

DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

Copper Switch-Off Status: Great Variety remains among EU Member States

On 24 February 2026, Cullen International presented the second edition of its study on the progress toward deactivating the legacy copper network in the 27 EU member states, Norway, Switzerland and the UK at an event organised by the FTTH Council Europe. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

European Commission proposes to add Western Balkan Countries to EU Roaming Area

The European Commission sent a proposal to EU member states on 25 February 2026 asking to open negotiations with the Western Balkan countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia) on joining the EU's Roam Like at Home (RLAH) regime. RLAH allows end users to pay domestic retail charges when roaming. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

Lack of Demand rather than Investment weighs on 5G Standalone in Europe

Different levels of national demand, rather than simply a lack of investment, could explain why 5G standalone (SA) coverage is lower in Europe than in other parts of the world. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SECTOR

UK Post Office: The Government's Green Paper response provides Direction for our Network

Post Office CEO Neil Brocklehurst has welcomed the Government's response to the Green Paper consultation on the 'future of Post Office'. **Post & Parcel** ([read more](#))

Fresh Uncertainty as Trump raises Global Import Tariffs to 15%

President Donald Trump has announced an immediate increase in global import tariffs to 15%, escalating a trade measure introduced just one day earlier and directly responding to a Supreme Court ruling that invalidated key elements of his tariff agenda. **Post & Parcel** ([read more](#))

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