

REGULATION

Ofcom grants UK ISPs and MNOs unrestricted Access to Openreach's Ducts and Poles

Source: Total Telecom

The UK's telecoms regulator, Ofcom, has passed new guidelines, granting UK telcos unrestricted access to Openreach's duct and pole network infrastructure [[read more](#)].

Poland makes Cable Infrastructure Access Ruling

Source: Broadband TV News

The president of the Polish Office of Electronic Communications (UKE) has issued decisions specifying the terms of access to the infrastructure of the country's six largest cable operators [[read more](#)].

SPECTRUM

European 5G Observatory – Is Europe ready for 5G?

Source: Cullen International

The European Commission organised a workshop titled "European 5G Observatory – Is Europe ready for 5G?" on 17 May 2019. The European 5G Observatory was launched in September 2018 to monitor market developments and preparatory actions taken by the industry and the EU member states in the context of 5G roll-out in Europe [[read more](#) – subscription required].

Europe eyes Spectrum up to 24 GHz for IMT

Source: PolicyTracker

At a recent meeting held by European technical agency CEPT, Project Team A (PTA) discussed proposals submitted by industry and member states that related to WRC-19 Agenda Item 10. This focuses on items recommended for inclusion in the agenda for the next World Radio communication Conference, WRC-2023 [[read more](#) – subscription required].

INTERNET

EQT acquires Maltese Operator Melita

Source: Broadband TV News

Melita has been acquired by EQT Infrastructure from Apax Partners and Fortino Capital. In a statement, EQT Infrastructure said it would continue to support the growth of Melita, by investing in its network and is committed to continue to provide high quality services to current and future customers [[read more](#)].

OTT: Contrasting Behaviour in US and Europe

Source: Broadband TV News

Cord cutting is a real problem in the US, while in Europe the pay-TV market has stalled, said Yan Mostovoy, director, C&D Solutions, Harmonic [[read more](#)].

New EU Contract Rules for Digital Content and Goods Published

Source: Cullen International

The new EU directives on contracts for the supply of digital content and goods were published on 22 May 2019 in the Official Journal of the EU. EU member states should transpose both directives into national legislation by 1 July 2021 [[read more](#) – subscription required].

UK Govt launches £200m Fibre Scheme to dramatically boost Connectivity in Rural Britain

Source: Total Telecom

The UK's Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has launched a £200 million programme to deliver fibre to the home (FTTH) connectivity to some of the UK's hardest to reach rural communities [[read more](#)].

CONSUMER

Ofcom hosts Event to explore the Needs of Vulnerable Customers

Source: Ofcom

On week starting 20th May, Ofcom held a workshop which looked at how telecoms firms can better meet the needs of vulnerable customers. The aim of the workshop was to raise awareness and share good practice for meeting the needs of people whose circumstances might lead to them becoming vulnerable [[read more](#)].

TELEVISION

Slovakia seeks DTT "Continuity"

Source: Broadband TV News

The Slovak Regulatory Authority for Electronic Communications and Postal Services (RU) has issued a tender for the country's first DTT multiplex, the licence for which is currently held by Towercom [[read more](#)].

5G: A Pointer to Terrestrial TV's Future

Source: Broadband TV News

5G broadcast will play a central role in securing the long-term future of terrestrial broadcasting. There would also be three essential pillars to create a 5G broadcast ecosystem, namely demonstrating the need for 5G broadcast, a regulatory framework and long-term frequency spectrum availability for broadcasting after 2030 [[read more](#)].

POST

Royal Mail to introduce Second Daily Delivery of Parcels

Source: Post & Parcel

Royal Mail has announced it will invest around £1.8 billion in UK over five years. As part of the plan, the Company is introducing a second delivery for parcels that will expand in line with demand and be fully operational by 2023 [[read more](#)].

UPS' Bid to make the U.S Postal Service raise its Prices, Rejected

Source: Post&Parcel

The Supreme Court has declined to hear a case brought forward by UPS that wanted to change how the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) charges for delivering packages, reports The Hill [[read more](#)].