

# European Radio Amateurs' Organization: what is this and why?



**EURAO** is intended to be a meeting point for all those independent radio amateurs' associations around the world, mainly from Europe, interested in sharing their activities and experiences, making up common services, working together in new projects and, of course, lobbying Public Administrations.

Also individual members from any country are welcome. In fact, they are for whom this project makes sense.

*Federation of associations* has been, finally, the legal form of **EURAO**. During the process, all member associations established a **Promoters Committee**, whose mission was to take steps to fully legalize the organization. To be part of this Committee, the joining agreement should be signed. More than one association per country is allowed.

As usual, daily operations are managed by an elected **Board of Directors** in accordance with the **Statutes**.

To learn more about how to strengthen the relationship with **EURAO** read: [Membership](#).

## Что делает EURAO?

3.- You can find what we did for radio amateurs in our Newsletter website linked before. As you can suppose setting up an international organization like EURAO is not easy, because everyone speaks a different language and have different points of view. But now we have a legal status. This took a lot of time.

Summarizing, EURAO does 3 kinds of things: activities, services and lobby.

Activities: EURAO sponsors a few of them and disseminate world wide the activities their members carry out.

Services: the idea is establish common services, for instance the QSL Service: EuroBureauQSL.

Lobby: influence international institutions related to our activity, ie CEPT.

4.- We have some contacts with IARU, but you know it's not easy. They just start to realize that they are not alone but play as if they were. I think it's only a matter of time.

Last year I had a short talk with Don Beattie, who came to our stand in Friedrichshafen, and I said we are open to collaborate but we are also competitors. The balance of both, collaboration and competition, is what we have to reach.

Now we are talking with IARU representatives in CEPT to work together there.

5.- Recognition of UN has its times. We are already in the database of its Economic and Social Council, but we will not be able to apply for consultative status until February next year.

Application for joining ITU was sent in 2014 and it have to be revied this year. Let's cross our fingers and wait for the answer.

6.- Is our QSL exchange system like IARU one? In some way yes, because it's about sending and receiving QSL cards. But at the moment we have less countries with entry points of our own. Other differences: for us

it's a must to give QSLs to non-members. Because we can have more than one member association per country, coordination within a country have to be done.

Said this, I understand that you (UNGO) have to organize your own QSL Service for your members and then exchange with other entry points of EURAO and in countries we have not an entry point you can send cards to IARU bureau, which probably will not reply to you because its member society is another one.

QSL exchange is one of the topic we discuss (and complain) with IARU. We'll see what happens in the future.

## EuroBureauQSL for EURAO members: how does it work?



The **EURAO** [individual membership](#) fee includes the **FREE** exchange of QSLs between members worldwide. All you have to do is send all cards together to our 'central redistribution point' at **EA3RKF**. Then, you will receive the reply QSLs at home with our quarterly paper **Newsletter**. Quite easy, isn't it? Read more...

So, the questions are: Who is member of **EURAO**? Who is ready to receive QSLs via **Euro Bureau QSL**? Where to send them? What else should I do?

An automatic tool is provided on the website to find out which callsigns want to receive their cards in this way. After login, go to "[Check log](#)" option and upload your log file in ADIF format. You will get the list of valid QSOs ready to fill QSL cards that could go via **EuroBureauQSL**. More than **10.000 call signs from 69 different countries** are waiting for you in our database!

Later on, put the cards in an envelope and send them all to:

EA3RKF  
P.O. Box 3050  
08200 Sabadell (SPAIN)

No need of SAE, IRC, GS, etc. Only QSLs. True ham spirit.

**Those members of EURAO [member associations](#)** can also do the same but sending QSLs to their respective national point.

Some help will be appreciated if you do a couple of things for us:

- stick on every QSL an small label with barcode (printing available on website)
- enter some QSO details on the web (callsign and barcode number).

Thanks in advance and enjoy the service! Not yet a member? No problem, [join us now!](#)

# Euro Bureau QSL: step-by-step how to



**EuroBureauQSL** is a global network of *entry points*, or bureaus, that handle QSL cards traffic among radio amateurs world wide. It is sponsored by **EURAO**.

**EuroBureauQSL** is also the website that supports all the information and operations of this network.

This article seeks to explain how the system works for a normal user.

**Notice:** Before starting you should know that there is a procedure for massive shipping of QSLs. If you provide the log in ADIF format, in return, you will obtain labels with barcodes and all data entered automatically into the system. Contact the webmaster for this option.

## Manual QSL cards management

A lot of hams manage their QSL cards manually, personally, as if they would write a letter to their contacts.

