

SPECTRUM

European Commission Spectrum Boost for 5G

Source: *Advanced Television*

The European Commission has adopted an amending Implementing Decision to harmonise the radio spectrum in the 3.4-3.8 GHz (or 3.6 GHz) band for the future use with 5G. This is necessary to enable Member States to reorganise and allow the use of that band for 5G systems by December 31st 2020 in line with the European Electronic Communications Code [\[read more\]](#).

Belgium Postpones 5G Auction until 2020

Source: *Total Telecom*

The Belgian government has decided to postpone its 5G auction until 2020, according to the country's telecoms minister, Philippe De Backer [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

INTERNET

Bridging the EU's Broadband Divides: The Importance of Trust and Security

Source: *Euractiv*

Industry in the EU is starting to make moves in an area that has historically proved challenging. Cable Europe launched a white paper delivering policy recommendations, featuring a number of crucial areas for policymakers to take into consideration if Europe is to be as ambitious as previous targets have aimed at. One such area is the importance of increasing trust and security of network infrastructures, a subject delicate for citizens across the EU [\[read more\]](#).

BICS: LTE Roaming increased by 95% in 2018

Source: *Total Telecom*

The EU's Roam Like at Home initiative has led to exponential growth in LTE roaming across Europe. International communications enabler, BICS, has announced that 4G/LTE roaming traffic across its international networks grew by 95 per cent in 2018 [\[read more – subscription required\]](#).

Broadband Usage Accelerates in Europe and the US

Source: *Broadband TV News*

Broadband usage in Europe and the US continued to accelerate at similar paces throughout 2018 and Amazon made substantial year-end inroads into consumers' device ecosystems [\[read more\]](#).

INFORMATION SOCIETY

Connectivity is Essential for Precision Farming

Source: *European Commission*

Precision farming and digital solutions are transforming European agriculture, making it both more competitive and more sustainable. The technology itself and farmers' interaction with it, however, rely on seamless mobile connectivity – a challenge in many rural areas [\[read more\]](#).

TELEVISION

Spain Approves New DTT Plan

Source: *Advanced Television*

The Spanish government has approved a new DTT plan that paves the way for the second digital dividend to commence next month and be completed before June 30th 2020 [\[read more\]](#).

