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DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

EU Broadband Law: Agreement reached on Intra-EU Call Abolition in 2029, Voluntary Tacit Approval

Representatives of the EU Council, Commission, and Parliament agreed on a compromise text of the Gigabit Infrastructure Act: the tacit approval remains a voluntary principle while the abolition of intra-EU communication 'surcharges' is set for 2029-2032. **Euractiv** (read more)

Commission welcomes new measures to boost the rollout of Gigabit Networks

The Commission welcomes the political agreement reached between the European Parliament and the Council on the Gigabit Infrastructure Act, proposed by the Commission on 23 February 2023. The agreement comes at the same time of the adoption of the Recommendation on the regulatory promotion of gigabit connectivity. **European Commission** (read more)

Telecoms NRAs act against Price Indexation Clauses

Following high inflation rates in the past years in Europe, national regulatory authorities (NRAs) have started paying attention to price indexation clauses in retail contracts. **Cullen International** (read more – subscription required)

No severe issues in compliance with Net Neutrality Rules

The UK telecoms regulator, Ofcom, found that internet service providers (ISPs) have managed well the growing data traffic volumes and concluded that open internet is safeguarded in the UK. **Cullen International** (read more – subscription required)

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SECTOR

CNMC suggests modifying the Regulatory Cost Accounting Methodology while reviewing Universal Service Prices for 2024

The Spanish postal regulator, CNMC, carried out its annual review of Correos' universal postal service prices for 2024 and concluded that these prices are affordable, transparent and non-discriminatory, but that the discounts offered to some large clients are not cost-oriented. **Cullen International** (read more – subscription required)