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# Connectivity Snapshot

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## New Year, new me, same progress in connectivity

Where some industries stalled in 2020, the world of Connectivity was not one of them. From the various collaborations, successful trials, announcements and more throughout the final month of the year it shows an industry on the up!

January is expected to be just as big a month, particularly with more and more Open RAN tests and launches expected to be announced.

While in most countries globally there are some sort of movement restrictions, the appetite for being and staying connected, at an appropriate speed!, is growing.

At neuco, we cannot wait for what 2021 has to bring!

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O2/Telefonica

Altiostar Networks

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Villicom

KDDI

ADVA Optical Networking

Ericsson

## Open RAN is going live for the first time with a German network operator

Telefonica has launched a live Open RAN network in Germany. They have partnered closely with NEC for a pilot area but are working on a further implementation by Autumn 2021.

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## Mavenir has created a radio business unit to help accelerate its Open RAN ecosystem

Close-to-IPO business, Mavenir, has announced a new business unit focussed on radio. This unit will help them strengthen their already strong Open RAN ecosystem.

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## O2 successfully tests Open RAN network in partnership with Villicom

Villicom have grown their standing in the UK Open RAN market but announcing a significant partnership with O2 to help cure the city not-spot issue they have faced.

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## KDDI has selected Ericsson to launch its Cloud Native 5G core network.

The Japanese telecoms operators, KDDI, has selected Ericsson to help it go cloud-native. There is massive appetite amongst the mobile operators to cloud-native, we don't think this'll be the last deal agreed in 2021.

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## ADVA launches its next generation of edge and access clocks for 5G network timing

ADVA launched a unique set of edge and access network synchronization devices with enhanced capabilities for next-generation applications such as 5G. Their latest solutions address key challenges for a wide range of industries by bringing new levels of timing accuracy and resilience to edge networks.

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## NEC accelerates commercial-ready 5G ecosystem development at its CoE Open RAN laboratory

In partnership with AltioStar Networks, NEC has established an Open RAN laboratory in India to support its Centre of Excellence in the UK.

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