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EURAO Special Newsletter on 2m threat

This summer amateur radio worldwide became shocked and concerned about a proposal from France to allocate 144-146 MHz to aeronautical service.

The reactions did not wait and **EURAO** did not stay still. Fortunately, the proposal could be rejected within the **CEPT** and we are proud of our modest contribution.

In this special issue of the **EURAO Newsletter** you will find all the actions carried out by our members and staff on this matter.

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Global: 2 meters band in danger: CO solidarity nuevo



Mid June **EURAO** supported an spontaneous protest action against the proposal of France to kick us out of the popular 2 meters band (144-146 MHz in Europe).

The action objective was: "let's occupy the 2 meter band on Saturday, June 15, 2019, between 20:00 and 21:00 UTC".

The operation was such a success that, not only the band was occupied during that hour, but the threat had an enormous diffusion among the global radio amateurs community.



France: REF and EURAO meeting on 2m crisis nuevo

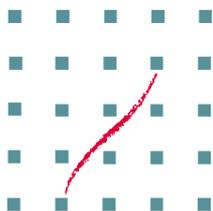


The president of **REF**, F5DJL, visited the **EURAO** booth at **HAM RADIO 2019** and met its Secretary-General, EA3CIW, who, a week before, had sent an email offering support and collaboration in the 144-146 MHz affair before French Administration.

Let's keep in mind that current **EURAO** HQ is in France.

Both exchanged views and concerns and agreed on the importance of addressing this issue with diligence and trying the maximum consensus.

Belgium: Meeting with BIPT nuevo



Both Belgian members of **EURAO** (**VRA** and **UFRC**) met with the **Belgian Institute for Postal services and Telecommunications (BIPT)** late June and expressed their rejection to the proposal of sharing the use, with aeronautical service, of the 2m band (144-146 MHz), now allocated to the amateur service on a primary basis. **BIPT** agreed this position.

Later on a formal letter was sent to **BIPT** requesting its vote against that proposal at the next **CEPT** meeting.

Spain: Defending amateur radio before the Ministry nuevo



On July 12th, the Spanish **EURAO** member associations (**FEDI-EA**, **FeRaCat** and **LigaCB**) met with the people in charge of amateur radio issues in the **Secretariat of State for Digital Progress (SEAD)** to discuss, among other issues, the international threat of losing the 144-146 MHz band.

It is worth noting the good receptivity and harmony of the interlocutors in the main topics: 2m, 50 MHz, etc.

Then the chronicle of the meeting that, by the way, no other association asked for.

EURAO member associations

- **CISAR**: Centro Italiano di Sperimentazione ed Attività Radiantistiche (Italy)
- **FEDI-EA**: Federación Digital EA (Spain)
- **VRA**: Vlaamse RadioAmateurs (Belgium)
- **UFRC**: Union Francophone des Radio Clubs (Belgium)
- **FeRaCat**: Federació de Radioaficionats de Catalunya (Spain)
- **ARR**: Asociația Radioclubul României (Romania)
- **RCL**: Radioamador Clube de Loulé (Portugal)
- **RNRE**: Raggruppamento Nazionale Radiocomunicazioni di Emergenza (Italy)
- **TRGM**: Tertulia Radioamadorística Guglielmo Marconi (Portugal)
- **ARRLx**: Associação de Radioamadores da Região de Lisboa (Portugal)
- **LigaCBR**: Liga Española de Asociaciones CB y Radioaficionados (Spain)
- **RFDX**: Romeo Foxtrot International DX Club (The Netherlands)
- **CFR**: Community Friends Radio (Russia)
- **IECRO**: International Emergency Communication Registry of Operators nuevo

EURAO projects ongoing

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Portugal: 26 associations rejected other services on 2m nuevo



Among these associations, all Portuguese members of **EURAO** (**TRGM**, **RCL** and **ARRLx**) signed the initial statement of rejection to the unfortunate French proposal.

This serious threat generated an unusual joint reaction from Portuguese radio amateurs' associations, which met on July 6 to analyze the situation and agree on the next measures to be taken. A commission of 6 radio amateurs (CT1BAT, CT1DBS, CT1DL, CT1END, CT2IXQ and CT1FKF as a substitute) was appointed to represent the associations before **ANACOM** at the meeting held on July 15.



