

DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

German Regulator proposes Procedure for Copper Switch-Off

The German regulator, BNetzA, presented on 19th January 2026, its regulatory concept on migration from copper to fibre networks. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

Italian Operators reach Network Sharing Agreement

Fastweb, Vodafone and TIM have reached a preliminary agreement to speed up 5G rollout in Italy. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

Spain moves to strengthen Telecoms Network Resilience

Spain is consulting on a new decree law aimed at strengthening the resilience of telecoms networks, as blackouts and extreme events push the issue up the European regulatory agenda. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

Belgium 26 GHz consultation confirms low interest global

A recent statement from Belgian regulator BIPT revealed that operators are still not interested in using the 26 GHz band. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

UPDATES TO THE DIGITAL NETWORKS ACT

Digital Networks Act (DNA) proposal: Great Ambitions, Moderate Means

An EU-level authorisation regime for satellite services, a new EU access product, a voluntary “conciliation process” on IP interconnection disputes and a focus on network resilience are among the main innovations proposed by the European Commission. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

Digital Networks Act provokes Mixed Reactions

The European Commission’s Digital Networks Act (DNA) has been hyped as a once-in-a-generation overhaul of the EU connectivity framework, promising simpler rules, a more coherent spectrum regime and a stronger push for investment. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DIGITAL SERVICES SECTOR

Ireland to make Age Checks through Government App mandatory for Social Media

Ireland will run age assurance for age-restricted online content through a government-developed wallet app, according to an interview with Communications Minister Patrick O’Donovan published in Extra.ie. **Biometric Update** ([read more](#))

Commission investigates Grok and X's Recommender Systems under the Digital Services Act

The European Commission has launched a new formal investigation against X under the Digital Services Act (DSA). The new investigation will assess whether the company properly assessed and mitigated risks associated with the deployment of Grok’s functionalities into X in the EU. **European Commission** ([read more](#))

Commission designates WhatsApp as Very Large Online Platform under the Digital Services Act

The European Commission has formally designated WhatsApp as a Very Large Online Platform (VLOP) under the Digital Services Act (DSA), as its 'Channels' feature reaches the designation threshold of at least 45 million users in the EU. **European Commission** ([read more](#))

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SERVICES

Posten Bring “Positive” about reform of Norway’s Postal Law

Posten Bring has submitted its consultation response to a proposal for a new postal law. The company supports the proposed change to delivering letters to mailboxes one day a week, combined with the fact that recipients who want more frequent delivery can choose to have letters delivered to a post office. **Post & Parcel** ([read more](#))

Reason Solutions powers Postal Digital Transformation Worldwide

In a bid to advance the UPU’s vision of a more connected and digital postal ecosystem, UPU Consultative Committee member Reason

Solutions has successfully modernized global postal operations with a number of national Posts. **UPU International** ([read more](#))

The UPU’s Unified Data Platform is powering a New Era of Agentic AI

When the Universal Postal Union unveiled its first-ever artificial intelligence (AI) agent at the 28th Universal Postal Congress in Dubai, it marked more than a technological milestone – it signalled the beginning of a data-driven transformation across the global postal network. **UPU International** ([read more](#))

UPU delivers on ‘Delivered Duty Paid’ Promise with Partners

The UPU has released its first-ever delivered duty paid (DDP) solution – improving customs compliance and leading to better service for e-commerce customers. **UPU International** ([read more](#))

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