REGULATION

Ofcom receives lukewarm response to USO call

Source: Total Telecom

Ofcom has received a lukewarm response to its call for suppliers for its proposed Universal Service Obligation (USO). Only five ISPs registered their interest to deliver the USO service, which would guarantee download speeds of 10Mbps and upload speeds of 1Mbps to every citizen on the UK by 2020 [read more].

Portugal to deregulate the fixed call origination market

Source: Cullen International

ANACOM intends to deregulate the market for fixed voice call origination from geographic numbers. According to the regulator, the market no longer meets the three-criterion test to be susceptible to ex ante regulation [read more – subscription required].

SPECTRUM

Italy's big three operators spend big on 5G spectrum

Source: Total Telecom

Telecom Italia (TIM), Iliad and Vodafone spent a combined €2.8 billion on spectrum that is expected to be used in the launch of 5G across the country [read more].

Vodafone to double its Narrowband IoT European footprint by 2019

Source: Total Telecom

Vodafone is to double the amount of Narrowband Internet of Things (NB IoT) cell sites that it deploys across Europe, by the end of 2019 [read more].

Commonwealth sets out priorities ahead of WRC-19

Source: Policy Tracker

The Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO) has held its annual meeting in Balaclava, Mauritius. Member administrations discussed 5G issues and the organisation's contribution for the World Radio communication Conference (WRC-19) [read more – subscription required].

INTERNET

State of the Union 2018 – Cybersecurity: Commission proposes to invest in stronger and pioneering cybersecurity capacity in the EU

Source: European Commission

Building on the ambitious cybersecurity initiatives announced a year ago, as a next step, the Commission proposed on 12th September to create a Network of Cybersecurity Competence Centres to better target and coordinate available funding for cybersecurity industrial and technology development research and innovation [read more].

ECOMMERCE

Slovak competition authority launches e-commerce investigation

Source: Cullen International

The Slovak national competition authority recently launched a sector inquiry to identify potential competition problems in the e-commerce sector in Slovakia [read more – subscription required].

INFORMATION SOCIETY

Mind the gap – new study reveals widening digital divide between men and women

Source: Total Telecom

The State of Broadband report, published by the Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development, shows that women are on average 26% less likely to use mobile internet than men [read more].

Living Schools Lab: using technology in teaching and learning

Source: European Commission

The EU-funded Living Schools Lab project created a network of primary and secondary schools to share best practices in successfully integrating new technologies into the educational system [read more].

INNOVATION

Is blockchain really the next big thing for telcos?

Source: Total Telecom

As the carrier's industry looks for ways to reduce costs and boost revenues, advances in blockchain technology could provide a host of opportunities, according to a panel of industry experts [read more].