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DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

Resilient Europe: A Playbook for Future European Economic Competitiveness

The future of European competitiveness and innovation and its global investment attractiveness is at a critical juncture. In the coming years, it's imperative that EU policymakers remain laser-focused on addressing pressing challenges—including tech, environmental, sustainability, and security policy—and transforming them into opportunities for EU leadership. **Euractiv** (read more)

Report: 5G-Advanced/6G Nets need more Spectrum

Developing a comprehensive roadmap for new commercially available spectrum is necessary to ensure the successful deployment of future mobile networks, according to a report, The Evolution of 5G Spectrum, from trade body 5G Americas, which provides insights into the future of mobile networks, emphasising the critical role of licensed spectrum for the successful rollout of 5GAdvanced and future 6G capabilities. **Advanced Television** (read more)

BT disappointed by UK Regulator's Review of Annual Licence Fees

"Ofcom's recent report to the government on the effectiveness of annual fees was disappointing in that it essentially seeks to defend the status quo," Cheeseman told a recent event organised by Westminster Forum Projects. **Policy Tracker** (read more – subscription required)

Spain finalises HD DTT Migration

Spain is readying for the migration to HD for all its DTT TV channels on February 14th. From that date onwards, all DTT transmissions will have to be HD as SD will be switched off. **Advanced Television** (read more)

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DIGITAL SECTOR

Rival App Stores coming to Apple Devices

Apple has announced that it will allow other app stores to be used on its devices in the EU from March. Currently, anyone with an iPhone/iPad can only download apps from the firm's own App Store. **Advanced Television** (read more)

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SECTOR

Ofcom on the Future of Universal Post: We've set out Options for Reform

The universal postal service risks becoming unsustainable as people send fewer letters and receive more parcels, meaning reform is necessary to secure its long-term future, according to evidence set out by Ofcom today. **Post & Parcel** (read more)