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DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

GSMA and Samsung Team up to improve 4G and 5G Voice Call Quality

Samsung is working alongside the GSMA's Network Settings Exchange (NSX) and Interoperability Testing services as they look to enable "consistent and reliable voice services across a wide range of operators and regions by default." [Telecoms.com](#) ([read more](#))

European Union remains divided on the Future of UHF

The European Union's Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) hosted a workshop in Brussels recently on the future of the UHF band. The RSPG's UHF sub-group is currently analysing those responses and will publish a report in the coming months based on them and on the findings from the workshop. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DIGITAL SECTOR

Can European Digital and Tech Regulatory Environment sustain Competitiveness and Security?

On Wednesday, 23rd April 2025, two US tech giants received the first fines from the European Commission under the Digital Market Act: a €500 million fine for Apple for breaching App Store rules and a €200 million one for Meta for no advertising charge on its consumers. **Euractiv** ([read more](#))

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SECTOR

Explainer: VAT and Customs Rules for Cross-border e-Commerce

Value-added tax (VAT) is applicable in principle to all goods and services sold for use or consumption in the EU. Each EU member state must adopt a VAT rate that complies with the VAT Directive. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)