REGULATION

Ofcom proposes broadband universal service providers

Source: Ofcom

Ofcom has, on 5th December, proposed that BT and KCOM should be the providers of the UK's broadband universal service. Ofcom is also consulting on the rules that should apply to them in delivering the service [read more].

ARCEP improves its mobile network coverage maps by further involving third parties

Source: Cullen International

ARCEP, the French NRA, published new tools to guide third parties willing to measure the coverage and quality of service of mobile operators' networks [read more – subscription required].

Council adopts European Electronic Communications Code and BEREC Regulation

Source: Broadband TV News

The Council of EU telecom ministers has given its formal approval to the new European Electronic Communications Code and associated BEREC regulation [read more].

SPECTRUM

EU report lays out 5G recommendations for member states

Source: Policy Tracker

The study is a working document produced by the Communications Committee, which consists of representatives of EU member states. Its main role is to provide an opinion on the draft measures that the European Commission intends to adopt [read more].

INTERNET

Agreement signed to strengthen cooperation in cybersecurity and 5G

Source: European Commission

At the ICT 2018 event in Vienna, representatives of the European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO) and the 5G Infrastructure Association (5G IA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding. They have committed to working together towards the creation of a secure and trustworthy 5G communication network in Europe [read more].

INFORMATION SOCIETY

Commissioner Gabriel congratulates the first 2,800 municipalities granted WiFi4EU vouchers

Source: European Commission

On 7th December 2018 the European Commission announced the results of the first WiFi4EU call for proposals, which ran on 7th-9th November. 2,800 municipalities were selected to receive a WiFi4EU voucher worth €15,000 [read more].

POST

Historic turning point for parcels in the Belgian postal market

Source: Cullen International

In 2017, for the first time in the history of the Belgian postal market, the parcels and express shipments segment has become the most important in terms of revenues. Parcels and express shipments have more than offset the contraction in press and letter post segments so that the Belgian postal market expanded by 4.3% to reach a total turnover of €2.6bn in 2017 [read more – subscription required].

TELEVISION

Switzerland to switch off DTT on June 3, 2019

Source: Broadband TV News

Swiss public broadcaster SRG will terminate the digital terrestrial distribution of its TV channels (DTT) via DVB-T nationwide on June 3, 2019 [read more].

TV broadcasting via 5G trial launches in Germany

Source: Broadband TV News

A transmitter from German technology company Rohde & Schwarz successfully went into operation at the Wendelstein transmitter site of Bavarian public broadcaster BR on December 4, 2018 as part of the 5G Today research project [read more].