BROADBAND

Fibre overtakes DSL in the OECD for the First Time

Source: Total Telecom

According to a study published by the OECD, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has spurred a rapid growth of fibre internet subscriptions, outnumbering copper-wire DSL subscriptions across OECD countries for the first time. [read more].

All Member States now committed to building an EU Quantum Communication Infrastructure

Source: European Commission

Ireland has now signed the EuroQCI Declaration. This means that all 27 EU Member States have committed to working together alongside the European Commission and the European Space Agency (ESA) to build the EuroQCI. [read more].

Reducing Barriers to FTTP Deployment can save Years of Time and cut 30% off the Cost of Network Roll-outs

Source: Analysys Mason

Reducing barriers to FTTP deployment can save years of time and cut 30% off the cost of network roll-outs Operators, governments and regulators are pushing ahead with deployments of full fibre networks (also known as fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP). [read more].

Fibre Operators must consider the Impact of Network Overbuild as part of their Long-Term Strategies

Source: Analysys Mason

"Network overbuild can make or break the business case for fibre investment, and operators must consider the various regulatory, commercial and technical factors at play; the best defence may be an effective wholesale strategy.". [read more].

TELEVISION

Research: OTT, Pay-TV Gap continues to grow

Source: Advanced Television

Findings from research firm Parks Associates Video Services Dashboard, part of its Consumer Insights Dashboard service, reveal that 82 per cent of US broadband households subscribe to at least one OTT service, up six points year-over-year, while 58 per cent subscribe to a traditional payTV service, down four points year-over-year. [read more].

REGULATION

Germany's push for Tighter Tech Regulation

Source: Euractiv

German lawmakers are making the case for tighter obligations for online platforms in the upcoming EU legislation. [read more].

TELECOMS MARKETS

Commission raises Serious Doubt about Irish Regulator's Analysis of Fixed Voice Markets

Source: Cullen International

The EC expressed serious doubt about ComReg's fourth analysis of the wholesale market for fixed access and call origination (FACO). [read more – subscription required].

ECS'S/POST ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Royal Mail joins Initiative to accelerate Adoption of Electric Fleet Vehicles

Source: Post & Parcel

Royal Mail has joined six other major British companies in an effort to help accelerate the mass adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in commercial fleets. [read more].

SPECTRUM

Spectrum sharing is now a Major Part of the UK Regulator's Strategy

Source: Policy Tracker

UK regulator Ofcom's spectrum management strategy for the next 10 years has a lot to say about spectrum sharing and local licensing. [read more – subscription required].

700MHz Spectrum will be crucial to the 5G Business Case and will create new Vendor Opportunities

Source: Analysys Mason

"Regulators worldwide should learn from their peers in China and open up the 700MHz band for 5G.". [read more].

ECOMMERCE

70% of Europeans are open to Live Shopping

Source: eCommerce News Europe

Live shopping in Europe is becoming more and more popular. This trend started in China and the rest of Southeast Asia, but now consumers in Europe are increasingly watching live shopping events to get inspired to buy some clothes and other fashion items. [read more].