



# EU QRP FOXHUNT 2016

*To promote QRP & CW activity, there will be a weekly EU QRP FOXHUNT, starting on November 8, 2015 and ending on March 21, 2016.*

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

## 1. Categories

There are two 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 making QSOs with Foxes

### Foxes

- Foxes aim to work as many calling Hunters as possible, without falling into a rush job.
  - Foxes operate within the specified EU QRP Foxhunt frequency segments and time windows (see "Times, frequencies").
  - Foxes must run QRP power (max. 5 W CW transmit power).
  - Foxes call "CQ EUFOX", thereby automatically identifying themselves as Fox stations.
  - Foxes work only Hunters.
  - Foxes must register once via the [EU QRP Foxhunt website](#) form ("Want to be a Fox"), specifying call sign, email address, QTH locator at the antenna position, and other (optional) data. A password will be returned, allowing online logging. Exception: should the QTH locator at the antenna position change, the Fox will have to register again with the new locator.
  - Foxes enter their Foxhunt QSOs via the form the [EU QRP Foxhunt website](#) not later than 48 hours after the Foxhunt ending time.
  - For a QSO to be valid, the following data must be registered in the log:
    - ✓ Date & start time in UTC
    - ✓ His call sign (without /QRP or /QRPP suffixes)
    - ✓ His worldwide QTH locator (6 character format)
    - ✓ Band
    - ✓ My RST
    - ✓ His RST
    - ✓ My transmitter output power
    - ✓ His transmitter output power
- Other data (His name, His QTH, Comments, etc.) are optional.

- A Fox station must operate as Fox for the whole duration of a Foxhunt activity day (i.e. must not change from Fox to Hunter on the same day).

### 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 a 'real' report, name, six-character QTH locator, transmit power, rig and antenna description, etc.
- A Hunter station must operate as Hunter for the whole duration of a Foxhunt session (i.e. can not change from Hunter to Fox status on the same day)

## 2. Times & frequencies

Sunday: 09:30-10:30 UTC
10110-10120 kHz
14055-14065 kHz
18080-18090 kHz

Monday: 19:30-20:30 UTC
3560-3580 kHz
7025-7035 kHz

## 3. Scoring

- Each valid QSO counts for  $D / \sqrt{PF \times PH}$  points, with  
D: the distance (km) between the stations QTH locators  
PF and PH: transmit output power used at the Fox (F) / Hunter (H)
- At the end of each month, a temporary 'TOP 3 Hunters/Foxes List' will be published on the [EU QRP Foxhunt website](#)
- At the end of the 2016 EUQRP Foxhunt, each Hunter/Fox with at least 5 valid QSO's will be presented a personalized, downloadable certificate

## 4. QRS

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

## 5. 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