New Vendor Requirements For The NFV Era

As shown in Figure 2, for example, AT&T’s CTO, John Donovan, told the Mobile World Congress event in Barcelona in March 2015 about AT&T’s plans for NFV. He stated that AT&T plans to migrate 5% of its 150 relevant network functions from a classic hardware-based architecture to Virtual Network Functions (VNFs) running on virtualized hardware by the end of 2015. He foresees this rising to no less than 75% of these network functions by 2020.

Telefonica has comparable objectives, targeting being able to run 30% of its new deployments on its virtualized “UNICA” execution environment by 2016.

Heavy Reading sees the NFV market growing $485.3M in 2014 $12.7B in 2019

Source: Heavy Reading’s Carrier SDN Survey of 79 CSPs, December 2014