



International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

EC+ meeting, Zoom, 21 May 2025.

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Subject	EC+ minutes

In attendance: F4GKR, HB9JOE, SM6EAN, OE1MHZ, G0DUB, 5B4AHZ, EA1JAY, PA2LS, DJ3HW

Apologies: 9K2DB, F6BEE, G4SJH, OD5TE, Z32TO, IV3KKW, OM3BH, DF2OO

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1. **Welcome & approval of agenda**

F4GKR welcomed the attendees, and the agenda was approved.

2. **Follow-up Pais Interim meeting** (F4GKR, F6BEE, EA1JAY, OE1MHZ, OM3BH, SM6EAN)

General: F4GKR introduced the agenda item and summarized that the general feedback received was positive to the event. HB9JOE reported that some delegations have not made their final payments and in addition IARU-R1 is supporting REF regarding outstanding payments for the REF 100-year celebration. HB9JOE will send reply to SM6EAN, for further communication with REF.

Recommendations

A document with the compiled recommendations carried forward by the committees HF (C4), VHF+ (C5) and Youth (C8) was distributed before the meeting. Also, the meeting minutes of all committees (C4, C5, C7 and C8) was made available before the meeting and are published on the Interim meeting website: <https://conf.iaru-r1.org/documents/>.

SM6EAN introduced the Executive Committee (EC) approval process and pointed out that recommendations of higher importance shall be ratified by the General Assembly at the next conference.

C4:

PA25_C4_03	HF Harmonisation and Digital Voice	RSGB	G6JYB
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It is recommended that digital voice activity should be in the all mode segments of the HF bands, which would typically coincide with the current all modes segments for other voice modes such as SSB, AM and FM. And that the current HF digital voice usage be reviewed along with the 29MHz FM designations, also that this is taken into account for future HF harmonisation.

The recommendation was approved by the EC

PA25_C4_04	HF Harmonisation and Emergency Centres of Activity (CoA)	RSGB	G6JYB
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Whilst the Emergency Centres of Activity are capable of adjustment to accommodate future HF band plan harmonisation, it is important to preserve their flexibility and not limit them to any one specific mode in band plans.

The recommendation was approved by the EC

PA25_C4_07	Establish a working group to propose update of the CEPT HAREC Radio Amateur License syllabus	NRRL	LA6VQ
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Recommendation from C4: The IARU Region 1 Interim meeting recommends the Region 1 EC to approve such a plan for a limited, relevant update of the CEPT HAREC syllabus. And for the interim meeting to establish a working group to carry out the actual proposal for the updated text to be added to the HAREC syllabus with the main focus on teaching radio theory and designs relevant to current usage (including modern digital technology), stress good operating practices, ethics, and social responsibility as well as radio safety awareness. The working group should allow for all Region 1 member societies to comment on the proposal.

The working group should complete its work by 15 January 2026. The working group should include members with relevant experience from modern digital technology and education relevant to amateur radio.

Recommendation from C8:

1. For the interim meeting to establish a working group to carry out the actual proposal for the updated text to be added to the HAREC syllabus with the main focus on teaching radio theory and designs relevant to current usage (incl. modern digital technology), stress good operating practices, ethics, and social responsibility as well as radio safety awareness. The working group should allow for all Region 1 member societies to comment on the proposal.

The working group should complete its work within 15 January 2026.

2. The working group should include members with relevant experience from modern digital technology and education relevant to amateur radio.

All IARU member societies are encouraged to present candidates to this working group to enable C4 and C5 together at the 2025 April interim meeting to set up this working group, by the end of May 2025.

If this is considered out of scope for C4 and C5, it is requested that also this part be sent over to the Region 1 EC for immediate action.

Discussion in the EC

This kind of paper would normally have been handled in the General Administrative and Organisational Committee (C3) during a General Conference. The decision to present the paper in C4, C5 and C8 during the Interim meeting was to determine the support in the three committees. Unfortunately, the presentations and related document (e.g. document PA25_C8_03, "New License and Education System in Germany as a Blueprint for Future Harmonization" by DL9MJ) was different in the three committees, and the recommendation was carried forward only in C4 and C8.

From the discussions, the EC understand there are different pro's and con's presented by member societies, this includes also if/when to bring the discussion to CEPT. However, there seems to be a general agreement that many things in current syllabus are outdated and should be replaced with more up-to-date areas.

