

Letter of Understanding  
regarding cooperation between  
the ECC (Electronic Communications  
Committee) and EURO (European Radio  
Amateurs' Organization)

July 2015



## ***The Parties,***

The Electronic Communication Committee (ECC) of the Conférence Européenne des Administrations des Postes et des Télécommunications (CEPT),

and

European Radio Amateurs' Organization (EURAO),

having noticed the need for structuring and strengthening their relationships and fostering a closer co-operation;

### ***recognising that:***

- CEPT/ECC is an organization of governmental bodies, hence with limited possibilities to enter binding agreements with a private association;
- EURAO is an open and global non-profit, non-governmental organization, registered in France under the law of 1st July 1901, devoted to radio amateurs and Amateur Radio with the aim to ensure the interests of their members and the role they and radio communications can play in the Society.

### ***and considering that:***

- CEPT/ECC is the recognised organisation in Europe responsible for developing policies, including a strategic approach and a forward looking work programme, on spectrum, numbering and network matters in a European context;
- EURAO has the statutory objective to represent the amateur and amateur satellite community;
- CEPT/ECC and EURAO have a common interest in ensuring the most efficient use and management of the radio spectrum for Radio Amateurs;

### ***agree to co-operate as follows:***

1. CEPT/ECC and EURAO agree to exchange information and seek, to the maximum extent possible, a common European approach concerning radio amateur related use of the radio-frequency spectrum. The two parties may exchange as they may agree, free of charge, any information on programmes of work of mutual interest.
2. Copies of relevant working documents from either Party shall be made available to other Party on request. The dissemination by one Party of the documents received from the other Party will be limited to the members of the relevant part of the receiving Party, and solely for the purpose of the activities relating to the Party's work programme.
3. All copyright, and other intellectual and industrial rights embodied in documents exchanged between CEPT/ECC and the EURAO and any copies thereof, remain with the originating party and extend to all media in which the information may be



embodied. Any reference to these documents shall be submitted to the agreement of the originating party prior communication to other bodies.

4. Participation of one nominated Observer from EURAO, or a substitute, is normally permitted at meetings of the ECC, its Working Groups, Project Teams and Task Groups.
5. Participation of one nominated Observer from ECC is normally permitted at meetings of the EURAO.
6. Observers shall, to the extent permitted by the relevant Party's organizational statutes and rules, be entitled to participate fully in discussions on relevant work items, and may submit written contributions, but shall not be party in the decision making process.
7. EURAO may submit proposals to the relevant CEPT/ECC Body. These shall be discussed subject to the normal CEPT/ECC process for approval of new work items and outputs.
8. This Agreement shall last for three years and may be renewed by mutual consent. On its expiry, the Agreement shall be automatically renewed for further one year-period unless otherwise agreed by the Parties. The Agreement can be terminated by either Party on giving three months' written notice before the expiry date.
9. The practical contacts and decisions for the Application of this Agreement will be taken between the ECC Chairman and the EURAO Secretary-General.

Agreed for the ECC by

Agreed for EURAO by

Eric Fournier

Joan-Carles Samaranch,

Chairman ECC

Secretary-General of EURAO

Date: 28/07/15.

Date: 12/08/2015