

25 TH IARU REGION 1 / EUROPEAN ARDF CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Introduction

Dear Sports Friends,

Romanian Federation of Radio Amateurs is pleased to invite ARDF teams, individual competitors and guests to visit Târgoviște, România and to participate in the 25 th IARU

Region 1/ European ARDF Championships.

Babeu Pavel. YO9TW

Chairman of the organizing committee

Dear participants, Distinguished guests,

On behalf of the local community and the administration of the Municipality of Targoviste, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to our city on the occasion of the 25th European Championships in Amateur Radio Direction Finding.

We are honored that Târgoviște has been chosen to host this prestigious European event, bringing together enthusiasts from all over the world — people united by curiosity, technology, and the passion for communication beyond borders.

Târgoviște, the former capital of Wallachia and a city rich in history and tradition, welcomes you with warmth, openness, and respect. I hope that your stay here will not only be a time of exciting competition but also an opportunity to discover the charm, hospitality, and cultural heritage of our community.

I wish you all great success in the competition, memorable moments, and an unforgettable experience here in Târgoviște.

Welcome to Târgoviște – the historic heart of Romania and, for a few days, the world capital of amateur radio!

With warm regards,

Daniel Cristian Stan,

Mayor of Târgoviște Municipality



Basic informations

Organizers:

IARU Region 1;

Romanian Federation of Amateur Radio (FRR);

Dâmbovița County Amateur Radio Association (AJRD).

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Venue and date of the event:

Târgoviște, in the central-southern part of Romania.

Dates of championships: August 16-22, 2026.

The event will take place in the historic center of Târgoviște, Dâmbovița County, at the Valahia Hotel (44°55'40.7"N 25°27'43.1"E), which will be the main accommodation and dining facility.



Letter of intent

The following countries/societies have declared their intention to participate:

Nr. crt.	Country		Society	Competitors	Officials/Visitors	Total
1	Austria		OVSV	3	0	3
2	Belgium		UBA	2	1	3
3	Bulgaria		BFRA	18	0	18
4	Croatia		HRS	1	0	1
5	Czech Republic		CRC	36	2	38
6	Estonia		ERAU	1	0	1
7	France		REF	0	1	1
8	Germany		DARC	29	1	30
9	Great Britain		RSGB	5	0	5
10	Hungary		MRASZ	18	6	24
11	Kazakhstan		KFRR	1	0	1
12	Lithuania		LRMD	20	3	23
13	Letonia		Letonia	1	1	2
14	Moldova		ARM	19	3	22
15	Netherlands		VERON	4	0	4
16	Poland		PZK	11	1	12
17	Romania		FRR	30	2	32
18	Slovakia		SARA	22	1	23
19	Slovenia		ZRS	10	0	10
20	Sweden		SSA	15	0	15
21	Switzerland		USKA	1	0	1
22	Ukraine		UARL	29	5	34
23	China (participate unofficially)		CRSOA	30	3	33
	TOTAL		-	306	30	336

International Jury:

Chairman of the Jury:	Franci ŽANKAR, S57CT	ZRS	Slovenia
Secretary of the Jury:	Marius MITRUȚ, YO3CZW	FRR	Romania
Referee at the start:	Lucien VIDAL, F4DKA	REF	France
Referee at the finish:	Karl-Heinz SCHADE, DL7VDB	DARC	Germany
Referees in competition area:	Željko BELAJ, 9A2QU	HRS	Croatia
	Dragan GAĆPAR, YU3GD	SRS	Serbia
	Lajos KRACJAR, HA2QW	MRASZ	Hungary
	Igor LAZAREV, US0VA	UARL	Ukraine
	Rusko RUSEV, LZIRT	BFRA	Bulgaria
Siting Referee:	Pavel BABEU, YO9TW	FRR	Romania
Technical Director:	Claudiu ANGHELESCU	FRR	Romania

Competition rules:

[IARU region 1 ARDF Rules — Part A — Competition, version 2020 \(valid from May 6th, 2020\)](#)

[IARU region 1 ARDF Rules — Part B — Competition, version 2025 \(valid from January 1 st, 2025\)](#)

Child protection policy:

http://www.ardf-r1.org/files/ CPP/ IARU_ Region_ 1_ Child_ Protection_ Policy_ Feb2016.pdf

Event programme:

Training camp:

