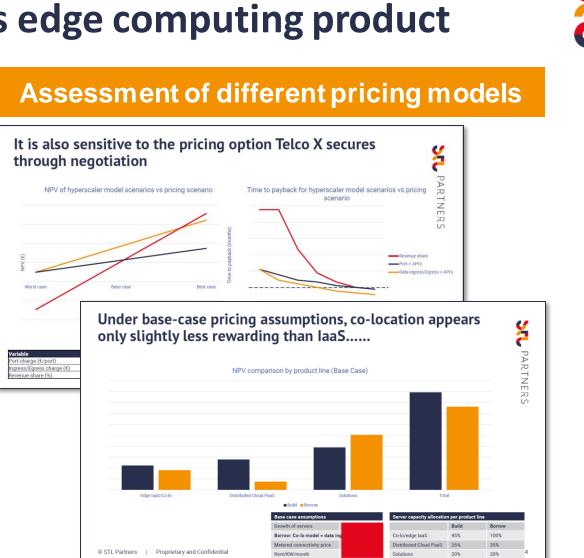


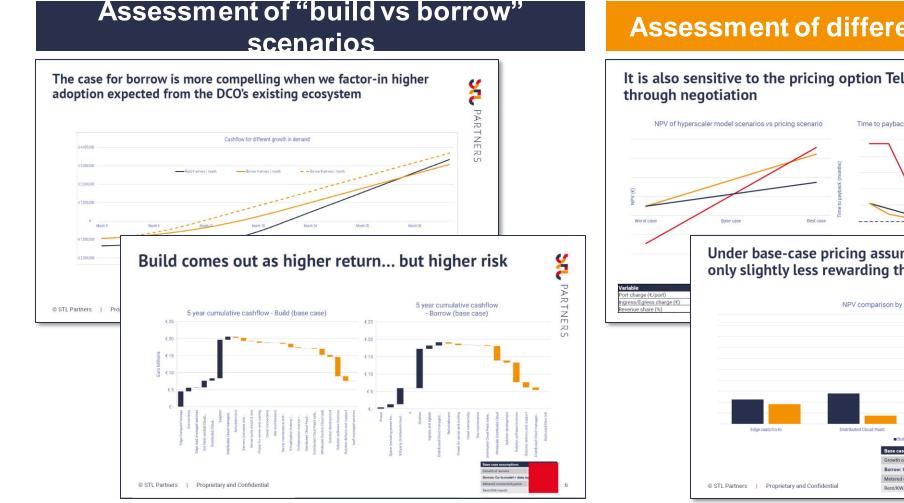
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STL Partners underwent several workshops to prioritise blockchain use cases, complemented by an interview programme to test their viability



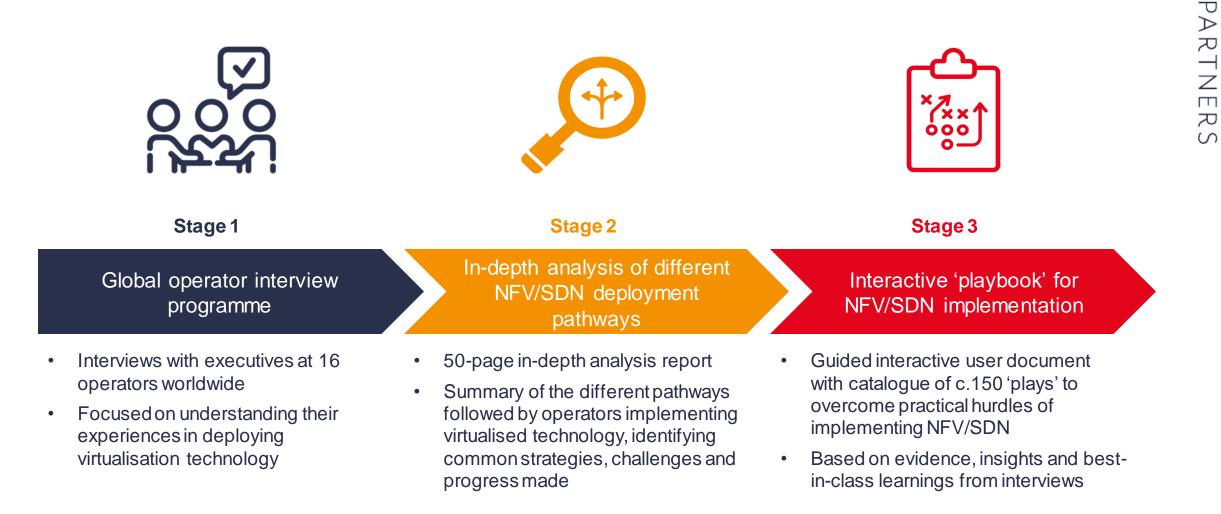
STL calculated ROI across different business, pricing, and investment models for an MNO's edge computing product





