



IARU Region 1 Emergency Communications Meeting

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Today's programme

- 1200-1230 IARU Region 1 Emergency Communications Co-Ordinator's Welcome and Report
- 1230-1300 SP-EMCOM activities Michal SP9XWM and Chris SP7WME.
- 1300-1330 OeVSV - Austrian Exercise 'Solar Flare'
- 1330-1400 Portable linked DMR Repeaters - Alberto IK0YLO
- 1400-1430 Open Forum
- 1430-1445 Close and discuss Friedrichshafen 2019



Responses

- ✚ It may not seem like a lot from the reports...
 - A National Exercise in Finland in August
 - Snow damage to infrastructure in Slovenia
 - And...

- ✚ The rest of the world focused on the Caribbean Hurricane season
 - Especially Puerto Rico !



Disasters can happen here too...

- ✚ They just haven't happened yet !
- ✚ After Puerto Rico, new focus on power supply weakness.
- ✚ Cyber attacks are in the news, but how would we help?
- ✚ Some countries reported privately but when can I share information?



What are groups doing?

- ✚ More than we think !
 - School outreach in Turkey
 - European Exercises in Malta
 - Training days in Slovenia
 - Public Service events in South Africa.

- ✚ We do need to shout more about what we do.

- ✚ There are some loud people on the internet who think we do not have a purpose.



A very recent example

Hi friends. The Cyclone Mekunu just crossed the southern of Oman. All ok now. Number of HAM RADIO were working with me in Salalah and affected areas. Two areas are still isolated with no other source of Comm. But WE ARE HERE. We have managed to connect those areas with the Command Centre in Salalah. Full report some other time.

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As a region we can be stronger !

- ✚ The disaster matters in the country affected but...
 - Everyone else can help.
 - Keeping frequencies clear (or monitoring).
 - Spreading the message we want to be heard.
 - Sharing the lessons learned.



Obstacles?

✚ What's new...

- Spectrum demands and differences between countries.
- Too many communications methods.
- Resilience (too few people)
- **GDPR.**



I nearly forgot...

- ✚ The IARU Region 1 Conference in Landshut
 - A footnote now included for Emergency Communications use of 5MHz.
 - No changes to CoA frequencies.
 - A successful presentation to Member Societies.
 - ... and **We** got recognised.



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Thank you!



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