

5G

France begins 5G Catch-up Mission with September mid-Band Auction

Source: Telecoms.com

French regulator Arcep has confirmed it will auction spectrum licences in the 3.4-3.8 GHz band, finally signalling the beginning of the 5G era in the country. [[read more](#)].

EU 5G Security Toolbox: Implementation and Way Forward

Source: Cullen International

During a virtual event, representatives from the EU institutions, national authorities and industry debated the state of play of the 5G security toolbox. [[read more](#) – subscription required].

TV

Europol smashes Illegal Streaming Service

Source: Broadband TV News

The Spanish National Police (Policía Nacional) has dismantled a large criminal network illegally distributing audiovisual content to 2 million subscribers in Europe, Asia and the Middle East and laundering the criminal proceeds. [[read more](#)].

Pay-TV Operators to gain Subs

Source: Broadband TV News

Two-thirds of the world's pay-TV operators will gain subscribers between 2019 and 2025. [[read more](#)].

COMPETITION

Commission Charts New Competition Tool 'Fit for the Digital Age'

Source: Euractiv

A new competition tool 'fit for the digital age' is set to be unveiled by the European Commission before the end of this year, which has prompted stakeholders to begin analysing the wider impact that it could have on fostering competition across the EU's market economies. [[read more](#)].

Austrian Competition Authority publishes Position Paper on Competition Law and Digitalisation

Source: Cullen International

The Austrian national competition authority (NCA) published a position paper summarising its findings on the challenges posed by digitalisation to competition law enforcement. [[read more](#) – subscription required].

TELCOS

Spanish Telecom Market holds steady

Source: Broadband TV News

The average expenditure on telecom services in Spanish households remained stable in the fourth quarter of 2019. [[read more](#)].

BROADBAND

FTTH Council Europe sets out Priorities

Source: Advanced Television

During its first virtual General Assembly, trade body the FTTH Council Europe adopted its work programme and priorities and elected new Board members and Work Committee Chairs. [\[read more\]](#).

Has COVID-19 changed the Priority of the UK's Gigabit Broadband Plan?

Source: Total Telecom

The UK has serious plans for fibre connectivity by 2025, but how has the ongoing coronavirus pandemic affected this plans? Are the targets still achievable? [\[read more\]](#).

COMMUNICATIONS SECTORS' GREEN CREDENTIALS

Telefonica slashes Emissions Targets by 20 Years in New Push to go Green

Source: Total Telecom

The Announced alongside World Environment Day on Friday, the new target will see the operator's main businesses reduce greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2030 [\[read more\]](#).

POST

Escher Reveals the Future of Posts

Source: Post & Parcel

For the third year in a row, Escher reached out to their network of Postal Operators and industry colleagues to get an insight

into how the industry is changing. The results indicate a continued need to manage growing postal e-commerce traffic with greater emphasis on the last mile and supporting retailers. [\[read more\]](#).

Australia Post: No Postie Will Be Forced to Accept a Redundancy

Source: Post & Parcel

Australia Post today called on all members of Parliament to support essential changes to manage the impacts of COVID19 and dismisses claims these changes will force job cuts [\[read more\]](#).

SPECTRUM

Finnish Telecom Operators share new 5G Spectrum, as Nokia boosts Broadband Business

Source: Euractiv

Finnish telecom operators Telia, Elisa and Telenor-owned DNA all won frequencies at the country's auction of new highspeed 5G mobile networks on Monday (8 June), the Ministry of Transport and Communications said. [\[read more\]](#).

China is unusual in how it uses Network Sharing

Source: Policy Tracker

FCC The recent 5G infrastructure deal between China Mobile and China Broadcast Network (CBN) is shaped by competition policy, while elsewhere in Asia similar agreements are more likely to result from spectrum shortages. [\[read more – subscription required\]](#)

Norway auctions Fixed Links Spectrum but warns of little Demand for mmWave 5G Bands

isn't a "clear market demand" for the 26 GHz band and other mmWave 5G bands. [[read more](#) – subscription required]

Source: *Policy Tracker*

Norway's regulator Nkom recently completed the renewal of several mmWave bands used for fixed links but warned there