

ECS REGULATION

EU Roaming Regulation Review: European Parliament takes next step towards Adoption

Source: Cullen International

The lead Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) committee of the European Parliament voted on 26 January 2022 in favour of the compromise agreement reached with the Council at the end of last year. [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

5G

Belgium launches 5G Auction process with Spectrum reserved for Newcomer

Source: Policy Tracker

The Belgian regulator BIPT has published a call for candidates for a long-awaited 5G auction that could open the door for a fourth mobile network operator (MNO) or enterprise network provider. [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

French and German Governments team up to fund Private 5G Projects

Source: Total Telecom

The two governments are jointly funding four 5G projects to help create a “European ecosystem for private networks in the field of 5G telecommunications”. [\[read more\]](#).

TELCOS

Vodafone UK will start Switching Off 3G next year

Source: Telecoms.com

After 17 years, Vodafone UK is preparing to call time on its 3G network. [\[read more\]](#).

BT Datacentres to power London Underground’s new Mobile Connectivity

Source: Telecoms.com

Telecoms group BT has signed a multi-million-pound contract to deliver data centre facilities to infrastructure firm BAI Communications, which is masterminding the plan to get 4G on the underground. [\[read more\]](#).

ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY IN THE ECS SECTOR

New French Law obliges Telcos to show Subscribers their Carbon Footprint

Source: Policy Tracker

As of this month, French telcos have to include their subscribers' carbon footprint in their monthly invoices or statements. [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

DEVELOPMENTS IN ECNS

Review of the Broadband Cost Reduction Directive: Study recommends Streamlining Administrative Procedures

Source: Cullen International

For the deployment of very high capacity networks across the EU, electronic communications network (ECN) operators should get access to all suitable physical infrastructure, e.g.

street cabinets, and up-to-date georeferenced information, both existing and planned. [[read more](#) – subscription required].

UK Government proposes Changes to UK Cybersecurity Regulations, including Scope and Incident Reporting

Source: *Cullen International*

The UK government is consulting until 10th April 2022 on a proposal to amend the network and information systems regulations (NIS) 2018, which incorporates into UK law the EU NIS Directive. [[read more](#) – subscription required].

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SECTOR

Royal Mail: Connecting The Physical Letter with The Digital World

Source: *Post & Parcel*

Royal Mail has announced that following a successful national trial, it is adding unique barcodes to all its Definitive stamps. [[read more](#)].

REGULATION OF DIGITAL SERVICES

UK confirms Digital Connectivity Targets

Source: *Advanced Television*

The UK Government has reaffirmed its intention to ensure that by 2030, the UK will have nationwide gigabit-capable broadband and 4G coverage, with 5G coverage for the majority of the population. [[read more](#)].