

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

### Telecoms: Commission mulls Market Deregulation, Infrastructure Resilience, Spectrum Governance

The European Commission's long-awaited telecom white paper is set to include market deregulation, cloudification, infrastructure resilience and spectrum, according to information given to Euractiv by sources closely following the document's drafting. **Euractiv** (read more)

#### How the 'Year of Al' can make Europe a Digital Leader

2023 will be remembered as a pivotal 'year of AI,' marked by significantly increased engagement with AI across the spectrum – from ground-breaking start-ups to global enterprises. **Euractiv** (read more)

### French Regulator expands 5G Private Network Trial

Arcep is extending its trial platform in the 3.8 - 4.0 GHz band for new innovative 5G use cases. **5G Observatory** (read more)

# ARCEP aims to speed up the Transition from Copper to Fibre with its Review of the Wholesale Fixed Broadband Markets

With its latest market analysis of the wholesale fixed broadband markets, ARCEP, the French electronic communications regulator, aims to accelerate the transition from copper to fibre access networks. At the same time, the regulator tries to ensure that the conditions for fair competition between operators are preserved. Cullen International (read more – subscription required)

### Ofcom wants to Ban Inflation-Linked Price Hikes

UK communications regulator Ofcom is keen to ban inflation-linked mid-contract price rises in a bid to provide UK consumers with greater clarity on what their mobile and broadband bills will look like.

Telecoms.com (read more)

### DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DIGITAL SECTOR

# **European Commission starts Formal Proceedings against X under the Digital Services Act**

On 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023, the European Commission opened formal proceedings against X (former Twitter) for the suspected infringement of the rules of the DSA. This is the first enforcement action under the regulation. The Commission invokes possible violations of the DSA in areas linked to countering the dissemination of illegal content and disinformation, online ads transparency, access to data by researchers and dark patterns. **Cullen International** (read more – subscription required)