Wednesday	August 12	Sprint
Thursday	August 13	3,5 MHz
Friday	August 14	144 MHz
Saturday	August 15	Foxoring

Note:

-The training session will only be organized if we have requests for a minimum of 50 participants;

Region 1 / European ARDF Championships

Detailed program of the Championships 2026:

Sunday, August 16 – Arrival, opening ceremony

15:00–17:00 Training for all competitions
18:00 Opening ceremony
20:30 Team officials' meeting

Monday, August 17 – Foxoring

8:00-9:00 Departure of buses to start area (competitors and officials)
8:45 Departure to finish area (officials and visitors)
10:00 Start of Foxoring
16:00 IARU R1 ARDF WG Meeting
20:30 Team officials' meeting

Tuesday, August 18- 1st classics

1st classics: 3,5 MHz (W19, W21, W35, M19, M21, M40)
144 MHz (W45, W55, W65, M50, M60, M70)
8:00-9:00 Departure of buses to start area (competitors and officials)
8:45 Departure to finish area (officials and visitors)
10:00 Start of 1st Classics
18:00 Awarding ceremony (1st classics + foxoring)
20:30 Team officials' meeting

Wednesday, August 19 – The day off

Thursday, August 20 – 2nd classics

144 MHz (W19, W21, W35, M19, M21, M40)
3,5 MHz (W45, W55, W65, M50, M60, M70)
8:00-9:00 Departure of buses to start area (competitors and officials)
8:45 Departure to finish area (officials and visitors)
10:00 Start of 2nd Classics
20:30 Team officials' meeting

Friday, August 21- Sprint

8:00-9:00 Departure of buses to start area (competitors and officials)
8:45 Departure to finish area (officials and visitors)
10:00 Start of Sprint
16:00 IARU R1 ARDF WG Meeting
18:00 Awarding ceremony and closing ceremony of competitions
(2nd classics + sprint)
20:00 Hamfest

Saturday, August 22 - Departure

Categories:

According to the Rules: W19 , W21, W35, W45, W55, W65, M19, M21, M40, M50, M60, M70.

Ranking:

Individual for each category and each competition, team ranking for each category for the two classics. Competitors at 1-3 places will be awarded with medals and certificates.

Transmitters and antennas:

3.5 MHz transmitters for foxoring (continuous)

RF power: field transmitters = 10 mW, finish beacon = 1W;

Antennas: field transmitters = 30 cm vertical (no counterpoise);

finish beacon = 8m vertical + 4x2m radials counterpoise;

Frequency: 3.530 MHz ... TX 1, 2, 1F, 2F, (MOE, MOI);

3.550 MHz ... TX 3, 4, 3F, 4F, (MOS, MOH);

3.570 MHz ... TX 5, 5F, (MO5);

3.600 MHz ... Finish beacon: (MO);

TX 1-5, finish beacon: keying speed 50 PARIS / TX 1F-5F: keying speed 70 PARIS.

3.5 MHz transmitters (classic)

RF power: 3W;

Antenna: 8m vertical + 4x2m radials counterpoise;

Frequency: 3.530 MHz ... TX 1-5;

3.600 MHz ... Finish beacon

144 MHz transmitters (classic)

RF power: 1W;

Antenna: turnstill, 3 m above ground level;

Frequency: 144.500 MHz ... TX 1-5;

144.900 MHz ... Finish beacon.

3.5 MHz transmitters for Sprint (1 minute cycle - 12s:48s)

RF power: 1W;

Antenna: 8m vertical + 4x2m radials counterpoise;

Frequency: 3.530 MHz ... TX 1-5 keying speed 50 PARIS;

3.550 MHz ... spectators control S keying speed 50 PARIS;

3.570 MHz ... TX F1-F5 keying speed 70 PARIS;

3.600 MHz ... Finish beacon keying speed 50 PARIS;

Flags:

Foxoring: standard 30x30 cm 3-sided white and orange flag at B (beacon) control. No flag at all other controls.

Classic 3.5 MHz: standard 30x30 cm 3-sided white and orange flag at all controls;

Classic 144 MHz: standard 30x30 cm 3-sided white and orange flag with a blue vertical stripe at all controls;

Sprint: standard 30x30 cm 3-sided white and orange flag at S (spectator) and B (beacon) controls. Red/white striped SI stand (no flag) at all other controls

Marking device:

SportIdent at all controls (NOT in the AIR mode), control numbers and bands are written on the SI units.

