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New Director of the Regulation Section

On 14 September 2026, Ing. Dalibor Hirič, who has many years of experience working in the Department for Regulation of Communications and Postal Services at CTU, assumed the position of Director of the Regulation Section. In his new role, he intends to build on the good work of the previous leadership and further develop the section's professional, objective, and open approach. He considers transparent communication with the sector and other stakeholders, as well as the regulatory framework's readiness to address new technological and societal challenges, to be particularly important.

Transparency Under the AI Act

CTU is planning a workshop for 15 October 2026, focused on the transparency requirements under Article 50 of the AI Act. The goal will be to present and discuss specific real-world examples and, together with market stakeholders, address the issues that arise when these obligations are implemented in practice. We also intend to use the workshop to share the experiences and perspectives of individual stakeholders and to gain a better understanding of how the transparency requirements will work in practice.

Critical Infrastructure Portal

On 16 September, the [Critical Infrastructure Portal](#) was launched; it serves as a central electronic platform for fulfilling obligations under the Critical Infrastructure Act. Essential service providers and critical infrastructure entities will register through the NIA and provide information here in accordance with Section 9 of the Act. The data is then used by the relevant central administrative authorities to carry out their duties.

CTU Digital Lighthouse: A portal to help you navigate the digital world

CTU [has launched the Digital Lighthouse portal](#), a practical guide to the online world. It contains much more than just a [Ten Rules for parents](#) whose children spend too much time on their phones. You can find more detailed information about the portal on the following pages.

01. Talk openly with your child
02. Set rules together
03. Make use of technological tools available
04. Teach your child to protect their privacy
05. Pay attention to inappropriate content
06. Talk to your child about sharing photos and videos

07. Beware of manipulation and risky contacts
08. Teach your child to think about their digital footprint
09. Respond to cyberbullying and harmful communication early
10. Encourage a healthy balance between the digital and real world

English version coming soon

The Digital Lighthouse will point the way to additional information

However, the Digital Lighthouse will offer much more in the future. For each topic, we will gradually add a media archive, an audio library, and a video library, which we will continue to expand. The portal will also include a directory with links to other institutions, projects, initiatives, and additional sources of information. Anyone wishing to explore individual topics in greater detail will gradually find additional useful materials and ideas here.

The renewal of block allocations in the frequency bands 800, 1800, and 2600 MHz will lead to further expansion of coverage and greater resilience of mobile networks

Based on the [conclusions of the review](#) of the limitation of the number of rights, which confirmed that the grounds for limiting the number of rights in these frequency bands continue to exist, CTU launched a public consultation in August 2026 regarding the renewal of rights to use radio frequencies in the frequency bands 800 MHz, 1800 MHz, and 2600 MHz.

CTU therefore expects to issue new block allocations to the current holders, namely O2 Czech Republic, T-Mobile Czech Republic, and Vodafone Czech Republic. The new block allocations are to take effect on 1 July 2029, and remain valid for 20 years.

The review also included proposals for conditions aimed at ensuring the further development of mobile networks in the public interest. The proposed commitments focus primarily on improving or ensuring coverage in so-called “white areas,” enhancing the quality of mobile services along the remaining major rail corridors, and strengthening the resilience of networks against power outages, which is essential for their use in crisis situations. A summary of the conditions can be found in the previously issued [press release](#).

The next step in eliminating white areas

Operators are already required to cover at least 600 white areas by the end of 2030. The proposed conditions call for this obligation to continue beyond 2030.

Between 2031 and 2034, each block allocation holder should ensure coverage of an additional 200 white areas through its own newly built infrastructure and another 300 areas through shared infrastructure. In total, at least 1,200 white areas should be covered by means of new infrastructure by the end of 2034.

At the same time, the definition of a “white area” itself is being tightened. Going forward, the assessment will no longer focus solely on the availability of services for permanently registered households; it will also take into account other facilities and locations of economic or social activity where there is an expected demand for mobile network coverage, such as service establishments or accommodation facilities. The proposed set-up thus better reflects the actual needs of both residents and visitors to the areas in question.

