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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

BEREC Workshop examines potential Consequences of Copper Decommissioning

The ongoing process of progressive copper decommissioning represents a historic step for the telecoms industry, with social, environmental and financial impacts. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

UK's Satellite D2D Framework comes into Effect

UK regulator Ofcom's new regulatory framework enables spectrum licensed to mobile network operators to be used for satellite direct-to-device (D2D) services. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

Commission makes available €200 Million for Submarine Cable and Digital Infrastructure Projects

The European Commission has opened two new Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) calls worth €200 million for projects in high-capacity networks, including submarine cables. These investments are in line with the goals of the EU Action Plan on Cable Security and will help ensure secure and resilient connectivity across the European Union and beyond. **European Commission** ([read more](#))

European Court gives Preliminary Green Light to National 5G Vendor Bans

A European law test case has concluded it is legal for member states to exclude vendors from telecoms networks on security grounds, but with conditions. **Telecoms.com** ([read more](#))

Fibre is growing up in Europe but Customers must still move with the Times

The European fibre market is maturing, with rollout reaching close to 80% and growth in take-up outstripping deployment, new data demonstrated this week. **Telecoms.com** ([read more](#))

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SECTOR

UK: Royal Mail “Making Electric Mail Flights a Reality”

Royal Mail, Loganair, the UK’s largest regional airline, and BETA Technologies, a U.S.-based electric aerospace company leading in the development and commercialisation of electric aircraft, have launched the UK’s first real-world electric flight demonstrations across Royal Mail’s essential Scottish mail flight routes. **Post & Parcel** ([read more](#))

European Commission approves CTT and Deutsche Post Joint Venture

Correios de Portugal and DHL eCommerce were notified that the European Commission unconditionally approved, under the EU Merger Regulation, the joint venture partnership, as announced by the two companies on 19 December 2024. **Post & Parcel** ([read more](#))

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