Note:

Note on use of GPS devices: The use of satellite positioning devices is allowed provided they do not contain digital map of the terrain.

Note on thunderstorm: In a case of a severe thunderstorm, the Chairman of the Jury may recall the competition (27.5 of the Rules). The competitors shall set for the finish immediately.

Insurance and Medical Care: First aid facility will be available at the finish areas for all competitions. No cost to the participant applies for on-site minor treatment; however, the cost for ambulance transportation, emergency department visits, and clinic visits will be the participant's responsibility. Thus, we recommend you to purchase an insurance covering such expenses.

Terrain characteristics, clothing, weather:

The terrain is hilly, characterized largely by sparse forest alternating with open meadow areas. In certain sections, the vegetation becomes denser, forming thickets that may make movement more difficult. The area is crossed by a welldeveloped network of trails.

In August, the average temperature is approximately 22°C, with frequent daytime highs of 27–29°C and nighttime lows of 16–18°C.

Regarding precipitation, August is generally stable and predominantly sunny. There is a possibility of short showers or summer storms, but these are usually isolated and of short duration.

Terrain, maps and competition areas

Terrain:

Land dominated by hills and plains with a good network of paths and various open spaces.



Maps and competition areas:

Foxoring - 1:10000, E=5m, A4

1st Classic - 1:10000, E=5m, A4

2nd Classic - 1:10000, E=5m, A4

Sprint - 1:5000, E=5m, A4

You can familiarize with embargoed areas which will be used for competitions [here](#).

Fees:

Entry fee Region 1/European ARDF Championships:

Competitors: 50 EUR/person/competition (4 x 50 = 200EUR/person for all);

Team officials and visitors: 25 EUR/person/competition (4 x 25 = 100EUR/person for all);

Number of team officials per team is not limited.

Entry fee Training camp:

Competitors: 20 EUR/pers/competition (4 x 20 = 80 EUR/person for all);

Team officials and visitors: 10 EUR/person/competition (4 x 10 = 40 EUR/person for all);

Accommodation and Board:

Region 1/European ARDF Championships:

500 euro / person per whole event

Hamfest fee for those not staying at Hotel Valahia: 25 euro / person.

Training camp

(we have two options):

- Valahia Hotel (25 euro/person/night, rooms 2 beds). Meals can be ordered at the hotel restaurant;
- Boarding school (12 euro/person/night, rooms 3-4 beds). Meals can be served in a catering mode (~20euro/day/person three meals on order);
- Payment for those registered for the training camp can also be made upon arrival in Târgoviște, without increase.

Deadlines:

List of participants and fee payment: July 01, 2026

For late payments, an additional charge 30% of the entry fees will be applied.

The participant registration list will be sent according to the attached EXCEL template.

Payment:

Wire transfer to the account:

Beneficiary: FEDERATIA ROMANA DE RADIOAMATORISM

IBAN: RO88 RNCB 0082 0441 6461 0009

BIC: RNCBROBU

Transportation:

Bucuresti –Targoviste (80 km)

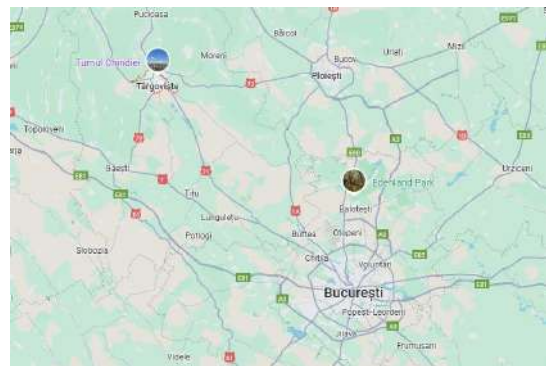
Brasov–Targoviste (110km)

Craiova – Targoviste (190km)

Sibiu – Targoviste (250km)

Cluj Napoca – Targoviste(400km)

Timisoara – Targoviste (500km)



Transportation from Bucharest- Otopeni International Airport (OTP), can be arranged upon request. Requests must be submitted to the organizers well in advance (together with the entries), and no later than 15 July 2026. The transfer price per person will be calculated based on the number of applicants.

Parteners and sponsors:



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