

## REGULATION

### PolicyTracker

*EU to finalise Communications Code in early June*

European Union legislators are expected to reach final agreement on the proposed EEC in a "conclusive" meeting early in June, the European Commission said [[read more](#) – subscription required].

### Cullen International

*Austrian regulator to remove regulation of leased lines with traditional interfaces*

The Austrian regulator, TKK, proposed to no longer regulate terminating segments of leased lines with traditional interfaces [[read more](#) – subscription required].

## SPECTRUM

### Total Telecom

*Spain announces 5G auction date*

Spain has announced that it is ready to begin auctioning spectrum for 5G in the coming months [[read more](#)].

### Total Telecom

*Iliad launches ultra-low-cost network in Italy*

French telco Iliad has launched its operations in Italy, according to a company release. The mobile network operator will launch 3G, 4G and LTE services across Italy, using Wind Tre's network infrastructure. [[read more](#)].

## TELEPHONY

### Telecoms.com

*Brits wasting £480mn a year on landlines*

For some reason there are still people in the UK who insist on having a landline, and it is costing them £480 million a year according to one of the consumer studies [[read more](#)].

## CONSUMER PROTECTION

### Cullen International

*UK communications customers failing to take advantage of full range of available choices*

UK customers enjoy good value from their communications services but could do even better if they engage more with the market, seeking out better deals and making informed choices [[read more](#) – subscription required].

## INNOVATION

### Euractiv

*France, Germany push EU funding for tech start-ups*

France and Germany are pushing for an EU-wide initiative to fund innovation and research in tech start-up projects across the bloc so that Europe can compete more effectively against the likes of China and the United States [[read more](#)].

### Telecoms.com

*Ericsson lands €250mn 5G loan from European Investment Bank*

The European Investment Bank has signed a €250 million loan agreement with Ericsson to boost the vendors R&D efforts in 5G [[read more](#)].

## INFORMATION SOCIETY

### European Commission

*EU budget: a new European Social Fund*

For the next long-term EU budget 2021-2027, the Commission proposes to further strengthen the Union's social dimension with a new and improved European Social Fund, the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) and a more effective European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) [[read more](#)].

## **Telecoms.com**

*EE allows parents to bestow the gift of data*

Gone are the days when junior might have asked for a new bike or a train set or some other wholesomely analogue toy. It's all about data these days and EE knows it, so it has launched what it claims is the UK's first data gifting service [\[read more\]](#).

DHL Parcel and POST Luxembourg have signed a strategic partnership on cross-border parcel shipping [\[read more\]](#).

## **MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS**

### **Cullen International**

*Liberty Global/PBN Holdings (Casey Cablevision) merger (pending case)*

Liberty Global notified to the Irish national competition authority its proposed acquisition of PBN Holdings, the parent company of Irish regional cable operator Casey Cablevision [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

## **POST**

### **La Repubblica.it**

*Post, more expensive to send letters and parcels*

Price increases occur for letters and parcels: from July 3, many items of the postal rates will suffer a rise [\[read more\]](#).

### **Cullen International**

*Commission approves state aid funding for Post Danmark*

The European Commission announced its approval of state aid funding for Post Danmark [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

### **Post&Parcel**

*Post Luxembourg joins DHL Parcel Europe Network*

