5G

UK 6th-Ranked in Global 5G Market

Source: Advanced Television

According to research company Omdia's 5G Market Progress Assessment (end-2019) report, the UK is ranked sixth out of the 22 leading 5G countries analysed for 5G deployment. [read more].

EE Congress asks FCC to slow down 5G Acceleration Plans

Source: Telecoms.com

24 Democrat members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee have asked FCC Chairman Ajit Pai to delay a vote on a Declaratory Ruling which would dilute local Government's role in 5G. [read more].

TV

DTT Switch starts in Poland

Source: Broadband TV News

Allowing for the release of frequency bands for 5G technology, the process is being monitored by the Office of Electronic Communications (UKE) and will be completed this Friday, June 5 [read more].

One in Seven OTT Homes are Borrowing Accounts

Source: Broadband TV News

In new research, Ampere Analysis defines an account borrower as anyone who says they are using a login for a subscription online video platform from someone outside of their household to access a service. [read more].

COMPETITION

EU High Court Rules European Commission Erred in Blocking O2/Three Merger in UK

Source: Policy Tracker

In their 11 May 2016 decision blocking Hutchison 3G UK (Three) from acquiring Telefonica UK (O2), Brussels regulators concluded that the merger would have removed an important competitor in the mobile market and left only two other players, EE/BT and Vodafone, the General Court of the European Court of Justice said [read more – subscription required].

European Commission consults on Options for a New Competition Tool to Address Structural Competition Problems

Source: Cullen International

The European Commission launched consultations on a possible new competition tool (NCT) that would allow it to:

• Identify a structural competition problem through a "rigorous market investigation during which rights of defence are fully respected"; and

• Consequently, impose binding behavioural and structural remedies on companies, without any prior finding of an infringement of EU competition rules. [read more – subscription required].

Growth of Fixed Wireless Access should give Regulators Pause for Thought

Source: Policy Tracker

Fixed wireless access services are a cost-effective way to provide broadband in both developed and developing countries, says Scott W Minehane, MD of Windsor Place Consulting. With this in mind, regulators should rethink competition policy, as well as the distinctions between fixed and mobile services. [read more – subscription required].

BROADBAND

US Broadband Traffic Decreasing

Source: Advanced Television

Over 72 million homes and businesses across the US subscribe to broadband delivered by cable providers. With the rise of the Covid-19 pandemic, these connections are more important than ever, including home Wi-Fi networks, as many of daily activities move online [read more].

COMMUNICATIONS SECTORS' GREEN CREDENTIALS

BT goes Green with Two New Initiatives

Source: Total Telecom

The Green Tech Innovation Platform will see BT partner startups for green solutions, while the UK Electric Fleets Alliance will see it transform its commercial van fleet to electric power by 2030 [read more].

UPS: Honouring World Environment Day with New Initiative

Source: Post & Parcel

UPS has announced the company will commemorate World Environment Day on 5 June by matching the carbon offsets of all parcels shipped via its carbon neutral programme during the month of June. [read more].

UPU: Supporting Postal Operators in their Sustainability Efforts

Source: Post & Parcel

Bishar A. Hussein, Director General of the Universal Postal Union, has released a statement on World Environment Day, 5 June, renewing the organisation's commitment to sustainability [read more].

POST

Dutch Parcel Market Healthy but range of Dropoff Points should be expanded, says ACM Study

Source: Cullen International

The Dutch market for parcel delivery is growing and functioning well, according to regulator ACM. However, last-mile delivery options could be improved by better use of solutions such as service points and parcel lockers [read more – subscription required].

ECOMMERCE

24% of eCommerce in Europe is Cross-Border

Source: eCommerce News Europe

The total online cross-border market (excluding travel) in Europe represented a turnover of 108.75 billion euros in 2019. This is an increase of 14.4 percent compared to the situation one year before. The cross-border share represents 23.55

percent of total online sales in Europe, which is similar to the situation last year. [read more].

REGULATION

Digital Services Act: European Commissions outlines different options to deepen the Internal Market and to clarify Responsibilities and launches a Consultation

Source: Cullen International

The European Commission published on 2 June 2020 an inception impact assessment on "deepening the Internal Market and clarifying responsibilities for digital services", addressing issues such as the review of the Electronic Commerce Directive. This instrument would be part of the Digital Services Act (DSA) package which the Commission plans to propose in 4Q 2020. [read more – subscription required]

Consultation of ACM's Policy Rule regarding calls to Dutch Emergency Number 112

Source: ACM

Mobile telecom operators must ensure that Dutch emergency number 112 can be reached (officially in Dutch: 'aankiesbaar', which translates to 'dialable') using all technologies that they use for establishing regular phone calls [read more]

COVID-19 Update no. 7: Regulatory Measures for Electronic Communications Services in Europe

Source: Cullen International

The quarantine measures taken as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak increased the use of telecommunications networks, highlighting their importance as growing online activities rely on these networks. [read more – subscription required]