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DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

Proximus launches Belgium's first Standalone 5G Service

Proximus has become the first operator in Belgium to launch a commercial standalone 5G service, branded 5G+, extending its mobile offer beyond the non-standalone 5G networks that have so far dominated the local market. **Broadband TV News** (read more)

Openreach upgrades The Shard as Copper Switch-Off approaches

The UK incumbent is using its work at the capital's tallest building to persuade more premises still on the PSTN to make the switch while there's still time. Its core messaging is that upgrading is a simple process that will not disrupt businesses, but failure to do so carries real risk to business continuity. **Telecoms.com** (read more)

DT launches Starlink powered Satellite Service for Businesses

Deutsche Telekom has launched the Satellite Internet Access by Starlink (SIA) service, designed to bolster broadband connectivity for large enterprises and public sector organisations. **Telecoms.com** (read more)

UK Telco Customers can now escalate Complaints quicker

New rules have come into force in the UK, that mean telecoms customers can escalate complaints to an alternative arbitration process, a fortnight quicker than they could previously. **Telecoms.com** (read more)

Openreach goes on recycling Push for Fibre Deployments

A range of new Optical Network Terminals (ONTs) with reengineered casings made from 95% recycled plastic have been developed. The GPON devices use recycled plastic in their construction and arrive in zero plastic minimal packaging made from recycled materials too – so that's a lot of recycling going on. **Telecoms.com** (read more)

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