Greater network resilience during power outages

Experience in recent years has confirmed the growing importance of electronic communications during emergencies. Therefore, the draft of the new block allocation conditions also includes requirements to increase the energy resilience of mobile networks.

Operators will be required to ensure that, in the event of a widespread power outage, a defined range of mobile services remains available to at least 80% of the population of the Czech Republic and to designated integrated rescue system facilities for a period of at least six hours from the onset of the outage. This obligation must be fulfilled by the end of 2029 and maintained for the entire duration of the block allocations. The proposed measure responds to society's growing dependence on electronic communications and strengthens the networks' preparedness for emergencies.

Better mobile services on rail corridors

Another significant area covered by the proposed conditions is improving the quality of mobile services on major railway lines. A new requirement is proposed to ensure and maintain, over the long term, coverage of the currently insufficiently covered rail corridors Prague–Pardubice–Česká Třebová–Olomouc–Přerov–Ostrava–Bohumín and the Česká Třebová–Brno line.

The goal is for mobile service of significantly higher quality than required by the current conditions to be available along the entire length of these sections by mid-2036. This measure responds to the growing importance of high-quality mobile connectivity while travelling and to users' increasing demands for data services.

This requirement reflects the fact that travellers are increasingly using mobile internet for work, study, and entertainment, and expect high-quality connectivity throughout their entire journey.

What comes next?

CTU published the conclusions of its review along with an expert valuation of the block allocations and launched a public consultation. It was possible to submit comments until 14 September 2026. CTU will then settle the comments received in the prescribed manner and complete the process in accordance with the Electronic Communications Act. CTU will also consult with the Office for the Protection of Competition regarding the settlement of the comments received. It then intends to invite current block allocation holders to submit applications for new block allocations and to decide on these applications without a tender process. Current block allocation holders will also be asked to pay the price for the block allocation. The price of the block allocations will be determined on the basis of an expert valuation that was part of the public consultation. In this context, CTU will draft decisions on the granting of block allocations, which will then be issued to individual applicants at the conclusion of the entire process.

Public consultation

As part of the public consultation, CTU received comments from five entities. The comments primarily concerned the proposed development criteria, the methodology for expert valuation of the block allocations, the addition of conditions for new block allocations, measures to support the entry of new entities into the mobile market, and an update of the review to include a more detailed analysis of spectrum utilisation in the FDD frequency bands. CTU also received statements and opinions from three entities regarding the extension of the deadline for submitting comments and the acceleration of efforts to improve mobile signal coverage on selected sections of rail corridors. Overall, the comments focused primarily on development conditions, the valuation of the block allocations, and

the assessment of competitive conditions in the mobile services market. CTU will address these comments in accordance with the Electronic Communications Act before issuing a final decision on the new block allocations.

Methodology for purpose-based classification of cost and revenues and their allocation, and the structure of the reported information

As part of a [public consultation](#), held from 28 July to 28 August 2026 on the draft Measure of General Nature No. [OOP/4/XX.2026-Y](#) amending Measure of General Nature No. OOP/4/09.2014-6, laying down a methodology for purpose-based classification of cost and revenues and their allocation, and designating structure of the reported information, as amended by subsequent measures, CTU did not receive any comments. This measure will update the WACC indicator value and will be issued after completion of the notification process with the European Commission, with effect from 1 January 2027. For more information on the content of the measure under consultation and the newly proposed WACC value, see [the previous Monitoring Report](#) (page 3).

A selection of planned items on the agenda of the CTU Council meeting

Analysis of capacity reserves in numbering resources and evaluation of number management procedures

A document of an informational nature will be submitted to the Council, outlining a proposal to streamline the administrative procedures for number management, as well as considerations regarding a possible restriction on the ability of an authorisation holder to transfer the rights and obligations arising from the authorisation to use numbers to other entities.

Proposed amendment to PVRS (Radio spectrum utilisation plan) 1 for the 146–174 MHz frequency band

The reason for issuing this new version is to update the conditions for the use of radio frequencies for radiocommunications on waterways in connection with the end of the implementation period for the VDES system. The fixed service section includes the conditions for the operation of local BMIS wireless systems. References to legislative documents and harmonisation documents have been updated.

