

5G

Brussels gets 5G-Friendly Emission Limits for Base Stations

Source: Policy Tracker

The Brussels regional government has approved a higher GSM radiation limit of 14.5 volts per metre (V/m), paving the way for the rollout of 5G in the Belgian capital. [[read more](#) – subscription required].

Most SMEs consider 5G Services to be a Low Priority as COVID-19 Restrictions begin to ease

Source: Analysys Mason

Most SMEs consider 5G services to be a low priority as COVID-19 restrictions begin to ease "SMEs want to work with operators and IT vendors that can help them to support remote staff using high-quality, secure and cost-effective communications and solutions." [[read more](#)].

TELEVISION

TVP signs first Must Carry Must Offer Agreements

Source: Broadband TV News

The Polish public broadcaster TVP has signed its first agreements on the basis of must carry must offer on multimedia internet platforms. As a result, the cable operator Toya and CDA Premium, the operator of the CDA Premium on demand platform, will offer their customers the channels TVP1 HD, TVP2 HD and TVP 3. [[read more](#)].

UK Government seeks to level the Playing Field between Linear and On Demand

Source: Broadband TV News

Netflix, Amazon Prime Video and Apple TV+ could be brought under UK governance as part of stricter rules to protect audiences from harmful material. [[read more](#)].

Bundled Services grow in Portugal

Source: Broadband TV News

There was a total of 4.3 million registered subscribers to bundled services in Portugal at the end of the first half of this year. [[read more](#)].

SPECTRUM

Europe urged to take Action to Accelerate 26 GHz Take-up

Source: Policy Tracker

Mobile infrastructure manufacturers Qualcomm, Nokia and Ericsson have urged European regulators and governments to incentivise and prioritise the release of the 26 GHz band, as only a handful of administrations have awarded spectrum in the band so far. [[read more](#) – subscription required].

Poste Italiane abuse of Economic Dependence 2021

Source: Cullen International

The Italian national competition authority (NCA) fined incumbent postal operator Poste Italiane €11m for an abuse of economic dependence between 2012 and 2017. [[read more](#) – subscription required].

BROADBAND

Report: Faster Speed Tiers driving Higher Broadband Usage

Source: *Advanced Television*

The migration to faster speed tiers is driving higher levels of broadband usage across all subscribers, according to the Q2 2021 OVBI (OpenVault Broadband Insights) report. [[read more](#)].

Broadband Networks rush to meet UK's Need for Speed

Source: *Ofcom*

Around one in four UK homes can now get faster, full-fibre internet, as broadband companies have extended their networks at rapid pace during the pandemic. [[read more](#)].

FTTH expected to cover 200 million EU homes by 2026

Source: *Telecoms.com*

Full fibre will reach close to 200 million premises across core European markets in the next five years, according to new figures shared by the FTTH Council Europe. [[read more](#)].

FTTH speeds up Portuguese Broadband

Source: *Broadband TV News*

Over three-quarters (78.1%) of homes in Portugal subscribed to high-speed fixed internet access as of the first half of this year. [[read more](#)].

TECHNOLOGY

UAE latest Country to signal the Twilight of 2G

Source: *Total Telecom*

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) operators said that their 2G networks will be shut down in phases, with total discontinuation of service expected at the end of 2022. [[read more](#)].

DMA

EU Digital Markets Act: France, Germany and the Netherlands propose Tailored Obligations and Role for National Competition Authorities in Enforcement

Source: *Cullen International*

The Dutch, French and German governments published a paper proposing some amendments to the draft Digital Markets Act (DMA). [[read more – subscription required](#)].

CYBERSECURITY

Internet of Things is missing Horizontal Cybersecurity Standards

Source: *Euractiv*

A report released by trade association DigitalEurope on Wednesday (8 September) underlined the lack of baseline cybersecurity requirements, saying the existing rules were insufficient and calling for horizontal regulation as the EU is working on updating its cybersecurity legislation. [[read more](#)].

ECOMMERCE

Italy offers great Cross-Border eCommerce Opportunities

Source: eCommerce News Europe

Online retailers that want to become cross-border sellers and focus on growth markets, should pick Italy. [\[read more\]](#).

‘Half of Online Shoppers buy Cross-Border’

Source: eCommerce News Europe

Because of the pandemic, more and more consumers find their way to online stores. It's encouraged consumers to buy from retailers they'd never ordered from before, which has made cross-border shopping grow exponentially. [\[read more\]](#).

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Putting Sustainability at the Heart of Local Authority Decisions

Source: Total Telecom

2021 kicks off what is widely referred to as 'the climate decade'. A ten-year period where our collective actions will determine the kind of world our children and grandchildren will inherit. [\[read more\]](#).

POST

Royal Mail: we continue to expect Month-on-Month Fluctuations in Parcel Volumes

Source: Post & Parcel

Royal Mail have released a trading statement detailing performance for the five months to August and the two months of July and August. [\[read more\]](#).