Decision by the EC

- The EC support that the syllabus needs to be reviewed but the way forward must be discussed and an agreement should be found among primarily the CEPT countries member societies.
- The EC also support the recommendation from C4 and C8 of a working group to initially define the target and a plan of the work. After agreement, the working group then continue with the work and a must have reached a certain status before any discussions with administrations or Regional Telecom Organizations (RTO) should be initiated.
- The EC will investigate the interest to join this working group from the committees C4, C5 and C8, but in addition also from the team behind the update of the Ethics and Operating Procedures document.
- We shall use the International Meeting at HAM RADIO 2025 to inform the member societies about the proposal and ask DL9MJ to present the document PA25_C8_03, "New License and Education System in Germany as a Blueprint for Future Harmonization". Only a short discussion will be possible during the International Meeting, After HAM RADIO, also some member societies may propose some volunteer to the syllabus working group.
- The EC will postpone the final decision on this recommendation until the EC meeting following HAM RADIO 2025.

C5:

PA25_C5_05	Review of the 23cm band plan	UBA	ON6TI
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Recommendation: Establishment of a working group for the reallocation of the 23cm band.

Decision by the EC

The EC received an amendment to the recommendation in the C5 from G4SJH, which was accepted by the EC. The amended recommendation now reads:

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- To develop a proposal for the next General conference
- Invitation to be sent from the C5 chair to the MS VHF/UHF/Microwave Managers to participate in the working group
- Working Group lead G4SJH

PA25_C5_10	1.3GHz Background and Options	RSGB	G6JYB
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- Member Societies should refresh their memories of the background papers as they provide a historic but useful context for both narrowband and wideband re-planning
- Likewise a familiarity with ITU-R M.2164 is strongly recommended
- Based on this (and the latest status of the regulatory process) we can then hold an informed discussion where changes can be carefully considered. Some suggested criteria to guide this are the Considerations above and that changes should be:
 - Specific
 - Feasible to implement within a reasonable timeframe
 - Proportionate to amateurs
 - Reassuring with respect to regulatory concerns
 - Supportive of future amateur development

Decision by the EC

- The EC supports the recommendation as it is important for Member Societies to have knowledge about the background and agreed minimum allocation requirements.
- The EC requests the VHF+ committee to list what it is expected to study to follow the recommendation. A lot has been published, and the EC suggests clarification of what should be studied. This should go out to all R1 member societies.
- The EC suggests that this clarification is ready before HAM RADIO so it can be presented during the International meeting and when the EC meets with MS present at HAM RADIO.

PA25_C5_12	1.3GHz Background and Options	RSGB	G6JYB
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- Proactively ending FMATV in 1258-1300 MHz by December 2026
- Explore options on a national basis for coordinated DATV repeater outputs just above 1300MHz (See separate RSGB Information paper)
- Exploit this exercise to demonstrate goodwill to regulators in order to avoid disproportionate limitations on other amateur usage in 1.3GHz

The recommendation was approved by the EC

PA25_C5_09	Innovation & Opportunities above 275GHz	RSGB	G6JYB
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- Member Societies should seek experimental access to frequencies above 275GHz
- MS should also actively seek and support experimenters for all frequencies >100GHz
- MS should update C5 & SRLC with the results and promote these online on their websites, social media using long term stable webpage addresses
- MS collaborations with universities is also encouraged
- MS should also ask their regulators to support this topic for future amateur allocations

The recommendation was approved by the EC

C8:

PA25_C8_06	Establish a working group to propose update of the CEPT HAREC Radio Amateur License syllabus	NRRL	LA6VQ
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See under C4 above, PA25_C4_07, includes also C8 recommendation.

PA25_C8_03	New License and Education System in Germany as a Blueprint for Future Harmonization	DARC	DL9MJ
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The proposal is to establish a platform that will use the new German 50Ohm tool as a starting point. This group will collaborate with participating societies to develop a comprehensive strategy for teaching.

The recommendation was approved by the EC

PA25_C8_04	Establish quarterly online meetings for closer collaboration between YOTA managers	UBA	ON4CKM
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Make a call for an organiser for at least 4 quarterly meetings when the proposal is approved and select a candidate(s) within 3 months of the Paris 2025 interim meeting.

Discussion by the EC

- In order to reduce confusion, the role as members in the Youth Committee are nominated Youth Coordinators. However, as in all committees, more representatives can be joining from any member society but there can only be one Youth Coordinator with voting rights per member society.
- The recommendation from the Zlatibor General Conference request the member societies to nominate Youth Coordinators.

Recommendation ZL23 C3 Rec 3 (Document ZL23 C3 50)

Societies without appointed youth coordinator should appoint a dedicated Youth Coordinator within next year.

The Youth committee chair will remind the MS that have not yet reported their nominated Youth coordinator.

