

DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS & SERVICES

Italy launches Stage 2 Broadband Voucher Scheme

Source: Total Telecom

Having allocated EUR 1.15 billion to its first high-speed fibre voucher scheme in 2020, Italy's Ministry of Economic Development (MISE) has now announced the second phase of the scheme. [\[read more\]](#).

64 Countries now have NB-IoT Networks deployed

Source: Total Telecom

The latest announcement from the Global Mobile Suppliers Association (GSA) demonstrates the ongoing growth of NB-IoT networks, the technology that provides improved indoor and outdoor coverage and supports massive numbers of low throughput IoT devices. [\[read more\]](#).

European Telecom Operators move to support Ukraine

Source: Total Telecom

The European Telecommunications Network Operators' Association (ETNO) have published an internal survey of European telecom operator members to assess how they are supporting the Ukrainian people. [\[read more\]](#).

Austrian Regulator to award 26 GHz Band in 2023 despite uncertainty about Use Cases

Source: Policy Tracker

Klaus Steinmaurer, the executive director at the Regulatory Authority for Broadcasting & Telecoms (RTR) in Austria, says the country is considering innovative ways to award the 26 GHz band in the first half of 2023. [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

AT&T shuts down 3G Network despite Fears of Device Failures

Source: Policy Tracker

The AICC urged AT&T to delay its planned shutdown, which eventually took place last week. In a January filing with telecoms regulator the FCC, the group claimed that “upwards of two million alarm customers” still needed to be retrofitted to work with newer technologies. [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

Australian MNOs agree Network and Spectrum Sharing Deal

Source: Policy Tracker

Market leader Telstra will give smaller rival TPG access to its 4G/5G network in a broad area of the country outside the largest cities while TPG will share its 4G/5G spectrum with its larger peer in the same zone. [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SECTOR

Royal Mail: These Price Changes Are Necessary

Source: Post & Parcel

Royal Mail has announced that from 4th April 2022, the price of a 1st Class stamp will increase by 10p to 95p and the price of a 2nd Class stamp will increase by 2p to 68p. [\[read more\]](#).

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**EUid Regulation: European
Parliament Associated
Committees discuss possible
Adjustments to Draft
Regulation**

Source: *Cullen International*

Members of the committees on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) and Legal Affairs (JURI) of the European Parliament held on 28 February 2022 two meetings to discuss the proposal for a European digital identity framework (EUid Regulation). [[read more](#) – subscription required].