

REGULATION

ePrivacy: Progress Report shows Continued Divergences in Council

Source: Cullen International

A progress report to the Telecoms Council shows that divergences amongst national delegations still persist on certain points of the proposed e-Privacy Regulation [[read more](#) – subscription required].

SPECTRUM

German 5G Auction awards 2 GHz and 3.4–3.7 GHz Bands for €6.55bn

Source: Cullen International

The German 5G auction ended on 12 June 2019 after 497 rounds and almost three months of bidding, awarding all 420 MHz on offer for €6.55bn [[read more](#) – subscription required].

UK Government allocates £40m of Funding to 5G Test-bed Initiatives

Source: Total Telecom

The UK has pledged a total of £200m to help fund the development of 5G test-beds and use cases. The UK government has pledged £40 million in funding to support the development of a number of 5G use cases at test-beds around the country [[read more](#)].

The FCC allocates \$167m to boost Rural Broadband Coverage in the US

Source: Total Telecom

The US' telecoms regulator, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), has approved a \$166.8 million funding package that will bring ultrafast broadband to over 60,000 unserved rural homes and businesses, across the county [[read more](#)].

Western Europe Telcos are winning the European 5G Race

Source: Broadband TV News

In Europe, Western countries are leading 5G development, with Denmark, Portugal and Switzerland's 5G adoption set to take a 23.2%, 16.2% and 16.2% share respectively of total mobile subscription in their markets by 2023, according to GlobalData [[read more](#)].

CYBERSECURITY

The Future is Quantum: EU Countries Plan Ultra-Secure Communication Network

Source: European Commission

At the Digital Assembly, 7 Member States agreed to work together to explore how to make available a quantum communication infrastructure in Europe, to boost European capabilities in quantum technologies, cybersecurity and industrial competitiveness [[read more](#)].

INTERNET

Report: Only 20% of Euro Homes are 100Mbps

Source: *Advanced Television*

Just 20 per cent of EU households subscribe to broadband of at least 100 Mbps, compared to the EU's goal of 50 per cent with 'ultrafast' by 2020 [[read more](#)].

Commission's Report shows that Targeted Investment and Robust Digital Policies boost Member States' Performance

Source: *European Commission*

The European Commission is released the results of the 2019 Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI), which monitors Europe's overall digital performance and tracks the progress of EU countries with respect to their digital competitiveness [[read more](#)].

INNOVATION

Ten New Centres of Excellence for HPC Applications

Source: *European Commission*

Ten new Centres of Excellence (CoEs) for High Performance Computing (HPC) applications have been selected following the recent call under European Research Infrastructures [[read more](#)].

EU and Mexico to reinforce Cooperation on Digital Policy and Connectivity

Source: *European Commission*

The EU and Mexico agreed to continuously cooperate on several digital policy areas including digitalisation of industry, research cooperation, standardisation, eCommerce, online platforms, telecoms regulation, audio-visual regulation, eGovernment and data protection [[read more](#)].

POST

The New Postal Regulatory Framework should focus only on Postal Users' Essential Needs

Source: *Cullen International*

Policymakers need to adopt a Greenfield approach when reviewing the postal regulatory framework if they are to take proper account of the technological and market changes in the delivery market [[read more](#) – subscription required].

Posti gears up for Transformation with New Partnership

Source: *Post & Parcel*

Finnish postal service Posti has made a strategic partnership with next-generation digital services and consulting company, Infosys, to drive forward the digital transformation of its business and IT services [[read more](#)].

Canada Post introduces Digital Money Transfer Service

Source: *Post & Parcel*

Canada Post has teamed up with MoneyGram – global provider of innovative money transfer services – to enable customers to start a transaction online and complete it at select Canada Post locations [[read more](#)].