

DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

Italy - Public Payphones removed from Universal Service Obligations

Following a public consultation, the Italian telecoms regulator, AGCOM, deemed no longer necessary to continue to guarantee the availability of public payphones under the universal service obligations. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

European Commissioner Breton is determined to address Investments in Connectivity Infrastructure

Thierry Breton, European commissioner for the Internal Market, refused to label the debate on whether content and application providers (CAPs) should contribute to broadband connectivity infrastructure as a net neutrality issue. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

ARCEP consults on the WACC applicable from 2024

The electronic communications regulator, ARCEP, estimated the nominal pre-tax WACC, applicable to all cost-oriented fixed wholesale services, at between 4.2% and 6.9%. WACC has been set at 4.8% since 2021. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

Europe sees Spectrum Sharing as a possible Solution for the Upper 6 GHz Band

Delegates at the 18th European Spectrum Management Conference last week discussed whether sharing the band could be the way forward. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

ITU says WRC-27 Agenda Item needed for Satellite re-use of Spectrum

The ITU has re-iterated its concern that some commercial plans from existing satellite direct-to-device (D2D) deployments may not be allowed under international rules. These include plans from Lynk, AST SpaceMobile and Starlink. These companies all hope to launch D2D satellite services by re-using existing terrestrial spectrum. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)