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DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

French Senate raises Concerns about 2G/3G Switch Off

The French upper house of parliament, the Senate, has denounced the shutdown of legacy networks, stating that no real consultation was conducted and that the government needs to manage the risks of the shutdown more effectively. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

Viasat World launches in Malta with Melita TV Deal

Viasat World has entered the Maltese market through a new distribution agreement with Melita TV, extending its European footprint. **Broadband TV News** ([read more](#))

Satellite D2D Providers hope to use both IMT and MSS Spectrum to cover all Markets

Satellite companies pursuing direct-to-device “want to have their feet on both boats,” says the GSOA, which is also concerned about moves towards auctioning satellite spectrum. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

3.8 - 4.2 GHz Band Harmonisation to be implemented in the EU before the end of 2026

EU member states have until 30 September 2026 to implement harmonised technical conditions for the band, marking a major step towards a unified framework for private networks. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

Australian Regulator wants Standardised Mobile Coverage Maps

The standard proposed by ACMA is intended to improve how mobile operators present coverage information to consumers. The regulator wants “accurate, up-to-date and comparable” information on coverage from mobile operators. This will make it easier for consumers to choose between the country’s mobile operators based on coverage. The proposal will also apply to mobile virtual network operators (MVNOs). **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DIGITAL SERVICES SECTOR

Harmonised Transparency Reports under the DSA bring enhanced clarity on Content Moderation Practices online

Last week marked the deadline for publication of the first round of harmonised transparency reports by providers of intermediary services under the Digital Services Act (DSA). The DSA requires online services to publish at least once per year - and twice a year for very large online platforms (VLOPs) and search engines (VLOSEs) – the data on their content moderation practices. **European Commission** ([read more](#))

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SERVICES

UK Post Office to retain its Minimum Network Size and Geographic Access Requirements

The UK government’s Department for Business and Trade (DBT) decided to retain the minimum network size and geographic access requirements that currently apply to the Post Office. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

Royal Mail Stamp Price Increase sparks Concern from Citizens Advice

Royal Mail has announced that from 7 April 2026 the price of Second-Class stamps will increase by 4p to 91p and the price of First-Class stamps will be £1.80, an increase of 10p. **Post & Parcel** ([read more](#))

Australia Post to Upgrade for the Future

Australia Post has launched its 2030 Sustainability Framework, setting new targets to reduce carbon emissions and keep resources in use across its fleet, properties and operations over the next five years. **Post & Parcel** ([read more](#))

Swiss Post “Delivers on Quality Promises”

Swiss Post has exceeded all the punctuality requirements set by the Federal Postal Services Commission (PostCom). Last year, 1.49 billion addressed letters were sent. **Post & Parcel** ([read more](#))

Austrian Post: The use of AI alone does not make a Digital Transformation

Two-thirds of Austrian companies rely on artificial intelligence (AI) – more than three times as many as in 2023 reports Austrian Post. The third digitalization study* by Post Business Solutions paints an ambivalent picture: While artificial intelligence (AI) is widely gaining ground in domestic companies, many are treading water when it comes to overall digital progress. 67 percent of the companies surveyed are already using AI in various business areas. **Post & Parcel** ([read more](#))

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