HAMChallenge 2022

We want your ideas to change us!

Amateur Radio is about fun, radio communications, technology, experimentation, self-training, and friendship.

Do you have a mind-blowing idea you would like to share with the community?

The International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 is inviting you to come with a game changing idea, which could lead to more licensed radio amateurs. Make a team, share your idea, present your proposal and bring this to reality. This is the time for change in amateur radio and we are looking for you!

The best proposals will be rewarded, don’t miss this opportunity!

The challenge

Do you have a revolutionary idea that you would like to share with the amateur community? What do you think will be appealing and leading to more fun altogether?

The HAMChallenge is a call for ideas: the best proposal will be rewarded and brought to life!

What do we expect?

We expect you to come with new ideas which that we will help you to bring to reality. The winning teams or individuals will bring their ideas to life in partnership with the amateur radio community. The International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 (IARU R1) will provide guidance for these projects and will support them financially.

The proposed ideas must be aligned with the key values of the amateur radio community:

- **#1 FUN, ENJOYMENT, PASSION, HOBBY**
  Experiencing the magic of radio/electronics/wireless communications, as a lifetime adventure (for all ages), just for personal interest, without commercial purpose. Amateur radio is not just fun: We are passionate about the use of electromagnetic communications and technology to make achievements and improve ourselves. We enjoy personal interaction with likeminded people and want to serve our society.

- **#2 GLOBAL HAM COMMUNITY**
  The global ham community is an inclusive environment without frontiers. Ham spirit is used within the community and is a multicultural, apolitical, open minded and tolerant concept where friendship is built around the world. Common interests are shared and developed within this community.

- **#3 PRACTICAL EXPERIMENTATION (TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION)**
  The freedom to experiment. Curiosity-driven experimentation with technology and communication techniques, re-using existing techniques and improving them, understanding, and exploring the physics of electromagnetic propagation.

- **#4 INNOVATION**
A focus on creativity and innovation around leading-edge technology and an intense curiosity about what might be possible. Developing new techniques.

- #5 LEARNING AND EDUCATION (TECH & COMMS)

A foundation for amateur radio is the continuous self-training and education within technologies and communications. Curiosity and a wish to break existing technical boundaries are strong drivers, as well as sharing knowledge within the community to educate and help others.

- #6 VALUE TO SOCIETY

Promoting interest in science and technology subjects across society. Amateur radio also provides trained radio operators and radio engineers to businesses. Provide logistical support and radiocommunications expertise in emergency situations and public events.

Who can take part?
The challenge is open to anyone from any country member of the International Telecommunication Union Region 1 (see annex). Licensed radio amateurs and non-licensees are invited to take part as individuals or as a team: Think about the local radio club, a youth group, a group of friends or your family. Participants can be from any age (minors can only apply as team members, the team leader must be an adult in his country).

A special prize is proposed for an individual or group of young participants with the age under 26 years.

Applications
Applicants must submit an abstract of their idea with short Bio and a brief motivation statement, by email to hamchallenge@iaru-r1.org before the 1st of June.

A committee will review the different proposals and preselect the best ones in their opinion for further consideration at this time by the 10th of June. The participants will then have 15 more days to prepare a more detailed presentation of their idea to be presented in person or virtually during HamRadio 22 in Friedrichshafen (https://www.hamradio-friedrichshafen.com).

The format for submitting your idea is open: this can be in text, a video, storyboard, drawings, etc. Try to make your idea as clear as possible for the committee.

Timeline

- Launch of the HAMChallenge: 29th of April 2022
- Last day to submit your idea: 31st of May 2022
- Preselection: 10th of June 2022
- Final event: 25th of June 2022
Prizes

- 1st place: €500
- 2nd place: €200
- 3rd place: €100
- Youth prize (under the age of 26): €200

About the IARU

The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) is the worldwide federation of national amateur radio organizations. The membership of the IARU consists of more than 160 member societies in as many countries and separate territories.

