REGULATION

EC position on Dutch broadband "open-ended and unclear"

Source: Broadband TV News

Cable Europe says the draft decision from the Dutch regulator, endorsed by the Commission on 31st August, does not sufficiently take into account the presence of a commercial access offer in the market [read more].

SPECTRUM

5G arrives in Europe as San Marino set to switch on its network

Source: Total Telecom

The tiny hilltop nation of San Marino will lay claim to being Europe's first 5G connected nation, when it switches on its forthcoming network. In collaboration with Nokia, TIM has devised the first fully 3GPP Rel 15 standard 5G network, which will instantly cover San Marino's entire population of 30,000 people when it is switched on later this year [read more].

ECOMMERCE

87% of UK retail purchases made online

Source: Ecommerce News

Online shoppers in the United Kingdom make 87% of their retail purchases (grocery shopping not included) online. That's an increase of almost 9% compared to the situation last year, when 80% of retail purchases was conducted online [read more].

TELEVISION

Spain: Financial aid for new DTT migration

Source: Advanced Television

The Spanish Government will finance DTT migration with grants – to citizens and TV operators [read more].

INFORMATION SOCIETY

France hangs up: Mobile phone ban for schools

Source: Euractive

A new legislation has been passed in France that prohibits the use of mobile phones in the classroom, in a move by the government aimed at combatting distraction and cases of online bullying [read more].

Back2School with the #SaferInternet4EU campaign

Source: European Commission

Commissioner Mariya Gabriel launches the Back2School month as part of the #SaferInternet4EU campaign [read more].

Alfred: a virtual assistant helping older people stay active

Source: European Commission

Senior citizens often need support to live independently and actively participate in their communities. The EU-funded Alfred project came up with a Personal Interactive Assistant to help the elderly overcome the obstacles preventing them from carrying out everyday tasks [read more].

CONSUMER PROTECTION

EU Elections 2019: Data protection a priority for next parliament, forecast shows

Source: Euractive

The next European Parliament is likely to offer citizens better protection of their data, according to a study conducted by a leading European think tank [read more].