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STL Partners built a tool for a major technology vendor to accelerate the deployment of NFV/SDN technologies



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STL supported a leading software and engineering group in identifying and addressing private networking opportunities

This opportunity would span 3 key phases, with an iterative

co-creation approach and planned rollout in 2021

Opportunity identification

 Identification of 20 private networking opportunities in selected industries, including potential customers and partners Evaluation workshop
 Discussion to narrow down and agree selected opportunities to take forward

Deliverable production

 Production of proposition pitch packs and briefing packs for 6 selected opportunities

Proposition pitch packs

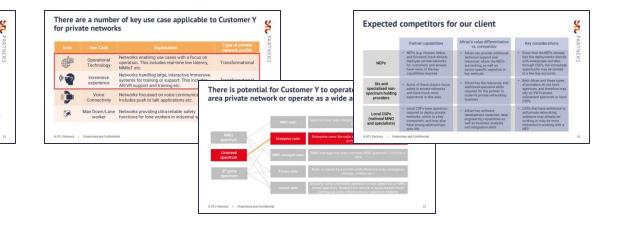
Customer X: Proposition overview

- What the target client (CSP, NEP or Enterprise) is trying to achieve
- How private networks can support any objectives
- How [client's] proposition and capabilities can support them with this

Customer X can leverage our client's private

Opportunity briefing packs

- Hypothesis implementation model and our client's services
- Deep dive prospect profiles (Evidence of maturity, basis of interest in private networks etc.)
- Expected competitors (and relative strengths/weaknesses)



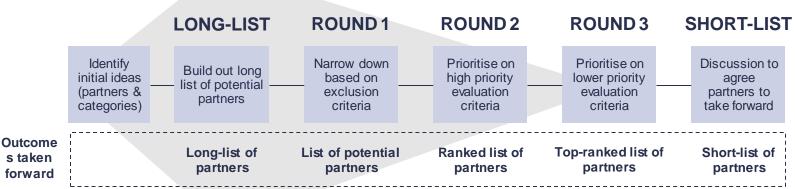


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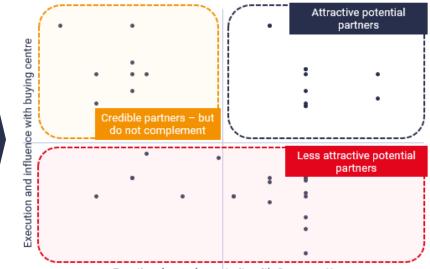
STL Partners helped a technology vendor identify and evaluate suitable partners to gain NFV traction with telcos

STL Partners developed a partnering strategy service and methodology.

This methodology can be adapted in different ways for different clients looking into partnerships across various specific domains.



- In this particular project, a long list of partners was produced through an internal session.
- STL Partners and the client went through an iterative process to identify and assess different evaluation criteria (e.g. deal-breakers to exclude, high, medium, low) with which potential partners are assessed on.
- With the shortlist of potential partners, STL Partners produced partner profiles and an outline of the partnership models



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Functional complementarity with Company X

STL Partners supported a Tier 1 European operator in developing its proposition for an edge computing product



Understanding customer needs, challenges, and the proposition

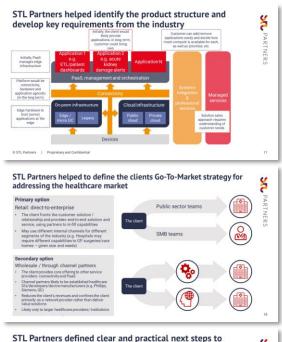
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Developing the Go-To-Market strategy