The recommendation was approved by the EC

PA25_C8_05	Improve the YOTA website	UBA	ON4CKM
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(Re)establish a team of editors for the ham-yota.com website that will be tasked with actively maintaining the website and turn it into an active YOTA promotion platform. This core team should be in place within 3 months after the Paris meeting and the website should be up to date by the end of 2025.

Discussion by the EC

There are two websites used for the youth activities.

- The Youth committee webpages in the IARU-R1 website. This is intended for the member societies and the Youth coordinators: <https://www.iaru-r1.org/about-us/committees-and-working-groups/youth/>
- The YOTA website is intended for youth interested in YOTA and YOTA activities.: <https://www.ham-yota.com/>

The recommendation was approved by the EC

3. R1 75-year & IARU 100-year celebrations

F4GKR reported that work is ongoing with the pictures and finalising the editing of two videos from both the Interim meeting and the cruise.

PA2LS commented that this was the first Youth committee/C8 meeting during an Interim meeting. It was positive to see that many persons joining the C8 meeting.

F4GKR asked the meeting about the WhatsApp application that was used during the Interim meeting and it was well used for real time information. It is still active but with much less activity than during the Interim meeting. F4GKR reported about the two successful African WhatsApp groups: one in English and one in French.

The meeting was asked to reflect on use of WhatsApp and we will discuss it at the next EC meeting.

In absence of OD5TE, F4GKR reported about the work with the centennial IARU booklet. Due to changes in the situation for OD5TE, he is not able to continue the work as planned and we need support to finalize the work. A lot of content is prepared but it needs to be sorted and organized to become reader friendly. An external resource will format the structured content into the booklet that can be printed and provide as a PDF. F4GKR asked the EC+ if someone can join and support this work to finalize the booklet. If we cannot find volunteers in the EC+, the question will also be put at the International meeting at HAM RADIO. OE1MHZ volunteered to support the work and F4GKR asked the others to get back if they would agree to support the work.

4. **HAM RADIO 2025**

SM6EAN reported about the planning for the HAM RADIO 2025. The team is meeting weekly for the moment and some of the booth ordering has been done, but some ordering remains to be finalized.

SM6EAN requested feedback from the IARU-R1 officials who will be present for ordering of personal and car pass.

This year the plan is to both visit the member society booths and to display an agenda when the different chairs and coordinators will be present in the Main booth for questions and discussions.

Currently planned activities, also presented on the IARU-R1 website home page under "Events", are shown below. No other presentations were presented at this time.:

Main stage

- Friday 12:00-12:30 VHF+ PRIZING CEREMONY
- Friday 13:00-14:00 YOTA contest prizing ceremony
- Saturday 15:00-15:45 YOTA flag ceremony

Meeting rooms

- Friday 12:00-16:00 EMCOMM: Admin building, 5th floor, Room 5A
- Friday 16:00-18:00 International meeting: Lichtenstein
- Saturday 10:00-12:00 Youth: Lichtenstein
- Saturday 12:00-14:00 EMC: Schwarzwald

DJ3HW commented that there will be two rooms available for meetings, that can be booked by a list.

5B4AHZ asked if we could take some video shots during HAM RADIO to present snapshots of the IARU activities on the social media, etc. PA2LS will bring up the proposal at the next HAM RADIO planning team meeting.

5. **Restructuring**

(F4GKR)

F4GKR reported about the status in the restructuring process and the current feedback activity for the member societies. Deadline for the feedback is 10 June.

The plan is that the Administrative Council will have an opportunity to meet before HAM RADIO and that some reporting can be presented during the international meeting at HAM

RADO. Whatever will be the path forward, the feedback from member societies regarding the future of the IARU will be useful for improvements in how IARU operate.

A related topic is the work with the IARU-R1 constitution, as decided during the Zlatibor conference. The work is progressing, however slowly due to other ongoing discussions.

6. **Code of conduct: Ethics & Operating Procedures**

In absence of the task group coordinator 9K2DB, SM6EAN reported the latest status for the updated version of the Ethics & Operating Procedures.

The team has done a great job, and a version will be sent out to R1 member societies and IARU-R1 officials for feedback (26th May). The feedback will be collected at the email address eop@iaru-r1.org and the plan is to publish the reviewed document by 1st September.

Translations will be discussed at the next EC meeting.

7. **AoB**

No AoB.

8. **Next EC meeting**

It was decided to plan an EC+ update meeting just before HAM RADIO, the 26th at 18:30 UTC. DJ3HW will arrange a meeting room at SEE Hotel.

A following EC+ meeting is planned for the 16th July at 18:00 UTC.