Monitoring compliance with development criteria for nationwide T-DAB block allocations

The Council will be briefed on the inspection of the obligations of holders of block allocations for the nationwide network, who are required, within 30 months of the date the decision granting the block allocation becomes final, to ensure coverage for at least 80% of the population of the Czech Republic and, at the same time, to ensure coverage of at least 80% of the length of motorways as defined by Act No. 13/1997 Coll., on roads, as amended.

Readiness to fulfil the obligations laid down in the Critical Infrastructure Act and the action plan/measures to ensure compliance

The Council will be presented with information on the progress made in fulfilling the obligations arising from the implementation of Act No. 266/2026 Coll., on critical infrastructure, not only in relation to CTU but also to the subsectors of public communications networks and available electronic communications services. The information will include an assessment of the individual phases since the launch of the Critical Infrastructure Portal.

We will also inform you via press releases about the key materials discussed by the CTU Council.

Checked by CTU in August...

... coverage of cities and municipalities of the Czech Republic by the signal of mobile networks

As part of its inspection of compliance with the development criteria for frequency block allocations for mobile network operations, CTU inspected the availability of mobile network signals throughout the Czech Republic and, in August, completed measurements of signal parameters for 2nd, 4th, and 5th generation networks in a total of 55 cities and municipalities, or parts thereof. The measurement focused primarily on areas where it was not possible to perform an overall coverage assessment due to the poor accessibility of certain address points. The measurement results are published on an ongoing basis in the [VPortal](#) application operated by CTU on its website. Municipalities, or, more precisely, basic residential units, where the level of signal coverage by the 4th or 5th generation networks of at least one of the operators does not reach at least 97% of the population are subsequently included in the so-called white areas list. The continuously updated list and other information on this issue can be found on the [CTU website](#).

... sources of interference with the operation of electronic communications equipment and networks, the provision of electronic communications services or the operation of radiocommunications services

In August, CTU closed 6 cases of interference to GSM, LTE, and 5G public mobile communication networks, one case of interference to VHF radio signal reception, and one case each of interference to an aeronautical radio navigation service, a radio relay link, a short-range device, a Wi-Fi station, and a communications receiver. In cases where the interference was confirmed and the source of the interference was traced, the operators of the interference sources were ordered to eliminate them.

... sources of interference with TV signal reception

In August, CTU closed a total of 20 cases of TV signal reception interference. The investigation of complaints about poor TV signal reception revealed that in 10 cases the defect was in the viewer's equipment (most often a technical fault of the receiving antenna or lead-in). In 5 cases the interference stopped, in 1 case the complainant cancelled the interference complaint during the investigation, and in 4 cases the poor quality reception was caused by insufficient signal parameters at the reception location.

... the use of radio frequencies without authorisation

In August, based on radio monitoring, CTU carried out a total of 15 inspections focusing on the use of frequencies without authorisation. In 12 cases, the use of frequencies without authorisation was detected, mainly by the operation of [land mobile service \(PPS\)](#) devices. The cases were referred to administrative proceedings.

... pilot operation of LTE base stations in the 800 MHz band

As of 31 August 2026, 664 base stations were in pilot operation and 18,593 stations were in permanent operation. No LTE base station was identified as a source of TV signal reception interference in August.

... [pilot operation of 5G/LTE base stations in the 700 MHz band](#)

As of 31 August 2026, 797 base stations were in pilot operation and 15,834 stations were in permanent operation. No 5G base station was identified as a source of TV signal reception interference in August.

1,904 - the number of decisions issued in August on the matter, of which 1,875 decisions concerned a dispute over pecuniary consideration (payment of the price for services).

1,766 - the number of administrative proceedings initiated in August concerning subscriber disputes between the person carrying out the communication activity and the subscriber. These are the disputes over payments and objections to a claim settlement in cases of complaints about the billing of the price or the provided publicly available electronic communications service.

