

REGULATION

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AGCOM extends social tariffs to almost 2.6m households

On 18 June 2018, AGCOM, the Italian telecoms regulator, published a decision extending access to social tariffs to almost 2.6m low-income households [[read more](#) – subscription required].

SPECTRUM

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Ofcom: UK has golden opportunity to provide nationwide mobile coverage

The UK's regulatory body, Ofcom will hold an auction for mobile spectrum in the 700MHz range next year, providing a genuine opportunity to radically boost mobile coverage in the UK [[read more](#)].

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ComReg auctions 26 GHz spectrum for point to point fixed links

On 19 June 2018, ComReg, the Irish regulator, published the results of its auction of spectrum in the 26 GHz band for point to point fixed links [[read more](#) – subscription required].

INTERNET

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Broadband access is a right, not a privilege

Britain has taken great strides in recent years to cultivate its digital economy, which is set to play a key role in the country's success post-Brexit [[read more](#)].

Broadband TV News

Spanish FTTH charge continues

The take-up of FTTH is growing rapidly in Spain, with the country gaining a further 1.8 million lines in the year to April 2018 [[read more](#)].

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Greece looks to subsidised FTTH

Greece will start to roll out subsidised FTTH services later this summer [[read more](#)].

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European Parliament hearing on tackling illegal content online

On 19 June 2018, the IMCO committee of the European Parliament held a hearing on *A EU horizontal regulatory framework for illegal content removal in the digital single market: Towards a balanced and predictable overall liability regime for online platforms* [[read more](#) – subscription required].

Advanced Television

US: Smartphone time to overtake TV in 2019

Smartphone time will increase to 3 hours, 35 minutes in 2018, and by 2019 mobile will be the new leader in time spent, with 3 hours, 43 minutes of engagement vs. TV's 3 hours, 42 minutes [[read more](#)].

TELEVISION

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Paid streaming video on the rise in Germany

Two out of five internet users in Germany (37%) stream films and series on paid video-on-demand portals such as Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, Sky Ticket or maxdome [[read more](#)].

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Spain: 1 in 3 homes have pay-TV

According to the latest Panel de Hogares survey from Spain's competition and markets watchdog, the CNMC, 33 per cent of homes in Spain had pay-TV at the end of 2017 [\[read more\]](#).

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Polish broadcasters spring DTT surprise

Poland's three leading broadcasters Telewizja Polska (TVP), TVN and Telewizja Polsat have signed a letter of intent "to build a real alternative in the area of digital terrestrial television broadcasting" [\[read more\]](#).

INFORMATION SOCIETY

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Bridging Britain's digital divide

While huge efforts are being made to speed up the rollout of full fibre fixed line networks and to prepare the ground for an ahead-of-schedule 5G launch in the UK next year, there is still much to do [\[read more\]](#).

Policy Tracker

Spanish regulator allows Brussels-backed WiFi schemes to exceed national speed limits

Spanish telecoms regulator CNMC has revealed it will allow projects funded by the European Commission's "WiFi4EU" project to exceed national connection speed limits [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

CONSUMER PROTECTION

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UK, US and European telcos fail to deliver on customer service

A new report has highlighted that UK telcos are failing to meet their customers' expectations for customer service [\[read more\]](#).

ECOMMERCE

Ecommerce News Europe

Ecommerce in Belgium will be worth €11.84 billion in 2018

The business-to-consumers ecommerce turnover of Belgium is still increasing, with a 12 percent year-on-year growth rate this year [\[read more\]](#).

