

DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

European Data Act enters into force, putting in place New Rules for a Fair and Innovative Data Economy

The new rules define the rights to access and use data generated in the EU across all economic sectors and will make it easier to share data, in particular industrial data. **EU Commission** ([read more](#))

Network Convergence needs a Cloud-Native Programmable Network Platform to succeed

"Operators need a strategy for converging their diverse network domains onto a cloud-native, programmable network platform." **Analysys Mason** ([read more](#))

Over €250 million to support Secure Connectivity across the EU under the CEF Digital Programme

The Commission has signed grant agreements with 37 projects selected under the second set of calls for proposals for CEF Digital. **EU Commission** ([read more](#))

Viewpoint: It's time for a New Regulatory Regime for Licensed Spectrum

Market forces are now not delivering, nor are they likely to deliver, the form of mobile networks optimal for a country, say William Webb and Stephen Temple. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

The European Commission supports further Deregulation of Fixed Broadband in Ireland

The European Commission commented on 13 December 2023 on the market analyses of three wholesale markets in Ireland. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

ComReg mandates Compensation Schemes for Switching and Portability Failures

ComReg, the Irish telecoms regulator, decided on

8th January 2024 that providers must implement end-user switching and number portability compensation schemes by 8th October 2024. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DIGITAL SECTOR

EU Digital Markets Act: Apple alleges Interoperability Obligation is at Odds with Fundamental Rights

Apple (cases T-1079/23 and T-1080/23), ByteDance (case T-1077/23) and Meta (case T-1078/23) challenged before the EU General Court the European Commission's decisions designating them as gatekeepers in relation to different services under the Digital Markets Act. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SECTOR

German Government sends new Postal Act to Parliament

The German federal government adopted on 20th December 2023 the draft for a new Postal Act, which will replace the Postal Act of 1997. Parliament will now debate the proposal, which could be adopted in spring of 2024. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

Irish Postal Regulator maintains Postal Strategy into 2024–2026

The Irish postal regulator, ComReg, will continue to pursue the same strategic objectives for the postal sector into the next three-year period. ComReg's postal strategy for 2024–2026 set out near-identical objectives as in the previous period (2022–2024), despite a number of suggestions from stakeholders, particularly from the universal service provider AnPost. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)