They do usually the following steps:

1. Fill the fields on their printed cards
2. Write the address of the bureau on the envelope
3. Put the cards in the envelope
4. Send the envelope

In order to register the cards in the **EuroBureauQSL** [website](#) and to be able to make a later follow-up, a few steps should be added (in red):

1. Fill the fields on their printed cards
2. **Stick an small barcode label in each card**
3. **Enter some data of the card on the website**
4. ~~Write the address of the bureau on the envelope~~ **Create an envelope on the website and print it**
5. Put the cards in the envelope **and assign the cards to the envelope on the website**
6. Send the envelope, **idem on the website**



**QSL via EURAO.org \*201005000000\*** The first thing you need is the barcode labels, like the one at the right.

On the website you have the option of printing a page full of labels. Then you can cut them individually, ready to stick one on each card.


# EuroBureauQSL: operating conditions for entry points



The **European Radio Amateurs' Organisation (EURAO)**, and its members, concerned about the growing problem of QSL cards not delivered to the addressees by some IARU member-societies, launched in 2010 their own **QSL Bureaus Network** with the strong commitment to make available, whenever possible, to all radio amateurs their QSLs at no extra cost other than shipping and handling, without any kind of restriction.

To do so, **EURAO** started coordinating the bureaus its members already run but also opened the possibility to new ones, managed by associations or individuals, with only a few conditions:

- To optimize the Network performance is highly recommended to establish only ONE 'entry point' by country in order to simplify international distribution of QSLs. In this context, country means the geographic area having the same postage rate. In some cases, several different political countries could share one of these postage areas (i.e.: Andorra and Spain; Vatican City, San Marino and Italy; Monaco and France; etc.).
- Any radio amateur, member or not, **MUST** be allowed to retrieve the QSL cards that reach the entry point (incoming traffic). SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) should be an accepted method.
- Inside a country, different associations, radio clubs and users are encouraged to coordinate among them for a better service performance.
- Of course associations and radio clubs can organize internally in their own way, offering extra facilities to their members.
- When sending QSLs abroad (outgoing traffic), other **EuroBureauQSL** entry points should have priority over other alternatives.
- To help managing QSLs, a website (<http://www.eurobureauqsl.org/>) is created. It is highly recommended to use the advanced features of this web in order to provide the same quality service everywhere.

The undersigned hereby expresses the interest, and commitment, to contribute to this project by managing the **EuroBureauQSL** entry point in the specified country, according to the operating conditions outlined above .

Name and surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

At \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_th of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_

(Fill, sign and send this application to: [eurao@eurao.org](mailto:eurao@eurao.org). The reply will come very soon.)

# EuroBureauQSL: the EURAO's QSL Bureaus Global Network



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To support all the information and operations this network generates, a specific website was created. Its name: **EuroBureauQSL**. Visit and register there:

<http://www.eurobureauqsl.org/>

Точки входа **EuroBureauQSL** (в данный момент):

- **Algeria:** 7X2JV - Noury B.M. - P.O. Box 87 - Bouarfa 09019 Blida
- **Argentina:** LU1MA - CRC - P.O. Box 232 - 5500 Mendoza [[web](#)]
- **Belgium:** FRA - P.O. Box 393 - B-1000 Brussels 1 [[web](#)]
- **Chile:** CE3FED - FEDERACHI - P.O. Box 9570 - Santiago 21 [[web](#)]
- **Costa Rica:** TI2WMP - Waldyn Murillo P<sup>♦</sup>rez - P.O. Box 117-1450 - 10601 San Jos<sup>♦</sup> [[web](#)]
- **France:** F8URC - URC - 3 rue Saint Luge - F-62190 Lillers [[web](#)]
- **Greece:** HAG - 22, Kassandras Str. - GR-10447 Votanikos - Athens (Attika) [[web](#)]
- **India:** VU2BK - MHRC - Brahma Kumaris, Shantivan Campus - Dist. Sirohi, 307510 Rajasthan [[web](#)]
- **Italy:** IT9BCC - Nino Caracci - Via Campobello, 108 - I-91022 Castelvetrano
- **Luxembourg:** LX1CC - Mill Reiff - 34, rue de la R<sup>♦</sup>sistance - L-3340 Huncherange
- **Portugal:** CT1TGM - TRGM - P.O. Box 497 - P-3001-906 Coimbra [[web](#)]
- **Romania:** YO9KYO - ARR - Str. Stelica Berechet, 23 - RO-087070 Comuna Daia, Judetul Giurgiu [[web](#)]
- **Spain and Andorra:** EA3RKF - FEDI-EA - P.O. Box 3050 - E-08200 Sabadell (Barcelona) [[web](#)]
- **Uruguay:** CX3CCC - Radiogrupo Sur - P.O. Box 950 - 11000 Montevideo [[web](#)]
- **USA:** W2EN - Douglas Rue - 21 Jeffrey Court - Somerville, NJ 08876
- **Venezuela:** YV4VV - Radio Club Valencia - P.O. Box 510 - 2001 Valencia, CA [[web](#)]