The IARU represents the interests of the Amateur Radio Service worldwide to relevant international organizations, promoting the interests of amateur radio and seeking to protect and enhance its spectrum privileges.

GDPR – Privacy Policy

Your privacy is extremely important to the IARU, and we are fully committed to providing you with clear and transparent information about how we use your personal information.

We will ensure robust measures are in place to keep your information secure and will only use it for the purposes outlined in this policy. You apply for an IARU-sponsored award, we will retain details of your award and achievement and may include this in publicity associated with the award.

With your approval, we may take photographs of you participating in IARU-organised events. These photographs may be used for our website(s) and in general publicity material.

Access to your information and correction
You have the right to request a copy of the information that we hold about you. If you would like a copy of some or all your personal information, please contact the data controller named below. We want to make sure that your personal information is accurate and up to date. You may ask us to correct or remove information you think is inaccurate.

Retention of data
We will retain your data only for as long as it is required for the stated purpose, after which it will be securely destroyed. Should you wish us to remove and destroy any data that we hold on you, you may make this request to the person named below.

How to contact us
Annex – List of the ITU Member States for Region 1

- Albania (Republic of), Algeria (People's Democratic Republic of), Andorra (Principality of), Angola (Republic of), Armenia (Republic of), Austria, Azerbaijan (Republic of),
- Bahrain (Kingdom of), Belarus (Republic of), Belgium, Benin (Republic of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana (Republic of), Bulgaria (Republic of), Burkina Faso, Burundi (Republic of),
- Cabo Verde (Republic of), Cameroon (Republic of), Central African Republic, Chad (Republic of), Comoros (Union of the), Congo (Republic of the), Côte d'Ivoire (Republic of), Croatia (Republic of), Cyprus (Republic of), Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo,
- Denmark, Djibouti (Republic of), Egypt (Arab Republic of), Equatorial Guinea (Republic of), Eritrea, Estonia (Republic of), Eswatini (Kingdom of), Ethiopia (Federal Democratic Republic of),
- Finland, France,
- Gabonese Republic, Gambia (Republic of the), Georgia, Germany (Federal Republic of), Ghana, Greece, Guinea (Republic of), Guinea-Bissau (Republic of),
- Hungary,
- Iceland, Iraq (Republic of), Ireland, Israel (State of), Italy,
- Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of), Kazakhstan (Republic of), Kenya (Republic of), Kuwait (State of), Kyrgyz Republic,
- Latvia (Republic of), Lebanon, Lesotho (Kingdom of), Liberia (Republic of), Libya (State of), Liechtenstein (Principality of), Lithuania (Republic of), Luxembourg,
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- Madagascar (Republic of), Malawi, Mali (Republic of), Malta, Mauritania (Islamic Re-
  public of), Mauritius (Republic of), Moldova (Republic of), Monaco (Principality of),
  Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco (Kingdom of), Mozambique (Republic of),
- Namibia (Republic of), Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Niger (Republic of the), Nigeria
  (Federal Republic of), North Macedonia (Republic of), Norway
- Oman (Sultanate of)
- Poland (Republic of), Portugal
- Qatar (State of)
- Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda (Republic of)
- San Marino (Republic of), Sao Tome and Principe (Democratic Republic of), Saudi Ara-
  bia (Kingdom of), Senegal (Republic of), Serbia (Republic of), Seychelles (Republic of),
  Sierra Leone, Slovak Republic, Slovenia (Republic of), Somalia (Federal Republic of),
  South Africa (Republic of), South Sudan (Republic of), Spain, Sudan (Republic of the),
  Sweden, Switzerland (Confederation of), Syrian Arab Republic
- Tajikistan (Republic of), Tanzania (United Republic of), Togolese Republic, Tunisia, Tur-
  key, Turkmenistan
- Uganda (Republic of), Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain
  and Northern Ireland, Uzbekistan (Republic of)
- Vatican City State
- Yemen (Republic of)
- Zambia (Republic of), Zimbabwe (Republic of)