

REGULATION

European Commission again raises serious doubt on German Fixed Termination Rates

Source: Cullen International

The European Commission opened another phase II investigation into a notification of fixed termination rates (FTR) by the German regulator, BNetzA [[read more](#) – subscription required].

Approval for Europe's new Copyright Regime

Source: Broadband TV News

Controversial new copyright laws have been approved by the Council of the European Union [[read more](#)].

INTERNET

Three UK asks Ofcom to drop costly Rural Connectivity Initiative

Source: Total Telecom

Three UK has called on the UK's telecoms regulator, Ofcom, to ditch a scheme intended to boost connectivity in the country's hard to reach rural locations, saying that it is too costly to implement [[read more](#)].

Italian Alliance for Ultra Broadband Services

Source: Advanced Television

Italian public broadcaster Rai, transmission unit Rai Way and broadband wholesale provider Open Fiber have signed a MoU

for the launch of Ultra-Broadband and Ultra HD broadcasting projects [[read more](#)].

Research: 6% US Broadband Homes have Gigabit-Speed Services

Source: Total Telecom

New research from Parks Associates finds that 22 per cent of US broadband households have a service speed of 100-999 Mbps, the most common service tier, although 39 per cent of US broadband households do not know their broadband speed [[read more](#)].

TELEVISION

Commission Approves Spanish DTT Aid Scheme

Source: Broadband TV News

The European Commission has approved a €150 million scheme by the Spanish government to mitigate the costs of moving DTT broadcasts to new frequencies [[read more](#)].

Slovenia Launches DTT Tender

Source: Broadband TV News

The Slovenian regulator AKOS has announced a tender for two licences for national DTT broadcasting in the country [[read more](#)].

POST

UPU to Vote on Three Options to Reform Remuneration Scheme

Source: Cullen International

UPU members will vote on three different options for reforming the terminal dues remuneration scheme [[read more](#) – subscription required].

Irish Regulator Confirms Retention of Bulk Mail within USO

Source: Cullen International

ComReg, the Irish regulator, has confirmed the retention within the definition of the universal service obligation (USO) of bulk mail services [[read more](#) – subscription required].

INNOVATION

European Parliament endorses Commission Approach on Technology for Connected Cars

Source: Cullen International

The European Parliament voted in favour of the European Commission's binding Delegated Regulation which would lay down a "hybrid communication" approach to cooperative intelligent transport systems (C-ITS) [[read more](#) – subscription required].

ECOMMERCE

Digital Single Market: Commission welcomes European Parliament's Vote on New Rules to improve Fairness and Transparency of Online Platforms

Source: European Commission

On 17th April, the European Parliament approved the new Regulation on platform-to-business trading practices that is aimed at establishing a fair, trusted and innovation-driven environment for businesses and traders when using online platforms [[read more](#)].