

REGULATION

Dutch Court Confirms Regulator's Assessment of Zero-Rating Case

Source: *Cullen International*

ACM, the Dutch regulator, rightfully allowed T-Mobile's zero-rated music streaming offer based on proper interpretation of the EU net neutrality provisions and BEREC guidelines [[read more](#) – subscription required].

BEREC held a Workshop in Preparation of its Guidelines on the Retail Price Caps for intra-EU Calls and SMS

Source: *Cullen International*

BEREC shared with stakeholders the work done on the upcoming guidelines on intra-EU communication services by its roaming expert working group (EWG). BEREC will not publicly consult its draft guidelines [[read more](#) – subscription required].

SPECTRUM

UK Regulator seeks to make Spectrum Sharing easier in Mobile Bands

Source: *Policy Tracker*

UK regulator Ofcom has proposed new measures to facilitate spectrum sharing in mobile bands, authorising third parties to "exploit" unused awarded spectrum [[read more](#) – subscription required].

INFORMATION SOCIETY

Research: Children Increasingly Connected

Source: *Advanced Television*

The average time children spend online has increased to three hours per day with a rise in the proportion accessing the Internet out and about, according to the latest 2019 CHILDWISE Monitor Report [[read more](#)].

EU Code Week 2018 Breaks All-Time Record, with 2.7 Million Participants and nearly 44,000 Events

Source: *European Commission*

Young people from all over Europe are showing a growing appetite for coding activities, robotics and computational thinking, as the record participation in EU Code Week clearly reveals. The number of people taking part has grown from 10,000 to 2.7 million in just six years. The 2019 edition will take place from 5 to 20 October [[read more](#)].

POST

An Post to Increase Prices for Larger Items and for International Post

Source: *Cullen International*

An Post, the Irish universal service provider, announced revised postage rates that will come into effect on 25 February 2019. The tariff changes reflect the operator's rising handling and transportation costs [[read more](#) – subscription required].

Ofcom Retains Price Cap for UK Second Class Mail until 2024

Source: *Cullen International*

Ofcom, the UK regulator, decided to retain the price caps applied to Royal Mail's second class post until March 2024. The current caps were due to expire in March 2019 [[read more](#) – subscription required].

No need for Further Regulation of Parcels Market but Mails Market needs to be reviewed in light of User Needs

Source: *Cullen International*

A study for the European Commission has concluded that the European e-commerce market is developing well, and that delivery performance for cross-border parcels has improved. As a result, the study concludes that there is no requirement for additional regulatory intervention [[read more](#) – subscription required].

Decline in UK Letters “Worrying”

Source: *Post & Parcel*

Royal Mail Group has issued a nine month trading update for the period ending 23 December 2018. UK and international parcels continued to trade well but the decline in usage in UK letters has accelerated [[read more](#)].