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DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

GSMA says Europe's 5G Rollout is too Slow

The GSMA (a global organisation representing mobile operators and organisations across the mobile ecosystem) says in order to stay competitive, European economies must 'digitalise' themselves through faster 5G rollouts, and manages to crowbar in the 'fair contribution' argument. **Telecoms.com** ([read more](#))

AGCOM approves TIM's Request to Switch Off its 3G Network

On 9th August 2022, AGCOM, the Italian telecoms regulator, published its decision taken on 19th May 2022 allowing TIM to start switching off its 3G network. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

European Commission takes next steps in 6G Research

The European Commission says work on 6G standardisation is reaching the next stage, while stakeholders urge Brussels to keep verticals more involved than they were in the development of 5G. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

German Regulator proposes Spectrum Swap for 800 MHz and 900 MHz Licenses

German regulator BNetzA set out its plan for awarding certain mobile spectrum bands in a position paper published in September. The regulator proposes a spectrum swap in the 800 MHz and 900 MHz to ensure the continuity of LTE coverage in the lower band. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

UK Regulator to Automate Shared Access Licenses

Ofcom said earlier this year it wanted to automate the award of shared access licences and has now confirmed it aims to have an automated process in place by 2024-25. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

New Brussels Report shows Correlation between Spectrum Awards and 5G Rollout

A draft European Commission study suggests faster 5G rollout is associated with early spectrum

awards, greater mobile broadband data consumption and lower consumer prices. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

Critical Infrastructure: Commission accelerates work to build up European resilience

The Commission, on 18th October proposed to strengthen the resilience of EU critical infrastructure. The proposal for a Council Recommendation builds on the 5-point plan for resilient critical infrastructure presented by President von der Leyen at the European Parliament on 5th October. **European Commission** ([read more](#))

Future of Portuguese DTT in doubt

Altice Portugal has until December 9th to inform the regulator ANACOM if it wants to continue providing a DTT service in the country. **Broadband TV News** ([read more](#))

New Report calls for UK's Annual Spectrum License Fees to be scrapped

A draft report from Analysys Mason largely endorses existing spectrum policy levers used in the UK but argues that some improvements should be made. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SECTOR

ComReg reviews USP Designation for 2023

ComReg, the Irish regulator, is consulting on whether there is a future requirement for a designation of the universal service provider (USP). The designation of the current USP AnPost ceases on 1st August 2023. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)