DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS & SERVICES

BT Issues 2022 Progress Update on the UK 10Mbps Broadband USO

Source: ISPreview

UK comms regulator Ofcom says the rules it has imposed on telcos compelling them to inform customers when contracts are up, and of any better available deals, are having a positive effect. [read more].

UK Telco Execs call Time on Net Neutrality

Source: Telco Titans

Executives from BT, Virgin Media O2, and Vodafone called for an infrastructure funding rethink, identifying the need for change as content providers and streaming platforms spark a data traffic boom. [read more].

Study shows Extensive Use of Existing Mobile Bands for 5G Deployment in EU

Source: Policy Tracker

In 2019 the EU harmonised three 5G "pioneer bands": 700 MHz, 3.5 GHz and 26 GHz. Member states were meant to make these available by the end of 2020. However, there have been significant delays in assigning them, especially 26 GHz. The European Commission's 5G connectivity targets seem unlikely to be met as a result. [read more – subscription required].

Commission welcomes Political Agreement on New Rules on Cybersecurity of Network and Information Systems

Source: European Commission

The Commission welcomes the political agreement reached earlier this month between the European Parliament and EU Member States on the Directive on measures for a high common level of cybersecurity across the Union (NIS 2 Directive) proposed by the Commission in December 2020. [read more].

Cybersecurity of 5G Networks: EU publishes Report on the Security of Open RAN

Source: European Commission

EU Member States, with the support of the European Commission and ENISA, the EU Agency for Cybersecurity, published a report on the cybersecurity of Open Radio Access Networks (Open RAN). [read more].

EE says its 5G Network now covers half of the UK Population

Source: Telecoms.com

UK MNO EE claims it is the first operator to expand its 5G coverage to more than 50% of people in the country. [read more].

Europe's Digital Decade plans, Gigabit Networks Roll-Out and the Fair Contribution Debate

Source: Etno

Europe has set very ambitious connectivity targets and aims at connecting all Europeans to 5G and fibre networks by 2030. In order to achieve such targets, the EU must accelerate the pace of roll-out and ensure that enough financial resources are available for to the telecom sector to do so. [read more].

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SECTOR

Royal Mail committed to 'Opening up the Skies' and creating Permanent Drone Routes

Source: Post & Parcel

Royal Mail set out its ambition to scale up its use of drone technology and create more than 50 new postal drone routes over the next three years, subject to Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) approval, as part of a new partnership with Windracers, the logistics drone company. [read more].

DPDHL accelerates the Transition to Zero Emission Vehicles

Source: Telecoms.com

Deutsche Post DHL Group (DPDHL) and Volvo Trucks have signed a cooperation agreement to accelerate the transition to zero-emission commercial vehicles. DPDHL will deploy a total of 44 new electric Volvo trucks on routes in Europe. [read more].

DIGITAL SERVICES

Web Accessibility and Inclusion has improved but some People with Disabilities still experience Difficulties

Source: European Commission

On the Global Accessibility Awareness Day, the Commission has published the results for the public consultation on the review of the Web Accessibility Directive. [read more].