

DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

French Study touts Environmental Benefits of Shutting Down 2G and 3G

French regulator Arcep published a study conducted by an expert committee that suggests moving from 2G/3G to 4G/5G enables ongoing energy savings from the first year that will offset the premature replacement of devices that are rendered obsolete. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

State of the Digital Decade Report: European Commission makes First Assessment of Progress towards 2030 EU-level Digital Targets

The European Commission published its first State of the Digital Decade (SDD) report on 27th September 2023. It tracks the progress of the EU member states towards the 2030 digital targets, which are implemented by the Digital Decade Policy Programme. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

EU and Western Balkans reciprocally Cap Retail Price for Mobile Roaming Data

The maximum retail price for international roaming data decreases to €18 per GB on 1st October 2023, according to a voluntary agreement between 38 European Union and Western Balkan operators. The rate will be reduced further in the following years. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

Poland to Auction 3.4–3.8 GHz Band for 5G

The national telecoms regulator, UKE, launched the auction of the 3.4–3.8 GHz band on 22nd June 2023. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

ANCOM adopts New Rules on the Use of Spectrum

The Romanian telecoms regulator, ANCOM, informed on 21st August 2023, on its website, about new rules on spectrum sharing, following national consultation. The rules concern sharing, leasing and transfer of spectrum in bands between 700 MHz and 26 GHz. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

European Commission signals New EU Legislation covering Submarine Cables

The European Commission is conducting a study on mitigating measures for undersea cables, which includes a proposal to conduct stress tests to validate the findings. **Cullen International** ([read](#)

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Inflationary Pressure has yet to lead to Operators increasing ARPU for Business Mobile and Fixed Services

IT services will be the main driver of operators' business revenue growth; connectivity alone is unlikely to be enough to sustain B2B operators. **Analysys Mason** ([read more](#))

The Transformative Effect AI is having on the Telecoms Sector

Telecoms.com consulted industry experts to learn how AI and automation are being used in networks right now, and to explore where they might take the industry as we approach 6G. **Telecoms.com** ([read more](#))

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DIGITAL SECTOR

EU Digital Decade Report shows Gaps in Digitalisation Plans

The first report on the state of the Digital Decade was published on Wednesday 27th September, with key findings laying bare gaps in 5G network coverage and questions about the use of artificial intelligence by businesses. **Euractiv** ([read more](#))