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Industrial automation in most cases relies on deterministic exchange of process data among various communication partners, e.g., PLCs, drives, and IOs. However, the industry currently suffers from a multitude of different communication technologies that implement the important OSI layers incompatibly in various manners featuring various key data.

This standard hence will generate a standard for industrial real-time communication that is restricted to mainly scheduling of frames on layer 2, the data link layer. Any media can be utilized as well as any existing application protocol, which makes it a universal solution across industries and technologies.

This is achieved by adopting the EPSG Standard DS 301.

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