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Freedom of association: a right in danger in amateur radio

Some **IARU R1** member societies have threatened their members with expulsion if they join **EURAO**, clearly violating freedom of association, a fundamental right enshrined in article 12 of the *EU Charter of Fundamental Rights*.



The "argument" put forward by these societies is that EURAO is a competitor, overlooking the fact that IARU and EURAO are also collaborators in areas of common interest, such as CEPT. And if they don't remember that, they should see the joint statement resulting from the 2017 meeting between both organizations.

For this reason, EURAO does not rule out taking appropriate legal action if the case arises, beyond the crude and stupid threat.

We know that it seems incredible that this mentality is still in force today, but it is and we will do everything possible to unmask and combat it. Some would need to brush up on their **HAM SPIRIT**...



Amateur Radio News...

Spain again authorizes foreign novice licensees transmissions



Spain had been authorizing foreign radio amateurs, regardless of their license class, to use their equipment in the country for a period of 90 days a year, upon prior authorization, until 2023, when the Administration changed the criteria for interpreting the rule and denied all new applications.

The **EURAO** member association in Spain, **FEDI-EA**, has been insisting all this time to the Administration to revert this interpretation to the one it had previously made, finally achieving that goal.

This type of temporary authorization is **free of charge**. Those interested must provide the address of residence during their stay in Spain and the start and end dates, as

well as a copy of the ham licence and the passport. It is recommended to submit the application well in advance of the trip (at least six weeks).

The same also applies to those radio amateurs with a full licence from countries that have not adopted the CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-01.

If you need help with the process, you can become a member of FEDI-EA $\[\[\] \]$

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- VRA: Vlaamse RadioAmateurs (Belgium)
- <u>UFRC</u>: Union Francophone des Radio Clubs (Belgium)
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- RCL: Radioamador Clube de Loulé (Portugal)
- ARRLx: Associação de Radioamadores da Região de Lisboa (Portugal)
- <u>LigaCBR</u>: Liga Española de Asociaciones CB y Radioaficionados (Spain)
- RFDX: Romeo Foxtrot International DX Club (The Netherlands)
- NRSI: National Radio Society of Ireland
- 773RG: 773 Radio Group (Italy)
- ARLC: Associação de Radioamadores da Linha de Cascais (Portugal)
- ARS: Asociatia RadioStiinta (Romania)

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EURAO Party - Winter 2025: Season's Greetings

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

Purpose: Wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the stations you contact with these days. This is a good time to wish peace and love to everyone. Have fun and meet other hams all over the world or just locals. Of course SWLs are welcome to

Date & time: from December 24th, 2024, to January 6th, 2025, 00:00-24:00 UTC.

Bands & modes: all modes and frequencies, mainly in HF bands, but not only. EFG.

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 without a minimum of confirmed QSOs.

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.



Amateur Radio News... (cont.)

How did the Clubs&Groups membership pilot test go?



The free pilot test period is about to end and we can say, with satisfaction, that we have reached a high participation rate, with clubs from: Greece, Ireland, Poland, South Africa, United Kingdom and some from an international

Now is the time to carry out the survey and collect opinions and suggestions for improvement. And hopefully some memberships as well...

Radio Clubs of the World Sprint Contest 2024: final results





The so-called EANET Sprint Contest, for short, was held last November 3 for the fourteenth time with participants from 4 countries: Spain, Italy, Romania and China, making this the first time that someone from the Asian continent participates.

In radio club category the winners have been: **EA3RKM**, **EA5RKJ** and **EA4RCD**; and in the radio amateur category: EA3HLM, EA3HKY and EA7YV.

All of them will receive the deserved prizes before Christmas. Congratulations and hope to hear you next year!

News in brief



- Cayman Islands on T/R 61-01: from now on, all CEPT radio amateur licence holders can transmit from this country just adding **ZF/** as a prefix.
- CISAR's new website: this EURAO member association is working on a new website, this one responsive. https://www.cisar.it
- YO9KMZ, a new school radio club: sponsored by ARS, which has created 11 this year. https://radiostiinta.ro

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- February
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- **Belgium**: FRA Jean-Marie T'Jaeckx - Perrebroekstraat 16 -B-9200 Dendermonde
- Chile: CE3FED FEDERACHI -P.O. Box 9570 - Santiago 21
- Ireland: EI9HQB Paul Raftery - Ballybride - F42 TK49 Roscommon
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