

DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS & SERVICES

Report: UK 5G Usage overtakes 3G

Source: *Advanced Television*

Findings from UK mobile telco Three's report, *Mobile Britain 2022*, showing how Brits have been swiping, sharing and connecting, reveals a 5G boom in the last year, with usage increasing by 385 per cent on Three's superfast network. [[read more](#)].

Openreach Full Fibre Rollout tops 7m Homes

Source: *Advanced Television*

UK digital infrastructure provider Openreach has now built ultra-fast, ultra-reliable Full Fibre broadband to more than seven million homes and businesses across the UK, including more than two million in the hardest to reach 'final third' of the country. [[read more](#)].

Deutsche Telekom reportedly fielding Multiple Bids for Tower Business

Source: *Telecoms.com*

German operator Deutsche Telekom is apparently reviewing bids for its tower business from multiple suitors including Vodafone's Vantage Towers, KKR, GIP, Cellnex and America Tower Corp. [[read more](#)].

Italy introduces New Rules for 5G Equipment Contracts

Source: *Cullen International*

In response to the war in Ukraine, on 22 March 2022 the Italian government adopted Law Decree 21/2022 which introduced substantial changes to the Italian foreign direct investment regime applicable to transactions in strategic sectors and contracts concerning 5G equipment. [[read more](#) – subscription required].

Germany allows Mobile Operators to use 3.7— 3.8 GHz Vertical Spectrum

Source: *Policy Tracker*

Germany was the first EU member state to set aside part of the 3.6 GHz band for verticals, attracting both praise and criticism. It has now amended its regulations to allow mobile operators to use the spectrum as well. [[read more](#) – subscription required].

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SECTOR

Royal Mail is “Rapidly scaling up its Automation Levels”

Source: *Post & Parcel*

A new fully automated parcel sorting machine which can process 157,000 parcels per day has been installed by Royal Mail in Southampton. [[read more](#)].

ARCEP consults on new full Cost Accounting System for La Poste's Universal Service

Source: *Cullen International*

ARCEP, the French regulator, is consulting until 6 May 2022 on the establishment of a full cost accounting system in relation to La Poste's universal service (US). The draft decision also includes the modification of accounting rules to include

the financial compensation of the US by the State. [[read more](#) – subscription required].

Source: *Post & Parcel*

Swedish tech company Instabox has closed a \$190 million growth equity round led by Verdane, the European specialist growth equity investor. [[read more](#)].

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