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DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

DTT still Popular in Portugal

Digital terrestrial TV services are still used by two in five Portuguese households, albeit not exclusively. According to a study by the regulator ANACOM, undertaken between June and August 2022, pay-TV services were used by 87.9% of Portuguese families in their main residences. **Broadband TV News** ([read more](#))

German Regulator adopts New Rules for Wholesale Central Access

Wholesale central access to Telekom Deutschland's new fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) network will be subject to the same light regulation as already imposed for wholesale local access, based on the principle of non-discrimination with equivalence of inputs (EoI) and an economic replicability test (ERT). **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

DEVELOPMENT IN THE DIGITAL SERVICES SECTOR

New Stronger Rules start to apply for the Cyber and Physical Resilience of Critical Entities and Networks

Two key directives on critical and digital infrastructure have just entered into force and will strengthen the EU's resilience against online and offline threats, from cyberattacks to crime, risks to public health or natural disasters. **EU Commission** ([read more](#))

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SECTOR

Austria Post expects “Parcel Volumes to increase by a Low Single-digit Percentage in 2023”

In 2022 Austrian Post once again transported consistently high parcel volumes. **Post & Parcel** ([read more](#))

An Post: We have made every Effort to Minimise the necessary Price Increases

An Post has announced the price of the basic

national stamp will increase to €1.35 (currently €1.25) on Wednesday 1st February. Some other services such as Redirection and Registered Post will also increase, while there will be no change in the price of either Worldwide or Digital Stamps. **Post & Parcel** ([read more](#))

Royal Mail accused of Prioritising Parcels over Letters

Royal Mail has been accused by a senior MP of breaching its legal obligations by prioritising parcels over letters. Business Committee chair Darren Jones said a poster in a delivery office sent to him by a whistle-blower had told workers to favour delivering parcels. **BBC News** ([read more](#))

New Rules on Placement of Postal Boxes to ensure the Level of Postal Services in Sweden

The Swedish postal regulator PTS has published an ordinance providing new rules on the delivery of mail and the minimum service level that must be maintained under the universal service. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

Bpost Pioneers Artificial Intelligence for Parcel Sorting

In order to optimize the parcel sorting process, bpost recently brought a new system onstream in Brussels, designed in partnership with Berkeley University spin-off Covariant. The innovation comprises the upgrade of the camera system that ensures parcels are scanned even more accurately, driving down the number of mis-deliveries. **IPC** ([read more](#))