

REGULATION

Termination rates recommendation has broadly achieved its goals, according to Commission evaluation

Source: Cullen International

The Recommendation on the regulatory treatment of fixed and mobile termination rates in the EU has led to lower and more consistent termination rates across the EU. Nevertheless, the European Commission says a binding measure is necessary [[read more](#) – subscription required].

Joint statement by Vice-President Ansip and Commissioner Gabriel welcoming the European Parliament's vote on the new EU telecoms rules

Source: European Commission

On 14th November 2018, the European Parliament voted in favour of establishing a EECC and BEREC, as proposed by the European Commission in September 2016, as part of the Digital Single Market strategy [[read more](#)].

Ofcom consults on a review of a new market for wholesale access to fixed telecoms physical infrastructure

Source: Cullen International

Ofcom, the UK telecoms regulator, is consulting until 18 January 2019 on proposals to give telecoms operators unrestricted access to BT's (Openreach's) network of underground ducts and telegraph poles [[read more](#) – subscription required].

SPECTRUM

France issues new licences in the 900 MHz, 1800 MHz and 2 GHz bands in exchange for coverage commitments

Source: Cullen International

Bouygues Telecom, Orange and SFR will see their respective spectrum holdings in the 900 MHz and 2 GHz bands decrease in the coming years, with spectrum distributed equally between all four operators at the latest by December 2022 and 2024 respectively [[read more](#) – subscription required].

German regulator publishes higher coverage requirements for upcoming 5G auction

Source: Cullen International

The next German licences in the 2 GHz and 3.4–3.7 GHz bands will set more comprehensive coverage requirements than originally planned, taking account of a heated public debate on mobile coverage [[read more](#) – subscription required].

Italian signal interference in Croatia: an update

Source: Broadband TV News

The Croatian regulator HAKOM has noted a reduction in Italian interference in Croatian TV signals. However, interference

with FM radio programmes has remained the same, with the emergence of new ones in the T-DAB area [[read more](#)].

TELEPHONY

Calling within Europe will be cheaper from May 2019

Source: EurActiv

It will no longer be possible for telephone operators to overcharge calls and texts between European countries. This measure, adopted by MEPs at the plenary session on 14 November, is expected to significantly reduce the phone bills of Europeans communicating across borders [[read more](#)].

INTERNET

Net neutrality compliance in France better than elsewhere in Europe

Source: EurActiv

Since the start of the year, Arcep has been working with Northeastern University in Boston on developing the “Wehe” app, which allows users to identify fraudulent ISPs [[read more](#)].

Italian government wants single broadband provider

Source: Total Telecom

Italy's government is looking at plans to create a single, nationwide broadband provider, in an attempt to streamline the rollout of full fibre, gigabit broadband services [[read more](#) – subscription required].

INFORMATION SOCIETY

#Health – New e-health platform to help elderly in Europe

Source: European Commission

Recently, the new e-health platform was being developed by EU-funded HATICE project targets ageing people in EU and to bring down the cases of CVD. Currently, the internet-based intervention is tested through randomized controlled trial in France, Netherland, and Finland [[read more](#)].

ECOMMERCE

UK is the third largest mcommerce market in the world

Source: Ecommerce News

The United Kingdom is the third largest mobile commerce market in the world. Mcommerce in the UK is worth 55.9 billion euros. With this mobile sales figure, the European country ranks third world wide, with only China (652.6 billion euros) and the US (183.2 billion euros) performing better [[read more](#)].