

5G

Small-cell Deployments: Commission reaffirms Maximum Volume of 30 Litres

Source: Cullen International

The European Commission published a binding Commission Implementing Regulation on a light-touch regime for small-cell (SAWAP) deployments in the Official Journal (OJ) of the EU of 21 July 2020. The implementing regulation sets the maximum volume of small cells to 30 litres. [read more – subscription required].

TV

82% of Broadcasters think 5G will replace Traditional Broadcast Distribution

Source: Broadband TV News

The majority of broadcasters believe that cellular distribution such as 5G will eventually replace traditional distribution methods. [read more].

Portugal wants more Public DTT Channels

Source: Advanced Television

The Portuguese Parliament has approved a proposal by leftwing political party Bloco da Esquerda (BE) to increase the number of public service TV channels on the national DTT network. [read more].

BROADBAND

Wifi set for Boost after more Spectrum freed up for Wireless Services

Source: Ofcom

Homes across the UK could soon experience faster and more reliable wifi due to changes made today by Ofcom. [read more].

REGULATION

UK MNOs have another Stab at reforming the Electronic Communications Code

Source: Telecom.com

The Electronic Communications Code (ECC) is supposed to simplify bureaucracy in the telecoms industry, but lawmakers didn't get it right the first (or second) time around. [read more].

TELCOS

AT&T causes Mass Confusion with 3G Shutdown Announcement

Source: Telecom.com

AT&T has announced its 3G network will be switched off, prompting confusion with customers as to whether new phone purchases are needed or not. [read more].

COMPETITION

Did UK Telcos collude to sink Phones 4u?

Source: Total Telecom



The ex-mobile retailer claims that a number of telcos colluded to sink the business back in 2014. [read more].

Zero Rating – Regulatory Approaches

Source: Cullen International

Zero rating means an operator will not count specific types of traffic towards the data allowance included in the end user's subscription. [read more – subscription required].

GREEN CREDENTIALS

Vodafone's European Networks will be entirely Green by 2021

Source: Total Telecom

The operator said that its Green Gigabit Net will be powered by renewable energy in the 11 European markets in which it operates. [read more].

Over 10% of DPD's UK Van Fleet is now Electric

Source: Post & Parcel

DPD has exceeded its own 2020 target for 10% of its van fleet to be zero emission, electric vehicles, five months ahead of schedule. [read more].

Ericsson: 5G could 'Dramatically Increase' Network Energy Consumption

Source: Euractiv

It is the industry's responsibility to roll-out the fifth generation (5G) of wireless communication networks without increasing energy consumption. [read more].

SPECTRUM

Regulators face Difficult Decisions in assigning 26GHz Spectrum

Source: Analysys Mason

Regulators that are looking to award the 26GHz band should focus their thinking around four key considerations: bandwidth, geographic scope and duration, licence cost and obligations and demand and competition. [read more].

Dutch 5G Spectrum Auction completes, raises €1.23bn

Source: Total Telecom

The Netherlands' latest 5G auction has proved quite competitive, raising a total of $\[\in \]$ 1.23 billion, significantly exceeding the reserve price of around $\[\in \]$ 915 million. [read more].

Luxembourg taps €41m from 5G Auction

Source: Advanced Television

Luxembourg has raised more than €41 million from the 4 bidders for the tiny nation's 5G licences. Overall the new licence holders will pay €41.3 million for 15-year operational licenses in the 3.6 GHz band. [read more].

POST

Royal Mail: Domestic Parcel Volumes up 64%

Source: Post & Parcel

Royal Mail has provided its first quarterly update on volumes in its Royal Mail and GLS businesses covering period 30 March to 28 June 2020. [read more].



Postal Revenues rising in Austria due to Increases in Parcel Volumes, finds Annual Market Review by Regulator RTR

Source: Cullen International

The Austrian postal market is changing along international market trends, with total letter volumes diminishing by 5.1% and parcel volumes increasing by 13.3% year-on-year. These conclusions were reached in the annual postal market review by RTR, the Austrian regulator. [read more – subscription required].

Croatia Post to roll out Parcel Locker Network

Source: Post & Parcel

Hrvatska Pošta has entered into an agreement with Estonian state-owned company Omniva for the use of their parcel locker software. A network with 300 parcel machines will be established in Croatia by the end of 2021. [read more].

ECOMMERCE

UPS launches Saturday Delivery in Europe

Source: eCommerce News Europe

UPS will launch its Saturday delivery service in eight European markets this month. The launch follows after European consumers have increasingly turned to online shopping during the coronavirus breakout. The introduced service aims to help small businesses reach their customers at the weekend. [read more].