

## DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

### Rakuten targets Satellite-to-Mobile Service Launch in 2026

The Japanese operator intends to plug into AST SpaceMobile's space-based cellular broadband network, which is accessed directly by smartphones, and provide text messaging, voice and data services, with a target date of 2026. [Telecoms.com](#) ([read more](#))

### Commission has serious doubt over the proposed Deregulation of Wholesale Local Access Market and continued Regulation of Wholesale Central Access Market in Estonia

The European Commission found insufficient justification for complete deregulation of the wholesale local access market (WLA, market 1/2020) while the downstream wholesale central access market (WCA, market 3b/2014) would continue to be partially regulated. [Cullen International](#) ([read more](#) – subscription required)

## DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DIGITAL SECTOR

### Digital Services Act starts applying to all Online Platforms in the EU

On 17 February, the Digital Services Act (DSA) started applying to all online intermediaries in the EU. The EU's landmark rulebook that aims to make the online environment safer, fairer, and more transparent is applicable from 17 February 2024. **EU Commission** ([read more](#))

## DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SECTOR

### Commission Workshop explores Impact of different Scenarios on Postal Operations and Regulation

Postal stakeholders provided their views in response to the first stage of the European Commission's study on the future of the postal sector. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)