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STL Partners conducted a research programme with Juniper Networks on the industry's progress so far in telco cloud

Building a meaningful thought leadership-driven campaign for Juniper focusing on telco cloud



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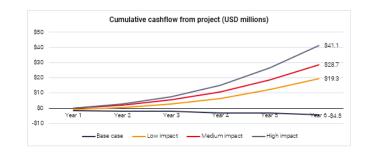
STL Partners highlighted the benefits of implementing an advanced analytics solution through an operator case study



ROI modelling

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Base case	-\$1.4	-\$1.7	-\$2.1	-\$2.9	-\$3.3	-\$4.5	
Low impact	-\$0.6	\$0.6	\$3.0	\$6.4	\$12.2	\$19.3	2
Medium impact	-\$0.1	\$2.0	\$5.6	\$10.8	\$18.8	\$28.7	2
High impact	\$0.0	\$2.7	\$7.6	\$15.1	\$26.6	\$41.1	2

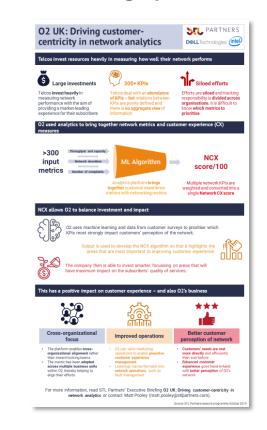


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Co-branded case study report

Infographic



We promoted a Nokia co-sponsored thought leadership report and survey findings in telco's AI maturity



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The state of AI in the telecoms industry





Opportunities for AI-enabled customer experience

Are telcos taking advantage of how Al can significantly reshape customer experience? Nokia's Brendan Ziolo and STL Partners' Matt Pooley discuss.



The role of AI in simplifying telecom operations

How can telecom operations be more agile, dynamic and efficient? Nokia's Brendan Ziolo and STL Partners' Matt Pooley discuss.

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STL Partners supported Altran in promoting its 5G proposition at Mobile World Congress Barcelona 2019







STL Partners recruited panel speakers from Airbus, Sanofi and Telenor

Organised event within 3 weeks

Secured attendance of 30 senior telecoms industry professionals

Developed compelling content for the discussion "How will 5G deliver unique value to other industries?"

Sample set of our attendees						
Company	Title					
Head of Corporate Strategy and PMO	Alfa Mobile					
CEO	Bridge Alliance					
Chief Strategy Officer (CSO)	CableLabs					
Global Strategic Solutions	Colt					
Vice President Group Strategy & Transformation	Deutsche Telekom					
Innovation Management	Deutsche Telekom					
Business Development, Innovation, Evolving Edge	Equinix					
VP of Worldwide Sales	Ethernity Networks					
IoT Program Architect and Product Leader	Georgia-Pacific LLC					
Domain Sales Representative	Hewlett Packard Enterprise					
AVP Product & Business Development	Hutchison Global Communications					
Global Strategic Marketing	Juniper Networks					
Senior Networks	Kazakh Telecom					
CEO	Onycom					
Director Product Marketing	Oracle Corporation					
5G Squad Member	Orange Spain					
Team Manager Mobile Solutions	Proximus					
EVP	Qualcomm					
Principal Business Development – Data and Al	Swisscom					
OnLife Networks DevOps Senior Expert	Telefonica					
SVP Internet of Things	Telenor Group					
Dir. of NFV Solution Engineering and Validation	VMWare					
ITDNE Sr Networking Architect	Vodafone					
5G IoT Project Director	Wind Tre					
Chief Operating Officer (COO)	ZTE Italy					

