

5G

Vodafone Germany aims to cover 30m people with 5G in 2021

Source: Total Telecom

The operator says its 5G network now reaches 25 million people in Germany, already exceeding its 2021 target of 20 million. [\[read more\]](#).

What to expect from 5G Advanced, both in Terms of Technologies and Use-Cases

Source: Total Telecom

What is 5G Advanced? 5G Advanced can be understood as the evolution of 5G, or as an extension and enhancement of the three standard ITU usage scenarios recommended for IMT 2020 and beyond. [\[read more\]](#).

Exchange of Views on the Future of 5G at BEREC Stakeholder Workshop

Source: Cullen International

New 5G business models and supply-chain diversification will have an impact on competition and regulation going forward. This was the view put forward by participants at an online workshop on 5G organised by BEREC, the body assembling European telecoms regulators, on 3 June 2021. [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

TELEVISION

IPTV dominates in France

Source: Broadband TV News

IPTV accounted for 60.5% of TV reception in France in the fourth quarter of 2020. [\[read more\]](#).

Global Pay-TV Market set to Fragment

Source: Broadband TV News

The world's top 50 pay-TV operators will account for 853 million of the 1.02 billion global subscriber total by 2026. [\[read more\]](#).

REGULATION

UK Academics put Spotlight on Big Tech Platform Regulation

Source: Advanced Television

With much of our time spent on online platforms, which are becoming increasingly important and influential in people's daily lives, how they are regulated is becoming a vitally important. [\[read more\]](#).

European Commission proposes a Framework for a European Digital Identity

Source: Cullen International

On 3 June 2021, the European Commission published a legislative proposal (in the form of a regulation) for a European digital identity framework. [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

CONSUMER

BT launches 12-month Broadband Plans

Source: Advanced Television

BT has launched a new range of 12-month home broadband plans. The telco says that the shorter plans are available to new customers and are perfect for renters, or those looking to move who may not want to commit to a 24-month plan. [[read more](#)].

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Source: Euractiv

“We need to prevent “dark patterns”. The Commission should be able to assess algorithms and impose measures in case a service does not respect fundamental rights”. [[read more](#)].

SPECTRUM

Unexpected Dispute over 40 GHz Band Delays EU 5G Harmonisation

Source: Policy Tracker

Disagreements over protecting satellite services has led Europe’s Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) to call for further studies meaning that the harmonisation of 40 GHz for 5G will not happen until mid-2022. [[read more – subscription required](#)].

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN TELECOM & POSTAL SECTORS

China's Digital Infrastructure could generate more Carbon Emissions than the Whole of France

Source: Total Telecom

A new report from Greenpeace claims China's ambitious goal of reaching net zero by 2060 is being put at risk by the burgeoning growth of digital infrastructure. [[read more](#)].

POST

USPS raises Stamp Price as part of Dejoy’s 10 Year Plan

Source: Post & Parcel

As part of “Delivering for America,” its 10-year plan to achieve financial sustainability and service excellence, the United States Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) requesting price changes to take effect Aug. 29, 2021 that are in accordance with approvals provided by the PRC last year. [[read more](#)].