

REGULATION

Commission opens phase II investigation into SMP designation, price control and WACC calculation in the wholesale high-quality fixed access market in Hungary

Source: *Cullen International*

The European Commission opened a phase II investigation into the SMP designation of Magyar Telekom in the wholesale high-quality fixed access market (market 4/2014) in Hungary [[read more – subscription required](#)].

BEREC consults on the data economy, contract summary template, 2019 work programme and pricing for access to infrastructure and civil works

Source: *Cullen International*

BEREC is looking into the impact of the emerging data economy on the telecoms sector, also considering its own role [[read more – subscription required](#)].

SPECTRUM

The Commission harmonizes radio spectrum in support of the Internet of Things

Source: *European Commission*

The Commission has adopted an Implementing Decision to harmonise radio spectrum for short-range devices within the 874-876 and 915-921 MHz frequency bands. It will facilitate a variety of applications in support of the IoT and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) [[read more](#)].

The race for 5G is on – Literally!

Source: *Total Telecom*

Finnish tech giants, Nokia have teamed up with Telecom Italia (TIM) to demonstrate some of the main use cases for 5G, in the tiny European micro-state of San Marino [[read more](#)].

RSPG to publish third opinion on 5G

Source: *PolicyTracker*

Vodafone has also announced plans to make Milan Europe's 5G capital. Building on a series of 5G trials and initiatives in collaboration with the Ministry for Economic Development in Milan and its metropolitan area, Vodafone expects to have achieved 80% 5G mobile network coverage in the city of Milan and its surrounding metropolitan area by the end of December 2018 [[read more – subscription required](#)].

INTERNET

Isle of Man plans full-fibre future

Source: *Advanced Television*

The Isle of Man's Department for Enterprise has released a National Telecommunications Strategy which will be presented to the island's legislative body Tynwald later in October 2018 [[read more](#)].

The Connecting Europe Broadband Fund

Source: *European Commission*

The purpose of the Connecting Europe Broadband Fund (CEBF) is to contribute to the achievement of the European Gigabit Society objectives [[read more](#)].

INNOVATION

Orange focuses on R&D to help 500 start-ups to market by 2020

Source: Total Telecom

Orange Business Services aims to help 500 start-up companies bring their products and services to market by the year 2020, according to a senior company executive [[read more](#)].

ECOMMERCE

In Germany, smaller online stores hardly grow

Source: Ecommerce News

Although ecommerce in Germany continued to increase last year, the growth is increasingly shifting to the top online retailers. Smaller online stores in Germany can hardly grow anymore [[read more](#)].

CONSUMER

Study: Billing overlooked in digital transformation

Source: Advanced Television

A survey commissioned by BriteBill, a provider of billing and communications software for utilities, communications and media providers, has revealed that although service providers are moving at record pace to innovate, a significant engagement channel – the bill – is often overlooked in their digital transformation strategies [[read more](#)].

TELEVISION

Spain's public consultation on DTT

Source: Advanced Television

Spanish regulator CNMC has launched a public consultation on the carriage of DTT signals in an attempt to introduce more competition in the market [[read more](#)].