5G

The 5G-aliser: May 2021 Update – Standalone 5G is Coming

Source: Total Telecom

The latest update of the 5Galiser shows increasing deployments of standalone 5G networks, interest in Open RAN, and spectrum availability steadily increasing. [read more].

5G Manufacturing: A nuanced Proposition

Source: Total Telecom

At today's 5GLIVE conference, a panel of experts discussed 5G's emerging potential to reshape the manufacturing industry. It is widely accepted that 5G will play a key role in unlocking Industry 4.0, particularly as it relates to the manufacturing industry. With faster, more reliable, and more secure connectivity, the technology will unlock numerous efficiencies. [read more].

BROADBAND

Analyst: Fixed Broadband Traffic Growth slowing

Source: Advanced Television

Research firm Strategy Analytics finds that explosive growth in consumer broadband Internet traffic is coming to an end. [read more].

TELEVISION

MEPs call for the Removal of Illegal Sports Streams within 30 minutes

Source: Broadband TV News

MEPs have accepted proposals designed to combat the growing problem of the illegal retransmission of live sporting events. [read more].

Pay-TV Revenues set to fall

Source: Broadband TV News

Global pay-TV revenues for 138 countries are set to fall from last year's total of $173 billion to $143 billion in 2026. [read more].

TELCOS

Iliad delays Italy Fixed-Line Launch

Source: Telecoms.com

Iliad is upbeat about its progress in Italy, but nonetheless is delaying the launch of its planned fixed-line service in the market. [read more].

BEREC advises against including Telecoms Sector in Scope of Revised Directive on Security of Network and Information Systems

Source: Cullen International

BEREC, the body assembling European telecoms regulators, published on 19 May 2021 an opinion on the proposal for a revised EU directive on the security of network and information systems. [read more – subscription required].

CONSUMER

Ofcom concern over Sky Contract Notifications

Source: Broadband TV News

Ofcom has written to Sky over the way the pay-TV platform handles notifies customers at the end of a minimum contract period. [read more].

Survey: US Consumers no longer tolerating high TV Costs

Source: Advanced Television

The Covid-19 pandemic surged TV viewership across the country. With the majority of Americans confined to their homes, 5.4 trillion minutes of streaming and cable television were consumed in 2020. [read more].

Italian Regulator Fines Wind-Tre for undermining the Right of End Users to have a Free Choice of Broadband Router

Source: Cullen International

The Italian telecoms regulator, AGCOM, fined Wind-Tre €480,000 for failing to make available to end users an alternative commercial offer on fibre that would allow them to choose not to use the router which the ISP itself supplied. [read more – subscription required].

ECS'S/POST ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Royal Mail: Delivering Large Payloads of Parcels in the most Environmentally-Friendly Way Possible

Source: Post & Parcel

Royal Mail is expanding its use of low emission vehicles, with the addition of 29 gas-powered trucks, fuelled by BioCompressed Natural Gas (Bio-CNG), to its fleet. [read more].

SPECTRUM

GSMA issues 6 GHz Warning as Unlicensed Approach Gains Momentum

Source: Policy Tracker

The mobile industry association has issued a fresh warning over countries backing unlicensed use in the entire 6 GHz band, saying that the future of 5G will be "at risk" if governments fail to reserve enough mid-band frequencies for mobile services. [read more – subscription required].

POST

Royal Mail: The Outlook for 2021-22 contains a Number of Uncertainties that could Significantly influence Volumes and Costs

Source: Post & Parcel

Royal Mail has announced its Full Year results for 2020-21 revealing full year performance well above initial expectation – Group operating profit surged 116% to £702 million – however no guidance has been given for 2021-22 due to" a number of uncertainties". [read more].