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DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

Smart TV Viewing Time soars by over a Quarter in the US and Europe

Smart TVs have emerged as the main viewing device for US internet users, but in Europe broadcast TV still reigns, according to new research by Ampere Analysis. **Broadband TV News** ([read more](#))

What is the Current Framework for D2D in Europe?

MSS-based D2D is already possible in some countries without the need for new regulations. In CEPT countries, D2D-MSS terminals are exempt from individual licences. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

Hyperscalers: Seizing the Reins of the Submarine Cable Industry

Today, hyperscalers like Google and Meta, instead of partnering with traditional carriers for cable projects, they are increasingly building their own private cable systems. **Total Telecom** ([read more](#))

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DIGITAL SERVICES SECTOR

Members of European Parliament call for Faster Enforcement of Consumer Protection Rules and Digital Services Act against non-EU e-Commerce Platforms

In February 2025, members of the European Parliament's IMCO discussed with the European Commission the ongoing investigations against ecommerce platforms. The discussion focused on the enforcement of consumer protection rules under the Consumer Protection Cooperation Regulation (CPCR), and compliance with the rules of the Digital Services Act. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

Digital Services Act: Discussion in European Parliament with European Commission on how

Interference into Elections has been addressed so far

Renate Nikolay reassured members of the European Parliament (MEPs) that in case of incidents the Commission could approach platforms swiftly, in an agile way and in coordination with the relevant national Digital Service Coordinator. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SECTOR

Australia Post: Growing Trust in e-Commerce continues to influence Shopping Habits

With the majority of Aussies, turning to eCommerce, Australia Post delivered nearly 103 million parcels¹ in November and December – a 3.1% increase from the previous year, setting a new all-time high. **Post & Parcel** ([read more](#))

Portugal requires CTT to compensate Users if it fails to achieve Quality Targets

The Portuguese Ministry of Infrastructure published a regulation on compensating users for unmet quality of service targets in the universal postal service. The compensation may be at most 3% of CTT's annual earnings from services that are part of the universal postal service. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)