

REGULATION

Draft e-Privacy Regulation frozen in Council of the EU

Source: Cullen International

A leaked document listing the indicative targets of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU reveals that the Presidency only aims to achieve a progress report on the draft e-Privacy Regulation (ePR) at the end of its mandate. As a result, the ePR will probably not be adopted before 2020 [[read more – subscription required](#)].

INTERNET

Europeans watch two more hours a month On-Demand video

Source: Broadband TV News

As viewers continue to shift to viewing television content on an on-demand basis, TV and video consumption is changing across the leading five European markets: United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy and Spain [[read more](#)].

SPECTRUM

7,000 smaller satellites planned for next 10 years

Source: Advanced Television

About 7,000 smallsats are due to be launched over the next ten years, i.e. a six-fold increase from the 1,200 units launched over the past decade [[read more](#)].

INFORMATION SOCIETY

City Fibre tackles digital skills gap as it partners with leading Scottish charity

Source: CityFibre

CityFibre which has created Gigabit Cities in Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Stirling – is partnering with Digital Xtra Fund as part of a commitment to help young people across the country [[read more](#)].

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

T-Mobile/Orange UK merger 2010

Source: Cullen International

The European Commission conditionally cleared the proposed 50/50 joint venture (JV) between T-Mobile UK and Orange UK following a phase I merger review [[read more – subscription required](#)].

TELEVISION

Italy to switchover DTT network from MPEG-2 to MPEG-4

Source: Broadband TV News

Italy will switchover its national DTT network from MPEG-2 to MPEG-4 from January 1, 2020, to make room for future mobile networks on the 700 MHz. band [[read more](#)].

CONSUMER

Americans still don't like their cable companies

Source: Broadband TV News

Dissatisfaction with the perceived value of pay-TV service was once again high among the 176,000 members who

participated in Consumer Reports' latest telecommunications survey [[read more](#)].

POST

Royal Mail fined £50m for breaking competition law

Source: Ofcom

Ofcom fined Royal Mail £50,000,000 for a serious breach of competition law, after the company abused its dominant position by discriminating against its only major competitor delivering letters [[read more](#)].

Correos missed the quality of service targets in 2017

Source: Cullen International

Correos, the Spanish postal universal service provider (USP) failed to meet its quality transit times for letter and parcel delivery in 2017 [[read more – subscription required](#)].

