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CB DX Divisions: a good example of self-organization

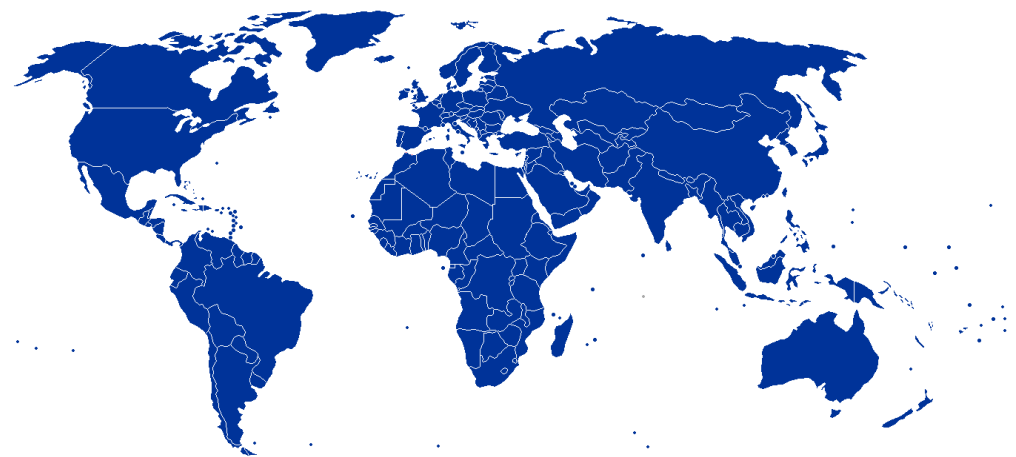
Because many radio amateurs began experimenting with radio on **Citizens' Band (CB)**, it is worth discussing this topic here. In fact, it was the cheapest and easiest way to get started when you are young. And, if you liked it, then you kept progressing with the hobby.

Local or regional contacts with friends or unknown people on CB are fun. But sometimes, *unexpectedly*, the surprise occurs and the propagation opens. Then, international contacts are possible and the excitement is superlative.

But over the years, CB users have been organizing themselves to facilitate and enjoy long distance contacts (DX), and subsequent confirmations with QSL cards, by dividing the world into territories, called "divisions".

These territories, in much the same way as radio amateurs do with entities in the **DXCC**, tend to be countries, but they can also be islands, overseas regions, areas with certain special characteristics, cultural and/or linguistic ones, etc. In CB, these territories (divisions) have been numbered and that number is used as a prefix of the callsign.

A couple of examples: the current [list](#) begins with Italy, which is assigned the division 1, and ends with the most recent assignment: the Republic of Kosovo, as division 352.



Using these divisions, our member association in Spain, **FEDI-EA**, in order to promote its services (specially its QSL Service), has launched a **CB QSL Party** this summer, which **EURAO** fully supports and adopts for its already traditional parties. Also other members and several **EuroBureauQSL** entry points have joined this initiative ([see next page](#)).

The Party's goal is the **free** exchange of QSL cards "via **EuroBureauQSL**" for anyone from June to September, 2021. You needn't to be a member, just send a SASE.

Any activity, individual or collective, can participate in this **CB QSL Party**. The only requirement is to use callsigns of the DX type that include the concept "CB division". For example, such as those assigned by **FEDI-EA** with the format **30FD001** (30 = Spain, FD = Federación Digital, 001 = consecutive number).

All the activities participating in the **CB QSL Party** may be announced in the **specific CB forum** that **FEDI-EA** maintains active. Do not hesitate, participate and have fun!

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EURAO member associations

- **CISAR**: Centro Italiano di Sperimentazione ed Attività Radiostatiche (Italy)
- **FEDI-EA**: Federación Digital EA (Spain)
- **VRA**: Vlaamse RadioAmateurs (Belgium)
- **UFRC**: Union Francophone des Radio Clubs (Belgium)
- **FeRaCat**: Federació de Radioaficionats de Catalunya (Spain)
- **ARR**: Asociația Radioclubul României (Romania)
- **RCL**: Radioamador Clube de Loulé (Portugal)
- **RNRE**: Raggruppamento Nazionale Radiocomunicazioni di Emergenza (Italy)
- **ARRLx**: Associação de Radioamadores da Região de Lisboa (Portugal)
- **LigaCBR**: Liga Española de Asociaciones CB y Radioaficionados (Spain)
- **RFDX**: Romeo Foxtrot International DX Club (The Netherlands)
- **IECRO**: International Emergency Communication Registry of Operators
- **NRSI**: National Radio Society of Ireland

EURAO projects ongoing

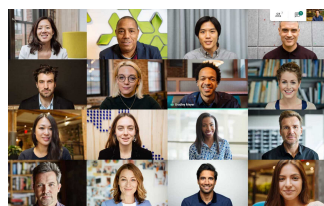
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[EURAO General Assembly 2021: on June 26, virtual again](#)

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Because COVID-19, the popular Friedrichshafen **HAM RADIO** exhibition has been canceled again. However, **EURAO** will hold its **General Assembly** on the scheduled date: **Saturday, June 26, 2021, at 17:00 CEST**, virtual for the second time.

