

REGULATION

Ofcom investigates EE Network Outage

Source: Total Telecom

Ofcom announced it has opened an investigation into an EE mobile network outage that occurred earlier this year [\[read more\]](#).

SPECTRUM

Academics find Compelling Role for Blockchain in Spectrum Management

Source: Policy Tracker

A group of prominent academics have set out how blockchain could be applied to spectrum management [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

FCC confirms Mid-2020 3.5 GHz Auction

Source: Total Telecom

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is seeking comments on its proposed plans for the auction of spectrum in the 3.5 GHz band, its commissioners having voted to launch the sale on 25 June next year [\[read more\]](#).

ECOMMERCE

EU divided over Implementation of Payments Directive

Source: Euractiv

The European Commission questioned on 25 September some member states' decision to grant at least 18 months to

banks for the full implementation of the European Payments Services Directive 2, which requires stronger authentication procedures for online payments [\[read more\]](#).

TV

FTTH boosts Portuguese Pay-TV Homes

Source: Broadband TV News

Figures for the first half of 2019 show there to be 4 million Pay-TV subscribers, up 3.4%, and representing an increase of 132,000 households over the same period in 2018. The increase can be attributed to the growth in fibre-based offerings (FTTH) [\[read more\]](#).

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

Swiss Competition Authority approves Acquisition of UPC

Source: Broadband TV News

After an in-depth examination, Swiss competition commission WEKO has decided to raise no objections against the acquisition of Liberty Global subsidiary UPC Switzerland by Sunrise and has approved the transaction [\[read more\]](#).

POST

UPU Extraordinary Congress meets to decide Possible Terminal Dues Reforms

Source: Cullen International

The UPU's 192 member countries met in Geneva during September to discuss possible options for the reform of terminal dues rates applying to small packets [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

U.S. to remain in the Universal Postal Union

Source: *Post & Parcel*

Member countries from the Universal Postal Union have voted to allow the phased introduction of self-declared postal rates for every country [[read more](#)].

ERGP Proposals to Focus on Promoting Competition

Generate Strong Response from Operators

Source: *Cullen International*

The European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) is to analyse how far the concepts used in the regulation of the telecommunications markets would be suitable to promote competition in the postal markets [[read more](#) – subscription required].