

## REGULATION

### European Commission expresses Serious Doubt over Geographic Deregulation of Wholesale High-Quality Access in Greece (market 4/2014)

Source: Cullen International

The European Commission opened on 19 July 2019 a phase II investigation into the partial geographic deregulation proposed by the Greek regulator, EETT, in the wholesale high-quality access market in Greece (market 4/2014) [[read more](#) – subscription required].

### Have Your Say: Public Consultation on Voice Call Termination Rates in the EU Now Open

Source: European Commission

The European Commission launched on 26 July 2019 a public consultation on voice call termination rates in the EU. The consultation will run for a 12-week period, from 26 July until 8 November, under the Commission's Better Regulation principles [[read more](#)].

### French Parliament adopts Copyright Reform after EU Law

Source: Euractiv

The French parliament on 23 July adopted a copyright reform to protect media against the use of their news by tech giants, the first national legislature to agree the new EU law [[read more](#)].

## SPECTRUM

### Is it time to ditch 2G?

Source: Policy Tracker

The UK Spectrum Policy Forum has commissioned a study to identify potential problems with switching off 2G networks. Given the push for more spectrum for 5G, one big question is whether 2G or 3G networks will be the first to be reformed, one of the study's authors says [[read more](#) – subscription required].

## 5G

### 5G: Smart Connectivity for Europe's Digital Transformation

Source: European Commission

The "fifth generation" of telecommunication systems will be a critical building block of our digital economy and society in the next decade [[read more](#)].

### How can Operators harness the True Power of 5G?

Source: Total Telecom

A new report from Cambridge Consultants suggests that mobile network operators must act now to safeguard their profitability in the 5G era [[read more](#)].

### Open Consultation on French 5G Security Law Implementation

Source: Cullen International

The French senate adopted a law to protect the defence and national interests of France in the context of 5G mobile networks on 24 July 2019. The law was then signed by French

President Emmanuel Macron on 1 August 2019 [[read more](#) – subscription required].

## Italy proposes Cybersecurity Bill and extends 5G Veto Powers

Source: Cullen International

The Italian council of ministers approved a cybersecurity bill that will update the national regulatory framework for cybersecurity, including 5G networks [[read more](#) – subscription required].

### INTERNET

## Openreach slashes Wholesale Rates to boost Ultrafast Uptake

Source: Broadband TV News

Openreach has reduced wholesale access charges to its superfast and ultrafast networks, in an attempt to incentivise internet service providers to migrate their customers onto next generation broadband services [[read more](#)].

## BT ready to play its part in delivering Gigabit Britain

Source: Total Telecom

BT has said that it is ready to play a leading role in delivering a gigabit society in the UK, following the launch of its 5G mobile networks and a sharp rise in fibre uptake during the first quarter of the current financial year [[read more](#)].

### TELEVISION

## Italy publishes Roadmap for DVB-T2 Transition

Source: Broadband TV News

The Italian Ministry of Economic Development has published the roadmap for the transition of the digital terrestrial network to DVB-T2/MPEG-4 standard [[read more](#)].

### CONSUMERS

## UK Government seeks Views on the Establishment of a New Consumer Advocate for Telecoms

Source: Cullen International

The UK government is consulting until 14 October on establishing a new consumer advocate for the telecoms sector [[read more](#) – subscription required].

### POST

## ERGP recommends no Additional Access Regulation for the Parcel Market

Source: Cullen International

Parcel service providers in Europe do not seek further regulatory intervention on access to the delivery infrastructures of postal universal service providers (USPs) [[read more](#) – subscription required].

## ERGP has adopted a Series of Recommendations for a Fundamental "Greenfield" Review of the Postal Regulatory Framework

Source: Cullen International

ERGP called upon the European Commission to adopt a fundamental "greenfield" approach to review the Postal Services Directive [[read more](#) – subscription required].

## **EU approves €171.7 Million Compensation to Poste Italiane**

Source: Post & Parcel

The Commission has approved under EU State aid rules a €171.74 million public service compensation granted by Italy to Poste Italiane for distributing, at reduced tariffs, newspapers and publications of book publishers and non-profit organisations in the period 2017-2019 [[read more](#)].