

EuCW Activity “SL2016”



Goal

The goal of this activity is to make QSOs in a friendly and relaxed manner. Points are given for each QSO and a bonus can be earned by working ladder and snake squares.

Per calendar year, there will be two runs of this activity, each with six operating periods of a month. The “winter/spring” run starts on January 1st and ends on June 30th. The “summer/autumn” run starts on July 1st and ends on December 31st.

Conditions and stations to work

QSOs must take at least **five minutes**, stations must be **European stations** (see the list in the appendix for the prefixes) and the mode must be **CW**. Each station may be contacted **once per day**, irrespective of the band.

This is not a contest with short QSOs and a fixed format. Instead, this activity promotes friendly QSOs without any particular format where QSO partners have real conversations over at least 5 minutes.

Contacts made must be point-to-point. Excluded are contacts made through repeaters and satellites, as well as QSO rounds with more than two participants.

Operating frequencies

Contacts shall be made in the dedicated CW sections of all amateur bands from 160m to 2m (60m and 4m excluded). For the purpose of SL2016, these sections are split into a “lower” and an “upper” portion, the latter being formed by the upper 10 kHz of the dedicated CW section as follows:

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| 160m: 1.828 – 1.838 MHz | 80m: 3.570 – 3.580 MHz | 40m: 7.030 – 7.040 MHz |
| 30m: 10.130 – 10.140 MHz | 20m: 14.060 – 14.070 MHz | 17m: 18.085 – 18.095 MHz |
| 15m: 21.060 – 21.070 MHz | 12m: 24.905 – 24.915 MHz | 10m: 28.060 – 28.070 MHz |
| 6m: 50.090 – 50.100 MHz | 2m: 144.100 – 144.110 MHz | |

Non-QRP operators should avoid calling “cq” on QRP frequencies.

Which squares can become Snake or Ladder?

All logs received in a monthly period of activity, will be merged into a monthly “master log”. Locator squares only appearing once in this master log, shall be *candidate* ladders. From the candidate ladders, one ladder is selected at random for every five candidate ladders. Locator squares appearing more than five times in the master log, shall be *candidate* snakes. From the candidate snakes, one snake is selected at random for every ten candidate snakes.

Points

For every claimed valid contact, points shall be awarded as follows:

- lower band portion: 1 QSO point and an extra 10 points for a ladder
- upper band portion: 3 QSO points and an extra 25 points for a ladder
- minus 10 points for a snake, only one snake per ladder already awarded

Log requirements

Electronic logs may be submitted for each operating period. Logs in “.adi” format must be sent to the Activity Manager by email ([SL\(at\)eucw.org](mailto:SL(at)eucw.org)) **before** the eighth day of the month that follows the operating period being recorded. Late filed logs may be refused.

When submitting the log, the operating period, the call-sign used, the operator's name and email should be indicated.

All entries in the “.adi” log file **must** include:

1. date and both on and off times in UTC
2. frequency in MHz
3. call-sign of the station contacted
4. signal report sent and received
5. operator's name of the contacted station
6. QTH and Maidenhead 1o by 2o locator square as four or six character reference

It is recommended that essential information is exchanged over the air. Information not exchanged, like the locator, must be completed otherwise, the burden for this remains with the participant.

Logs **must** be sent in electronic form. Only logs in compliance with the ADIF specification will be accepted so as to allow automatic processing. Other formats may be refused.

Logs shall be processed electronically within a maximum of a week, and the results for a period of activity shall be published on the 14th of the following month.

Awards

A certificate will be awarded to every entrant who submits at least four logs for a run of this activity and an endorsement will be added to the certificate for those who submit a valid log for every one of the operating periods. Call-signs of participants who have earned 1st award, 2nd award and 3rd award, will be published after the end of each run, before the 1st of the following month, as part of a list of all participants and their points earned.

Notes

Decisions made by the Activity Manager will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Appendix: Definition of Europe.

European countries (based on and sorted by DXCC code with prefixes in parentheses; Source: ARRL DXCC List, January 2013), including all sovereign states recognised by the United Nations in continental Europe and every country that is a member state of the European Union:

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| 005: Åland Islands (OH0) | 007: Albania (ZA) |
| 015: Asiatic Russia (UA-UI8,9,0; RA-RZ) | 021: Balearic Islands (EA6-EH6) |
| 027: Belarus (EU-EW) | 029: Canary Islands (EA8-EH8) |
| 032: Ceuta & Melilla (EA9-EH9) | 040: Crete (SV9, J49) |
| 045: Dodecanese (SV5, J45) | 052: Estonia (ES) |
| 054: European Russia (UA-UI1-7, RA-RZ) | 061: Franz Josef Land (R1/F) |
| 106: Guernsey (GU, GP, MU, 2U) | 114: Isle of Man (GD, GT, MD, 2D) |
| 117: ITU HQ (4U_ITU) | 118: Jan Mayen (JX) |
| 122: Jersey (GJ, GH, MJ, 2J) | 126: Kaliningrad Oblast (UA2, RA2) |
| 145: Latvia (YL) | 146: Lithuania (LY) |
| 149: Azores (CU) | 167: Market Reef (OJ0) |
| 179: Moldova (ER) | 180: Mount Athos (SV/A) |
| 203: Andorra (C3) | 206: Austria (OE#) |
| 209: Belgium (ON-OT) | 212: Bulgaria (LZ) |
| 214: Corsica (TK) | 215: Cyprus (5B, C4, P3) |
| 221: Denmark (OU-OW, OZ) | 222: Faroe Islands (OY) |
| 223: England (G, GX, M, 2E) | 224: Finland (OF-OI) |
| 225: Sardinia (IS0, IM0) | 227: France (F) |
| 230: Federal Republic of Germany (DA-DR) | 233: Gibraltar (ZB2) |
| 236: Greece (SV-SZ) | 239: Hungary (HA, HG) |
| 242: Iceland (TF) | 245: Ireland (EI-EJ) |
| 246: Sovereign Military Order of Malta (1A) | 248: Italy (I) |
| 251: Liechtenstein (HB0) | 254: Luxembourg (LX) |
| 256: Madeira Island (CT3) | 257: Malta (9H) |
| 259: Svalbard (JW) | 260: Monaco (3A) |
| 263: Netherlands (PA-PI) | 265: Northern Ireland (GI, GN, MI, 2I) |
| 266: Norway (LA-LN) | 269: Poland (SN-SR) |
| 272: Portugal (CT) | 275: Romania (YO-YR) |
| 278: San Marino (T7) | 279: Scotland (GM, GS, MM, 2M) |
| 281: Spain (EA-EH) | 283: UK Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus (ZC4) |
| 284: Sweden (SA-SM, 7S-8S) | 287: Switzerland (HB) |
| 288: Ukraine (UR-UZ) | 294: Wales (GW, GC, MW, 2W) |
| 295: Vatican (HV) | 296: Serbia (YT-YU) |
| 390: Turkey (TA-TC) | 497: Croatia (9A) |
| 499: Slovenia (S5) | 501: Bosnia-Herzegovina (E7) |
| 502: F.Y.R. of Macedonia (Z3) | 503: Czech Republic (OK-OL) |
| 504: Slovak Republic (OM) | 514: Montenegro (4O) |