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DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

#### EU Council pushes for 'Minimum Harmonisation' in Draft Telecom Law

EU countries seem to have accepted the regulation format for the telecom legislation on the condition that it respects minimum harmonisation. **Euractiv** (read more)

## Behind Europe's Agenda for Undersea Internet Cables

Submarine cables account for the majority of the world's internet traffic, but as concerns over malicious actors moving to cripple or interfere with internet infrastructure increase, the European Union has a number of its own projects underway, underpinned by hidden political dynamics. Undersea fibre-optic cables facilitate 99% of global internet traffic, according to telecommunications research company TeleGeography, making them a crucial, if unseen, part of our society. **Euractiv** (read more)

#### ARCEP (France) consults on the Cost Model for setting Copper Unbundling Rates

The French electronic communications regulator, ARCEP, will continue setting copper unbundling (LLU) prices based on the costs of building a fibre network. **Cullen International** (read more – subscription required)

## DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DIGITAL SERVICES SECTOR

# EU Digital Wallet Pilot Project kicks off in Paris

The POTENTIAL consortium headed by France and Germany has begun work on a large-scale pilot project to create a European Digital Identity wallet, with deployment excepted by 2025. **Euractiv** (read more)

# ERGP expresses views on the Future Needs of the USO and on the Parcels Regulation

Any future revision of the postal universal service should ensure its continuation, in particular for vulnerable users and for those living in remote and rural areas. However, greater flexibility needs to be given to member states by the EU framework and to postal operators by national regulators to reflect different user needs in different parts of the EU. **Cullen International** (read more – subscription required)