



EU QRP FOXHUNT 2015

To promote QRP activity, there will be a weekly EU QRP FOXHUNT, starting on November 2, 2014 and ending on February 22, 2015.

The EU QRP Foxhunt is an informal ham radio event. It should be considered a friendly meeting amongst QRP enthusiasts. The rule is that there are as few rules as possible.

1. Categories

There are three categories of participating stations:

- (1) Foxes: QRP stations calling CQ EUFOX on any unannounced, unoccupied frequency within the specified EU QRP Foxhunt frequency segments and time windows.
- (2) Hunters: stations initiating QSOs with Foxes
- (3) Trappers: listeners reporting QSOs between Foxes and Hunters

Foxes

- Foxes aim to work as many calling Hunters as possible, without falling into a rush job.
- Foxes announce their operation at least 24 hours prior to the start of each Foxhunt by completing the Fox entry form on the [EU QRP Foxhunt website](#).
- Foxes operate within the specified EU QRP Foxhunt frequency segments and time windows (see "Times, modes, frequencies" hereafter).
- Foxes must run QRP power (max. 5 W CW, max. 10 W PEP SSB/digimode).
- Foxes call "CQ EUFOX".
- Foxes work only Hunters.
- **NEW** Foxes must transmit the FIL ROUGE word (see hereafter).
- Foxes enter their logs of valid QSOs onto the [EU QRP Foxhunt website](#) not later than 48 hours after the Foxhunt ending time.
- Foxes: please lend your ears to weak signals.

Hunters

Hunters, preferably running QRP, search and work as many Foxes as possible. The EU QRP Foxhunt is quite different from a regular 599-style contest. Hunters are invited to exchange (at least) a real report, name and QTH, transmit power, rig and antenna description.

Trappers

- Trappers search and log as many QSOs as possible between Foxes and Hunters.
- Each log entry (“trap”) must contain: date, UTC time, band, Fox call sign, Fox RST at the Trapper’s RX, Hunter call sign, Hunter RST at the Trapper’s RX
- Trappers - once registered - enter their logs through the [EU QRP Foxhunt website](#), not later than 48 hours after the Foxhunt ending time.

2. Times, modes, frequencies

Each Sunday 09:30-10:30 UTC	
CW	10110-10120 kHz 14055-14065 kHz  18080-18090 kHz
Digimode	10140-10150 kHz 14070-14089 kHz  18095-18105 kHz
SSB	14280-14290 kHz  18125-18135 kHz

Each Monday 19:30-20:30 UTC	
CW	3560-3580 kHz  7025-7035 kHz
Digimode	3580-3590 kHz  7040-7047 kHz
SSB	3685-3695 kHz  7085-7095 kHz

3. FIL ROUGE

The ‘fil rouge’ consists of a quotation in English which will be transmitted in single word elements per Foxhunt by the Foxes. Please note the word elements are in a random order. Hunters are invited to assemble the word elements and report the quote as soon as possible by email to the [EUQRP Foxhunt headquarters](#).

4. Scoring

- Each valid QSO counts for 1 point
- At the end of each month, a temporary ‘TOP 3 Hunters/Trappers/Foxes List’ will be published on the [EU QRP Foxhunt website](#)
- At the end of the EUQRP Foxhunt, each Hunter/Fox/Trapper scoring at least 2 points will be presented a personalized, downloadable certificate

5. QRS

The beginning CW operator in mind, one or more Foxes will be operational during each Foxhunt, transmitting at 12 wpm average speed.

6. EU QRP Foxhunt Parties

Several foxhunt sessions may be devoted to a particular theme, such as:

- CW Straight Key Party (no automatic keying)
- QRPp Party (output power 1 W max.)
- Homebrew Party (homemade tx/rx)
- Enigma Party
- 1929 Special Party
- Army/Green Radio Party
- Sprint party (QSY after each QSO)
- Portable party
- Stengun party (ironically, 599 and ultrashort QSO are allowed)

“Parties” are meant to add to the fun of the weekly Foxhunts and shall be announced by the management team at least one week ahead via the [website](#) and the euqrpfox [mailing list](#).

Please note these themes (using a handkey, homebrew rig, etc) are not binding, nor do they affect scoring, but where power restrictions are at stake (QRPp party), we would appreciate each participant to reduce power in order to maintain a fair competition.

Good luck to all participants and, most of all, have fun!

73, Jos ON6WJ