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## 1 Scope

This European Telecommunications Standard (ETS) specifies the Group Call Control (GCC) protocol used by the Voice Group Call Service (VGCS) on the radio interface.

## 2 Normative references

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- [6] GSM 04.06 (ETS 300 938): "Digital cellular telecommunication system; Mobile Station - Base Station System (MS - BSS) interface Data Link (DL) layer specification".
- [7] GSM 04.07 (ETS 300 939): "Digital cellular telecommunication system (Phase 2+); Mobile radio interface signalling layer 3 General aspects".
- [8] GSM 04.08 (ETS 300 940): "Digital cellular telecommunication system (Phase 2+); Mobile radio interface layer 3 specification".

## 3 Definitions and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

Definitions used in this ETS are also defined in GSM 02.68.

For the purposes of this ETS, the following definitions apply:

**attachment of the user connection:** See GSM 04.08, subclause 5.2.

**calling user:** GCC entity in the Mobile Station (MS) initiating or having initiated a group call.

**clearing the context related to the group call establishment:** All running GCC timers in the relevant GCC entity are stopped, all attributes in the relevant GCC entity are deleted.

**downlink:** Network to mobile station direction.

**group call:** Is used in the same sense as "voice group call".

**group call channel:** Combined uplink/downlink to be allocated in each cell of the group call area for a particular group call. The uplink can be used by the presently talking service subscriber only. All MSs of the listening service subscribers in one cell shall listen to the common downlink.