

## CONNECTIVITY TECHNOLOGY

### Dutch Regulator encourages Collaboration for Mobile Network Roll-Out

Source: Total Telecom

The Netherlands' Authority for Consumers & Markets (ACM) has this week published its draft guidance for collaboration between mobile operators in the roll-out of networks. The guidance aims to ensure that telecom operators make the investments necessary to efficiently improve network reliability and quality in addition to expanding network coverage and capacity. [\[read more\]](#).

### The 2G Switch-Off is happening faster in Asia

Source: Policy Tracker

Mobile network operators (MNOs) find it "difficult, complex and expensive" to support multiple networks simultaneously, the author of a new study says, pushing 2G and 3G switch-off up the agenda. So far, Asia is in the lead. [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

## 5G

### Major 5G Developments in Croatia

Source: Broadband TV News

The regulator HAKOM has announced to postpone the allocation of spectrum for 5G through a public auction until the first half of 2021. HAKOM notes that due to the COVID19 virus and the impact of the adopted measures to combat the epidemic on social and economic activities, the transition to DVB-T2 / HEVC, which was planned in the first half of this year, was postponed for the second half Broadband TV News. [\[read more\]](#).

## REGULATION

### EU Roaming Regulation Review: Plenty of Options on the Table

Source: Cullen International

The European Commission is asking for feedback on a range of possible measures to address a wide range of issues when reviewing the current EU rules on international mobile roaming. [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

### BEREC Guidelines on Co-Investment

Source: Cullen International

BEREC drafted guidelines to help national regulatory authorities (NRA) assess offers by operators with significant market power (SMP) to co-invest with other market players in new very high capacity networks (VHCN). [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

### Review of the Broadband Cost Reduction Directive could extend Scope and add Rules on Cost Principles

Source: Cullen International

The proposal could include an extension of the scope of the current Broadband Cost Reduction Directive (BCRD, Tracker) as the review will aim to "harness the potential of additional private and public assets". [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

## TELCOS

### Netherlands consults on joining the Network Sharing Craze

Source: Telecoms.com

The Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets (ACM) has launched a consultation to identify the pros and cons of a more collaborative approach in telecoms. [[read more](#)].

## Driving Transformation in the Telco Sector

Source: *Analysys Mason*

The telecoms industry is in a period of significant transition. Disrupted by digital native companies from across the media, internet and communications sphere, telecoms firms' voice, data and messaging services are under threat. Also they must transform their operations and business models to keep up with fast-changing customer expectations. [[read more](#)].

## State-owned Czech Utility confident it can be fourth MNO

Source: *Policy Tracker*

State-run energy firm ČEZ has not yet confirmed whether it will take part in the upcoming Czech 5G auction but claims to be in a very good position to become the Republic's fourth mobile network operator (MNO). [[read more](#) – subscription required].

### BROADBAND

## Consumer Broadband Interest surges, but be wary of a Recession

Source: *Telecoms.com*

Customers are increasingly becoming more interested by 'big ticket' broadband services, but this demand might well be diluted by adverse economic conditions. [[read more](#)].

## Research: Adoption of Stand-alone Broadband up 42% in US

Source: *Advanced Television*

Consumer research from Parks Associates finds the market for broadband service is steady overall, showing high adoption rates and rising ARPUs, with the adoption rate for stand-alone Internet service rising from 34 per cent in 2017 to 42 per cent in Q1 2020. [[read more](#)].

### GREEN CREDENTIALS

## Amazon to help other Companies reduce their Carbon Impact and operate more Sustainably

Source: *Post & Parcel*

Amazon has announced The Climate Pledge Fund to support the development of sustainable technologies and services that will enable Amazon and other companies to meet The Climate Pledge—a commitment to be net zero carbon by 2040. [[read more](#)].

### POST

## Royal Mail: Our UK Business has not adapted quickly enough to the Changes in our Marketplace

Source: *Post & Parcel*

Royal Mail has announced it will be making 2,000 job cuts in order to save the business £130 million – around half of Royal Mail's senior leaders and most senior managers are expected to leave the Company in the next few months. [[read more](#)].

## ComReg proposes to cancel USP Designation Review, An Post to remain USO until 2023

Source: Cullen International

The Irish regulator, ComReg, is consulting until 17 July on its proposal to cancel the ongoing universal service provider (USP) designation review, as a result of market uncertainties created by the COVID-19 pandemic. [[read more](#) – subscription required].

## Flexibility, Subsidiarity and Innovation needed in post-COVID Postal Market

Source: Cullen International

Postal operators called for the European Commission to place a strong emphasis on flexibility and subsidiarity when reviewing the Postal Services Directive. These principles have become even more important given the changes arising in the postal market as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. [[read more](#) – subscription required].

## European Commission examines State Aid granted to Czech Post

Source: Cullen International

The European Commission will investigate compensation of CZK 7.50bn (€0.29bn) to be paid to Czech Post for the provision of universal postal services for the period 2018-2020. [[read more](#) – subscription required].

### SPECTRUM

## Dutch 5G on the Way as Spectrum Auction Kicks-Off

Source: Total Telecom

Vodafone, T-Mobile and KPN will battle it out for spectrum in the 700, 1,400 and 2,100 MHz bands. [[read more](#)].