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Italy: Meeting at MiSE nuevo



On August 1 the Italian member of **EURAO**, **CISAR**, attended the preparatory meeting at **Ministero dello Sviluppo Economico (MiSE)** on the next **CEPT** meeting, the last one before **WRC-19**.

The results were very positive with explicit support to all the claims of radio amateurs.



EURAO Party - Autumn 2019: claiming for 2m

The **European Radio Amateurs' Organization** announces a new party on the air, this time with the motto: "*claiming for 2m*". Remember this is not a contest, it is just a radio meeting with a few simple 'rules', better to call them recommendations.

Purpose: Suddenly the **2m** band is in danger. Someone perhaps thought it was a good business to throw away radio amateurs from 144-146 MHz. But a huge reaction worldwide has taken place: activities, signature collection, meetings and letters to the PTTs, etc. **EURAO** supports all these kinds of actions and wants to contribute to them with this Party, in a more fun way. Go on air and contact everyone!

Date & time: September 28th and 29th, 2019, Saturday and Sunday, 00:00-24:00 UTC.

Bands & modes: these are the recommended modes/frequencies (+/-) for the 2m band: CW/144.050, FT4/144.170, FT8/144.174, SSB/144.300, WSPR/144.489, SSTV/144.500, RTTY/144.600, APRS/144.800, FM/145.500, repeaters/145.600-145.775 (input -600 KHz) and ISS/145.800 MHz. [EEG](#).

Call: "CQ EURAO Party".

Exchange: because this is a QSO event, not a contest, you can talk about whatever you want, in any language, and for as long as you like. Here are some topic suggestions to get the conversation going: name, city, locator, weather, antennas, rigs, etc.

Also talk about QSL interchange. Tell the truth. Say "no, thanks" if you are not interested in QSL cards. But if you would like to have a memory of your contact, feel free to use our **EuroBureauQSL** (see below).

Logs: for statistic purposes only, we ask participants to submit their logs to party@eurao.org in ADIF format, where the filename should be your callsign (e.g. EA3RKF.ADI).

There will be no results or league tables, only statistical information about number of QSOs, countries, callsigns, OMs/YLs/Clubs, etc.

Certificate of Participation: for **ALL** those sending the log and with a minimum of 10% QSOs confirmed.

EuroBureauQSL: you can use it to interchange QSLs even if you are not member. In this case, just send the QSL to the entry point in the country of the station you have contacted.

EuroBureauQSL: entry points

- **Argentina:** LU1JHF - Casilla de Correos 66 - 3200 Concordia, ER
- **Belgium:** FRA - P.O. Box 393 - B-1000 Brussels 1
- **France:** Bureau QSL ANRPFD - Jacques Parmantier - 52, Rue Le Corbusier - F-42100 Saint-Étienne
- **India:** VU2BK - MHRC - Brahma Kumaris, Shantivan Campus - Dist. Sirohi, 307510 Rajasthan
- **Italy:** IW2ETR - Paolo Fiorelli - Via Monsignor Danieli, 34 - 23017 Morbegno, SO
- **Panama:** HP1RCP - Radio Club de Panamá - P.O. Box 0819-11334 - Panamá
- **Portugal:** CT1TGM - TRGM - P.O. Box 497 - P-3001-906 Coimbra
- **Romania:** YO9RIJ - Petrica Stolnicu - CP 12, Ghiseul 1, Buzau 7 - RO-120340 Buzau
- **Russia:** RN4HGK - Anatoliy S. Kalashnikov - CFR - P.O. Box 44 - Tolyatti, Samarskaya obl., 445050
- **Spain and Andorra:** EA3RKF - FEDI-EA - P.O. Box 3050 - E-08200 Sabadell (Barcelona)
- **Turkey:** YM1KAA - TAMAD - Mimarşinan Mah., Cumhuriyet 2 cad. No 24 Büyükşehirçe Etüt ve Sanat Merkezi (Eski Belediye Binası) - Büyükşehirçe/Istanbul
- **Uruguay:** CX3CCC - Radiogrupo Sur - P.O. Box 950 - 11000 Montevideo
- **USA:** W2EN - Douglas Rue - 21 Jeffrey Court - Somerville, NJ 08876
- **Venezuela:** YV4VV - Radio Club Valencia - P.O. Box 510 - 2001 Valencia, CA

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