

REGULATION

Commission issues comments on proposed regulation of the wholesale internet access market in the Netherlands

Source: European Commission

The European Commission has issued comments on the Dutch regulator's ACM proposed regulation of KPN and VodafoneZiggo which are both active on the broadband internet markets in the Netherlands [\[read more\]](#).

INTERNET

Nokia lands €500m funding from EIB as Europe gets serious on 5G

Source: Total Telecom

Finnish tech giant, Nokia, has secured €500 million of funding from the European Investment Bank [EIB], to fast track the development of key 5G infrastructure [\[read more\]](#).

UK government releases £95m for local FTTH initiatives

Source: Total Telecom

The UK government has encouraged local authorities to submit their applications for funding, as it makes £95 million available for full fibre to the home (FTTH) schemes [\[read more\]](#).

ECOMMERCE

Electronic Identification and Trust Services (eIDAS): clear Benefits for SMEs

Source: European Commission

From 29 September 2018 onwards, the European Union's eIDAS Regulation will apply directly in its entirety in the European Union. Now it is up to businesses as well as European citizens to take advantage of this revolutionary way of using electronic identification throughout the EU and doing business across borders [\[read more\]](#).

New platform wants to boost cross-border ecommerce in Europe

Source: Ecommerce News

Cross-Border Commerce Europe is a new initiative from Carine Moitier, who co-founded Belgian ecommerce association BeCommerce in 2005. With this online platform, she wants to help international retailers to perform better on the European ecommerce market [\[read more\]](#).

TELEVISION

69% of US households have an SVOD service

Source: Broadband TV News

New consumer research from Leichtman Research Group finds that 69% of all US households have a subscription video on-Demand (SVOD) service from Netflix, Amazon Prime, and/or Hulu – up from 52% in 2015 [\[read more\]](#).

INNOVATION

Digitisation goes rural: The latest big revolution in farming

Source: Euractive

The use of devices that collect information, send it for processing and aid the subsequent decision-making is a reality that must be embraced and that is allowing the countryside to shed its more traditional image. Spain will soon have a tool that will further boost this process. It will take the form of the Agri-Food, Forestry and Rural Digital Agenda, which the government will roll out before the end of the year [[read more](#)].

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

Hutchison/Wind Tre merger 2018

Source: Cullen International

CK Hutchison (Hutchison) received a conditional phase I merger control clearance from the European Commission for its proposed €2.45bn acquisition of sole control of Italian telecoms operator Wind Tre [[read more – subscription required](#)].

INFORMATION SOCIETY

Mobile Age: making digital public services accessible to older people

Source: European Commission

The Mobile Age project, funded by the EU, helps older people to access public services digitally [[read more](#)].

ProSocialLearn: digital games to boost social inclusion and academic achievement

Source: European Commission

The ProsocialLearn project devised games to help children; especially those in danger of social exclusion to improve their social skills [[read more](#)].