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DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

Copper Decommissioning: The Final Step on the Road to Fibre and the End of the (Copper) Line

"Copper decommissioning is becoming a concrete economic and environmental opportunity, but some prerequisites need to be in place, including full coverage and a decommissioning plan that limits competitive distortions." Fibre roll-out is almost complete in an increasing number of countries. At the same time, many operators and regulators still have important details to finalise in order to enable this final step. **Analysys Mason** ([read more](#))

European Agency Harmonises 40 GHz Spectrum

Europe's Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) has set out the technical conditions for 5G in the 40.5— 43.5 GHz band. Following the European Commission's request, the committee developed the least restrictive harmonised technical conditions suitable for 5G systems for the bands. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

Valuation Methods for Spectrum in the 26GHz Band represent an Evolution of Current Best Practice

The value of mmWave spectrum (such as that in the 26GHz band) is dependent on many factors that are specific to individual operators. Carrying extra mobile broadband (MBB) traffic (using mmWave spectrum) is unlikely to lead to significant changes in ARPU in a market where consumers commonly use unlimited data packages. However, using mmWave spectrum may also improve the quality of connection, which can have customer retention benefits for operators in countries where competition is strongly focused on network-quality related factors. **Analysys Mason** ([read more](#))

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DIGITAL SERVICES SECTOR

Digital Markets Act: Commission organises Stakeholder Workshops on Messaging Interoperability and App Stores

The Commission has just opened registration for two Digital Markets Act (DMA) technical workshops in the coming weeks. This will give interested stakeholders the possibility to provide input and views on how designated gatekeepers, digital platforms that provide an important gateway between business users and consumers, should comply with certain specific obligations envisaged by the new rules. **European Commission** ([read more](#))

The European Union and the United States of America strengthen Cooperation on Research in Artificial Intelligence and Computing for the Public Good

The United States Department of State and the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT) of the European Commission signed an “Administrative Arrangement on Artificial Intelligence for the Public Good” at a virtual ceremony held simultaneously on 27 January 2023 at the White House in Washington DC and in DG CONNECT, Brussels. **European Commission** ([read more](#))

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SECTOR

The Global Postal and Parcel Delivery Sector needs to change, and Technology can help

"The postal, parcel and courier sector requires a strategic approach to digital transformation in order to achieve its benefits and overcome the challenges." **Analysys Mason** ([read more](#))