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The 5G-aliser – May 2020 Update: The China– US Race to 5G is Heating Up

Source: Total Telecom

The month of May has seen a wide variety of developments in the world of 5G, from the fluctuating levels of spectrum availability to the introduction of AI-supported autonomous robots to help screen for the coronavirus. But no factor has been as prominent this month as that of the ongoing geopolitical battle between China and the USA, of which 5G technology is becoming a key battleground [\[read more\]](#).

5G Network Boost for Sweden

Source: Advanced Television

Swedish telcos Tele2 and Telia have both launched 5G networks, with Tele2 May 24th claiming it switched on Sweden's first 5G network and Telia saying that it was inaugurating its first major commercial 5G network in Stockholm on May 25th [\[read more\]](#).

EE 5G live in 80 UK Cities & Towns

Source: Advanced Television

On one-year anniversary of its 5G network launch, EE's 5G service is now available in 80 cities and large towns across the UK [\[read more\]](#).

TV

15 Million UK Homes Accessing SVOD

Source: Broadband TV News

The number of UK homes that have access to a subscription video on demand service has topped 15 million [\[read more\]](#).

DIGITAL ECONOMY

Commission mulls Digital Tax to fund Europe's Multi-Billion-Euro Recovery

Source: Euroactiv

The European Commission is considering bringing back Europe-wide plans for a digital services tax in order to finance the bloc's €750 billion recovery fund, the executive said on Wednesday (27 May) [\[read more\]](#).

BROADBAND

Report: Europe lags in Full Fibre Roll Out

Source: Advanced Television

The Covid-19 crisis has highlighted the key role that fibre networks will play in European economic recovery, according to participants at a virtual event – Delivering the Full-Fibre Gigabit Society: Challenges and Opportunities – organised by Forum Europe [\[read more\]](#).

US Broadband Resilient in Pandemic

Source: Advanced Television

Covid-19 has forced the residents of many nations to shelter-in-place, either by choice or by mandate. As a result, Internet use has skyrocketed, putting stress on both fixed and mobile broadband networks. In a study released by the Phoenix Center, Chief Economist Dr. George S. Ford looks for the impacts of rising Internet use on download speeds for fixed and mobile networks across the globe [\[read more\]](#).

TELCOS

Wholesale-only Operators' New Cross-Country Analysis Table

Source: Cullen International

Our research reveals that many of the European countries studied have one or more wholesale-only operators. Wholesale-only operators offer network access to all interested market operators while not offering retail services themselves [[read more](#) – subscription required].

POST

Canada Post Sets Up Pilot Projects to Look at Postal Banking

Source: Post & Parcel

Canada Post has agreed to study how it could offer postal banking, including through setting up pilot projects at certain locations, as part of a new collaboration with a union representing rural postal workers, reports Canada's National Observer [[read more](#)].

The Netherlands: Parcel Delivery Market is doing Fine, but there is Room for Improvement

Source: ACM

The market for home delivery of parcels is growing. Consumers usually receive their parcels at home, but an expansion of alternative delivery options such as service points or parcel lockers is desirable. These are some of the conclusions of a market study, which was conducted by the Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets (ACM),

that looked into the delivery market for parcels in the Netherlands [[read more](#)].

ECOMMERCE

EU Online Consumers and Traders still experience Problems in relation to Delivery

Source: Cullen International

EU online consumers and traders continue to experience difficulties in relation to delivery. Problems such as long delivery delays and high costs prevent the realisation of the full benefits from the growing e-commerce sector. [[read more](#) – subscription required].

REGULATION

ACM granted Additional Powers to ensure Dutch Telecom Market will work better for People and Businesses

Source: ACM

The Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets (ACM) has welcomed the new provisions in the Dutch Telecommunications Act, granting ACM more powers to protect competition in the fixed-telecommunications market. The Dutch House of Representatives today passed an amendment, which will expand ACM's toolkit. [[read more](#)]

SPECTRUM

Singapore and New Zealand turn away from Auctions

Source: Policy Tracker

The two Asia-Pacific countries recently awarded spectrum in the 3.5 GHz band without using an auction, albeit for different reasons. Both have a history of selling airwaves so their change of heart is noteworthy. Singapore opted for a beauty contest from the start of its 5G tender last year, while New Zealand changed mid-process due to the COVID-19 crisis [[read more](#) – subscription required]