



# Monitoring Virtual Network Functions

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## Monitoring Virtual Network Functions Using ETSI API

During the deployment of a VNF, metrics must be defined to instruct the ESC monitoring agent component (MONA) how to determine if the VNF is healthy. The definition of metrics is within the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) section of the VNFD and allow MONA to periodically monitor the VNF to check its health and workload, defined on a per-VNFC basis. Actions are then associated with these KPIs and executed when the appropriate conditions are met.

There are several built-in monitoring methods such as ICMP Ping and SNMP. Some of the metrics to monitor on the constituent VNFCs include:

- reachability
- resource usage (such as CPU, memory, disk and network throughput)

The following pre-requisites must be met for the deployed VNFCs to be monitored:

- The deployed VNFCs must be alive
- Monitoring is enabled
- KPIs must be configured

Example:

```
vdu2:
  type: cisco.nodes.nfv.Vdu.Compute
  properties:
    name: Example VDU 2
    description: Example VDU
    ...
  kpi_data:
    VM_ALIVE-1:
      event_name: 'VM_ALIVE-1'
      metric_value: 1
      metric_cond: 'GT'
      metric_type: 'UINT32'
      metric_occurrences_true: 1
      metric_occurrences_false: 30
```

```

metric_collector:
  type: 'ICMPPing'
  nicid: 1
  poll_frequency: 10
  polling_unit: 'seconds'
  continuous_alarm: false
  property_list:
    - name: vmname
      value: vdu2
    - name: status
      value: ERROR
admin_rules:
  VM_ALIVE-1:
    event_name: 'VM_ALIVE-1'
    action:
      - 'ALWAYS log'
      - 'FALSE recover autohealing'
      - 'TRUE esc_vm_alive_notification'
    property_list:
      - name: vmname
        value: vdu2
      - name: status
        value: SUCCESS
...

```

The `kpi_data` shown above is the default KPI required that is required in all deployments at a minimum so that the VM\_ALIVE message is generated to tell ESC Manager that the VNFC has been deployed successfully; it consists of the KPI, how it is collected and the actions to be executed when the KPI is met.

Cisco data structure properties

Data Type	Property Name	Description	Values
cisco.datatypes.nfv.data.Kpi	KPI label	Unique user-defined KPI name	Any
cisco.datatypes.nfv.data.Kpi	monitoring_agent	Specifies the monitoring agent for a VNF, for example, local or distributed MONA	URI for the agent
cisco.datatypes.nfv.data.Kpi	event_name		
cisco.datatypes.nfv.data.Kpi	metric_value		
cisco.datatypes.nfv.data.Kpi	metric_cond		
cisco.datatypes.nfv.data.Kpi	metric_type		
cisco.datatypes.nfv.data.Kpi	metric_occurrences_true		
cisco.datatypes.nfv.data.Kpi	metric_occurrences_false		
cisco.datatypes.nfv.metric.Collector	type	See the NETCONF API Guide	See the NETCONF API Guide
cisco.datatypes.nfv.metric.Collector	nicid		
cisco.datatypes.nfv.metric.Collector	poll_frequency		

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cisco.datatypes.nfv.metric.Collector	polling_unit		
cisco.datatypes.nfv.metric.Collector	continuous_alarm		
cisco.datatypes.nfv.metric.Collector	property_list		
cisco.datatypes.nfv.data.Admin_rules	Rule label	Unique user-defined name	Any
cisco.datatypes.nfv.data.Admin_rules	event_name	This value must match a Kpi event_name	
cisco.datatypes.nfv.data.Admin_rules	action		
cisco.datatypes.nfv.data.Admin_rules	property_list		

The following extract is from the ETSI properties file, which allows the subscription to an extension notification type:

```
# For notificationType "InfrastructureOperationOccurrenceNotification"
subscription.notifications.infra.filter.operationTypes=MONITORING_MIGRATION
subscription.notifications.infra.filter.operationStates=COMPLETED,FAILED_TEMP,FAILED,ROLLED_BACK
subscription.notifications.infra.callbackUri=http://<nfvoHost>:<nfvoPort>/monitoring/migration/notification
# Full URL where the notification will be sent
subscription.notifications.infra.authentication.authType=BASIC # or OAUTH2_CLIENT_CREDENTIALS

# Basic Auth credentials (based on authType)
subscription.notifications.infra.authentication.paramsBasic.userName=nfvo
subscription.notifications.infra.authentication.paramsBasic.password=myspw

# Alternatively, OAUTH 2.0 credentials (based on authType)
#subscription.notifications.infra.authentication.paramsOAuth2ClientCredentials.clientId=
#subscription.notifications.infra.authentication.paramsOAuth2ClientCredentials.clientPassword=
#subscription.notifications.infra.authentication.paramsOAuth2ClientCredentials.tokenEndpoint=
```



**Note** If the previous properties are not set, then these notifications are sent to the subscribers where all notifications types are applicable.

For more information on KPIs and Rules, see the *Cisco Elastic Services Controller User Guide*.

## VM Monitoring Operations

You can set and unset monitoring of VMs using RESTful interface.

The operation is defaults to asynchronous, you must set `sync.supported=true` to use this functionality in a synchronous way.

A payload is required to monitor VMs:

Method type

POST

## VNFM Endpoint

Example for SOL003:

```
{apiRoot}/or_vnfm/vnflcm/v1/ext/vnf_instances/{vnfInstanceId}/monitoring/operations
```

Example for SOL002:

```
{apiRoot}/ve_vnfm/vnflcm/v1/ext/vnf_instances/{vnfInstanceId}/monitoring/operations
```

To start and stop monitoring operation on a specified VM, set the `vnfcInstanceIds` with payload:

```
{
  "vnfcInstanceIds": ["vnfcInstanceId1", "vnfcInstanceId2", ..., "vnfcInstanceIdN"],    ##
  optional
  "operation": "ENABLE_MONITOR",                                                    ##
  mandatory ENABLE_MONITOR, DISABLE_MONITOR, REBOOT
  "additionalParams": []                                                            ##
  optional - for future use :-)
}
```

To start and stop monitoring operation on the entire VNF, do not set the `vnfcInstanceIds`.

You must mention `enable_monitoring` to set VM monitoring, and `disable_monitoring` to unset VM monitoring in the operation field.

**Note**

When a user reboots the VM from the ESC ETSI interface, the monitoring is automatically enabled.

## Notification for VM Monitoring Status

ETSI NFV MANO provides status notifications for VM Monitoring. You can enable, disable, and reboot the VMs on a particular VNF or on a particular VM of a VNF using payload.

ETSI NFV MANO sends the following [notifications-per-operation] when setting, unsetting, or rebooting the VMs:

```
[notifications-per-operation]
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VM_MONITOR_SET notification when enabling a monitor
VM_MONITOR_UNSET notification when disabling a monitor
VM_REBOOTED notification when rebooting
```