

5G

Ericsson CEO: 5G Greatest Open Innovation Platform

Source: *Advanced Television*

Speaking at the launch of a new online event series, Ericsson President and CEO, Börje Ekholm, has highlighted the importance of connectivity during times of crisis and the opportunity there is to rethink the role of networks in the future, and suggested that 5G will be “the greatest open innovation platform ever” [read more].

Commercial 5G debuts in Poland

Source: *Broadband TV News*

The Plus has today (May 11) launched Poland’s first commercial 5G service on the 2.6 GHz TDD frequency [read more].

POST

USPS: Our Ability to Continue to Serve the Nation Will Require Substantial Funding

Source: *Post & Parcel*

The U.S. Postal Service has revealed that COVID-19 has not had a material impact on its second quarter results, although significant impacts are expected for the remainder of the year [read more].

German Postage Rates remain Economical compared with rest of Europe

Source: *International Post Corp*

The cost of postage for standard letters in Germany remains low compared with the rest of Europe. A purely nominal comparison of European letter postage rates shows that Germany, at EUR0.80 for a standard domestic letter, is well below the European average of €1.12. [read more].

Poste Italiane Has Faced the Crisis with a Robust Financial Profile

Source: *Post & Parcel*

Lower revenues: € 2,755 million (-3% compared to the first quarter of 2019); normalized revenues 1 of € 2,456 million (-4.4% compared to the first quarter of 2019) [read more].

BROADBAND

German-German Dispute over Fibre Optic Funding to be decided in Brussels

Source: *Euroactiv*

The European Commission is examining German plans to support the fibre optic industry. The Christian Democrat (CDU/CSU) parliamentary group asked for early approval, while the fixed network industry association BREKO is opposed to the measures. EURACTIV Germany has seen both letters [read more].

Broadband Networks stand firm during Pandemic

Source: *Ofcom*

Average UK broadband speeds largely held up during the coronavirus (Covid-19) lockdown despite rising demand from home working, online lessons and TV streaming [read more].

TV

Online TV Boom in Italy

Source: *Advanced Television*

The Covid-19 lockdown in Italy has boosted online TV consumption, for a total of over 140.2 million hours viewed since March 9th [\[read more\]](#).

ECOMMERCE

Food Delivery Businesses Are Weathering the Global Financial Turmoil Well

Source: *Post & Parcel*

According to analysis by global law firm Linklaters from the start of March to the end of April, share prices of a selection of food delivery businesses were up between 5% and 14%, in contrast to the index of European consumer companies (STOXX Europe 600 Consumer Services) which was down by 12%. [\[read more\]](#).

SPECTRUM

Economic Fears scrap New Zealand 5G Spectrum Auction, Direct Allocation instead

Source: *Total Telecom*

Feeling the economic pressure from the coronavirus pandemic, the New Zealand government hopes the cheaper spectrum will help boost the nation's economy. [\[read more\]](#).

Ofcom Updates on Spectrum Auction Plans

Source: *Advanced Television*

UK comms regulator Ofcom has published a consultation on one aspect of the technical modelling in its statement on the

award of spectrum in the 700 MHz and 3.6-3.8 GHz bands [\[read more\]](#).

Belgium grants Provisional 5G Licences to Incumbent MNOs and Enterprise Network Providers

Source: *Policy Tracker*

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REGULATION

European Regulators: Net Neutrality Rules have worked during Covid Crisis, Telecoms Services must remain affordable

Source: *Cullen International*

Telecoms regulators agreed that the European net neutrality rules have withstood the pressures from the Covid-19 crisis. Network operators have been able to cope with additional data use within the EU policy on traffic management. [\[read more\]](#) – subscription required].

CONSUMER

Digi Slovakia takes “Pro-Customer Step”

Source: *Broadband TV News*

Digi Slovakia has introduced what it terms a “big novelty”, namely a TV service without any contractual commitment from its customers [\[read more\]](#)

TELCOS

What Lessons is the COVID-19 Pandemic teaching Telcos?

Source: Total Telecom

As some regions begin to relax their strict lockdown measures, telcos must reflect on what lessons and opportunities the crisis has to offer [[read more](#)]

COVID-19: Telecoms Operators will not be Immune to the Impact of the Outbreak –

Recovery could take up to 4 years

Source: Analysys Mason

The ongoing uncertainty around the impact of COVID-19 makes a single forecast of limited value. Instead, Analysys Mason has created three different scenarios (defined in terms of real GDP)¹ to reflect the likely range of economic impacts that the pandemic may have on operators' telecoms service revenue worldwide: mild, medium and severe. In our mild forecast, telecoms service revenue will fall by 2.5% worldwide in 2020 and return to 2019 levels in 2021 [[read more](#)]