Like last year, Google Meet will be used for the meeting and the resulting image will be more similar to the picture on the left than the usual group of people around a table.



EURAO Party - Summer 2021: CB QSL Party

The **European Radio Amateurs' Organization**, supporting the initiative of its member association **Federación Digital EA**, announces a new party on the air, this time with the motto: "**CB QSL Party**". Remember this is not a contest, it is just a radio meeting with a few simple 'rules', better to call them recommendations.

Purpose: To facilitate the **free** exchange of QSL cards between CB users, regardless of their membership association, if any, through the **EuroBureauQSL**. The only requirement is to use callsigns of the DX type which prefix is according to "**CB divisions**". Contacts in any activity are valid for this Party. All QSLs can be sent together in a single envelope to the entry point. Non-EURAO members should send a SASE for the response.

Date & time: from June 1st to September 30th, 2021, 00:00-24:00 UTC.

Bands & modes: all modes in the Citizens' Band (CB), also called 11m or 27 MHz band. For more specific info, have a look to the [EURAO Frequency Guide](#) (EFG).

Call: "CQ EURAO CB QSL 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 statistical purposes only, we ask participants to submit their logs to party@eurao.org in ADIF format, where the filename should be your call sign (e.g. EA3RKF.ADI).

There will be no results or league tables, only statistical information about number of QSOs, countries, call signs, 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.

EURAO Newsletter: issue dates

- February
- June
- September
- December

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International QSL Service.

EuroBureauQSL: entry points

- **Argentina:** LU1JHF - Casilla de Correos 66 - 3200 Concordia, ER
- **Belgium:** FRA - Jean-Marie T'Jaecx - Perrebroekstraat 16 - B-9200 Dendermonde
- **France:** Bureau QSL ANRPFD - Jacques Parmantier - 52, Rue Le Corbusier - F-42100 Saint-Étienne
- **India:** VU2BK - MHRC - Brahma Kumaris, Shantivan Campus - Dist. Sirohi, 307510 Rajasthan
- **Ireland:** EI9HQB - Paul Rafferty - Ballybride - F42TK49 Roscommon
- **Italy:** IW2ETR - Paolo Fiorelli - Via Monsignor Danieli, 34 - 23017 Morbegno, SO
- **Panama:** HP1RCP - Radio Club de Panamá - P.O. Box 0819-11334 - Panamá
- **Romania:** YO9RIJ - Petrica Stoilnicu - CP 12, Ghiseul 1, Buzau 7 - RO-120340 Buzau
- **Spain and Andorra:** EA3RKF - FEDI-EA - P.O. Box 3050 - E-08200 Sabadell (Barcelona)
- **Turkey:** YM1KAA - TAMAD - Timurşinan Mah., Cumhuriyet 2 cad. No 24 Büyükçekmece Etüt ve Sanat Merkezi (Eski Belediye Binası) - Büyükçekmece/Istanbul
- **Uruguay:** CX5A - Radiogruppo Sur - P.O. Box 950 - 11000 Montevideo
- **USA:** W2EN - Douglas Rue - 21 Jeffrey Court - Somerville, NJ 08876
- **Venezuela:** YV4VV - Radio Club Valencia - P.O. Box 510 - 2001 Valencia, CA

More than 51.000 QSL cards !!!
have been already managed by EuroBureauQSL

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EU-DX Contest 2021: results

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More than **1600 logs** were received for the first **EU-DX Contest**, which means a lot of hams have enjoyed this new formula designed by its organizer: the **European DX Contest Club (EUDXCC)**.

EURAO has sponsored the plaques for both winners, the EU and the DX station, of these categories: SOAB-MIX-HP; HA5JI and UD4F; SOAB-CW-HP; P3X and UT4U; and SOAB-SSB-HP; OZ1ADL and G6MC. Congratulations to all! The countdown for the next edition is already underway.

About our members...



Radio Club dello Stretto

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RCS, IQ8KL, founded in 2016, is a club that brings together radio enthusiasts from both shores of the Strait of Messina, between Calabria and Sicily, in southern Italy, no matter whether they are CB users or radio amateurs. The most important thing for them is to have fun with radio, cultivate friendship and improve transmission conditions.

RCS became member club of **EURAO** to promote and share its activities and knowledge. <http://www.radioclubdellostretto.it>

News in brief



- **Dx Pedition Trophy:** and more specifically the winner of the SV-SV5-SV9 zone, now is sponsored with a plaque by **EURAO**. <https://www.dxpt.org>
- **Mobile World Congress 2021:** June 25-July 4, SES on air: **AO3MWC**. Valid contact for the **EANET Award**. <https://fediea.org/mwc>



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