REGULATION OF POSTAL SERVICES

Request for reimbursement of the net costs of providing universal services for the year 2025

On 25 August 2026, Česká pošta, s.p. submitted a request for the reimbursement of the net costs representing unfair financial burden for the year 2025. Total net costs for the year 2025 were quantified by Česká pošta, s.p. in the amount of CZK 2,011,463,556. Upon receipt of the request, administrative proceedings were initiated with Česká pošta, s.p., in which CTU will verify the accuracy and completeness of all submitted supporting documents, as well as the compliance of the calculation with the Postal Services Act and Decree No. 466/2012 Coll. Once a final decision is issued, the verified amount of the net costs constituting an unfair financial burden will be reimbursed from the state budget through CTU. The maximum reimbursement amount will be limited to the ceiling laid down in the Postal Services Act, as amended, in effect at the time the decision is issued.

On 3 August 2026, CTU received a request from Česká pošta, s.p., for reimbursement of the preliminary net costs for the year 2026 in the amount of CZK 750,000,000.

Regulation and digital services in the EU

European Commission (digital agenda)

From 2 August, the designated national surveillance authorities and the European Artificial Intelligence Office (AI Office) will start to apply and enforce the rules of the Artificial Intelligence Act (AIA). On the same date, new transparency rules under Article 50 of the AIA started to apply, requiring users to be informed when they are interacting with AI and when content has been generated or modified using AI.

On 7 August, the European Commission and the [SpaceRISE](#) consortium [signed](#) an implementation agreement to roll out IRIS², the European Union's new flagship satellite constellation. The agreement adds 66 satellites into low Earth orbit to the programme, bringing the main constellation to 348 satellites, and moving it from planning to full-scale deployment. The expanded satellite network will also contribute to a higher level of security and resilience and ensure highly reliable connectivity for government institutions, defence, security and emergency services.

On 18 August, the European Commission [updated](#) its Digital Europe Programme. This primarily involves financial support for the deployment of digital infrastructure in the EU. Current calls for proposals

include initiatives relating to European digital infrastructure consortia, which may submit applications by October 2026.

On 31 August, the European Commission [designated](#) ChatGPT as a Very Large Online Search Engine (VLOSE), as well as Reddit and Roblox as Very Large Online Platforms (VLOPs), under the [Digital Services Act \(DSA\)](#). These services declared that they reach at least 45 million average monthly users in the EU and thus meet the threshold for designation. Following the notification of the designations, these services have four months, i.e. by January 2027, to comply with the additional [DSA obligations for VLOPs and VLOSEs](#), such as assessing and mitigating the systemic risks stemming from their service and algorithmic systems related to the dissemination of illegal content, the negative effects on minors, users' physical and mental well-being, fundamental rights, electoral processes and public security.

BEREC

On 16 September, BEREC organised an [external workshop](#) on understanding digital technologies' sufficiency for greener networks and ICTs. The workshop aims to foster a shared understanding of digital sufficiency, to explore its relevance to the ICT and telecommunications sectors, and to identify practical examples, opportunities, and implementation challenges. BEREC will publish a summary report from this workshop on its [website](#).

Calendar

Until 29. 9. 2026	ERGP Stakeholder Forum , 9:00 – 17:00 CET, Brussels
Until 2. 10. 2026	Public consultation on the draft ERGP work programme for 2027
Until 7. 10. 2026	Public debriefing on the outcomes of the 68 th BEREC plenary meeting, 14:00 – 16:30 CET, Brussels + online
Until 27. 10. 2026	EC's consultation on the AI Continent - new cloud and AI development act

Meeting with neighbouring regulators in Bratislava

On 2 and 3 September, the second meeting of neighbouring regulators took place in Bratislava. Together with colleagues from AT, HU, PL and SK, we discussed the current issues we are addressing. In addition to the legislation currently under discussion, led by the Digital Networks Act (DNA) proposal, we also focused, amongst other things, on activities relating to the planning of the switch-off of 2G networks, the coverage of white areas and the deployment of AI tools in the work of our authorities.