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DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

EU not on Track to achieving Gigabit Networks everywhere by 2030, Commission warns

Thomas Skordas, the deputy director-general of DG Connect at the European Commission, underlined that, at the current pace, the EU will not reach its 2030 connectivity targets. **Cullen International** (read more – subscription required)

A 'Vulnerable Soft Underbelly': UK Joint Committee explores Subsea Cable Security

The Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy (JCNSS) is set to explore the security credentials of the UK's submarine cable ecosystem as part of a new industry enquiry. **Total Telecom** (read more)

CEPT makes Progress on WRC-27 Preliminary Position

During the meeting, CEPT received a new mandate from the European Union to study the possibility of a hybrid solution for the upper 6 GHz band. **Policy Tracker** (read more – subscription required)

Apple secretly testing Directto-Device Satellite Connectivity with Starlink and T-Mobile

Apple has been "secretly" working with T-Mobile and SpaceX test Starlink's network using Apple's latest iPhone software. **Total Telecom** (read more)

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DIGITAL SECTOR

12 EU Countries urge Commission do more against Election Interference

12 EU countries have urged the European Commission to take action against election interference by accelerating ongoing investigations under the EU Digital Services Act. **Euractiv** (read more)

EU Parliament questions the Commission on the Enforcement of the Digital Services Act

The meeting focused on compliance by online platforms, ongoing investigations, and regulatory measures to strengthen digital safety. **Cullen International** (read more – subscription required)

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SECTOR

Royal Mail could cut Second Class Deliveries on Saturdays following Ofcom Proposal

Ofcom has today proposed changes to the obligations on Royal Mail with the aim of putting the universal service on a more sustainable footing. **Post & Parcel** (read more)

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN TELECOM AND POSTAL SERVICES

Whistl: One of the biggest Challenges facing the Logistics Industry is the ability to move Goods at Distance Sustainably

Whistl, has participated in the UK's first emission free delivery trial. The initiative led by working with Varamis Rail, integrated containerised cargo bikes, electric vehicles, and electric rail freight into a seamless, sustainable distribution chain. **Post & Parcel** (read more)