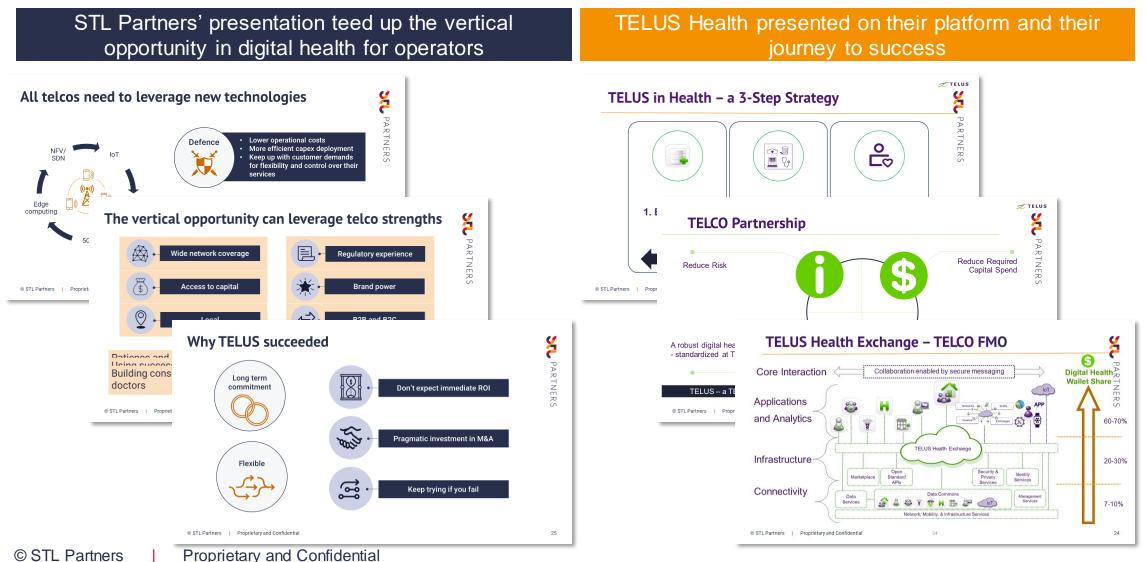
STL Partners ran a customer workshop at MWC to promote TELUS Health's success and viability as a telco partner



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Our partners have all worked extensively in industry



Philip Laidler, Consulting Partner

Phil's experience is in strategic planning, corporate development and strategic marketing consulting. He brings over 23 years' experience in TMT both as a consultant and business leader, having held senior roles with Verizon Enterprise for eight years. A fluent French and Italian speaker, Phil holds an MSc in Information Systems from the London School of Economics and a BA in Engineering and Management Studies from Cambridge.



Chris Barraclough, Partner

Chris is a key contributor to both consulting and research activities at STL Partners, He has over 25 years' experience in strategy and business—18 in the TMT sector working for operators such as Verizon Business and Orange. Particular interest in strategic analysis, proposition development and the use of financial and operational metrics to manage and govern change. MA in English Language and Literature from Oxford University.



Andrew Collinson, Research Partner

Andrew leads STL Partners' research business and has over 25 years' experience working in telecoms, holding senior business and strategic roles the within mobile, fixed line, VOIP and internet services sectors. Andrew has particular interests in how organisations and people change, AI, and neuroscience. Andrew holds a BSc in Medical Physics from Exeter and an MBA from Warwick.

STL Partners specialist consulting capabilities

Examples of STL Partners' expertise

	Edge computing	Telco cloud	Digital health
Practice lead	Dalia Adib	Yesmean Luk	Darius Singh
Assets & capabilities	 Database of 150+ use cases Interactive model for forecasting use case revenues Ecosystem tool mapping 80+ edge vendors MEC site ROI model & hyperscaler negotiation tool 	 25+ reports covering NFV, SDN, etc. NFV deployment tracker covering every announced live NFV deployment Dedicated Telco Cloud research stream 	 5+ reports on telcos role in digital health 10+ case studies of telcos' digital health solutions
Example projects	 Supported 3 major operators to develop a commercial strategy for edge computing Advised global telco on hyperscaler partnership negotiation worth €0.5M 	 Helping a software company to identify and evaluate suitable partners for telco NFVi Building an operator playbook tool for a major technology vendor to accelerate the deployment of NFV/SDN technologies 	 Developing the healthcare strategy and core propositions for an incumbent European operator Quantifying 5G's impact on the healthcare industry, including three detailed use cases, for a technology vendor
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