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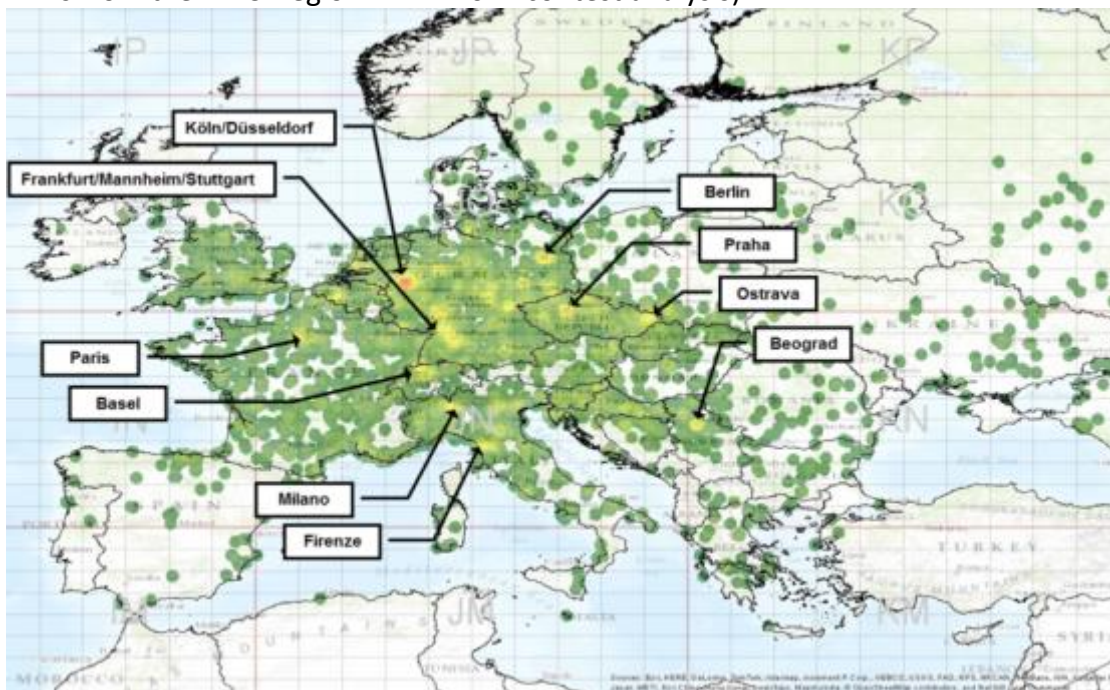
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The motivation to participate in the VHF and up contest depends a lot on the projected number of QSOs that participant could/would log. And this in turn mainly depends on the geographical location of the participating station. There are certain centres of activity (an example shown is from the IARU Region 1 VHF 2014 contest analysis).



In general, increasing the number of participants could be achieved by:

- Promoting the contests – in media, on the web, etc....
- Providing results in a fair time frame
- Organizing awarding ceremony
- Adding contest analyses of various complexity
- Setting EU wide contest forum where participants could share their experience and contest stories
- **Introducing new categories**

This paper is seeking a feedback from VHF and up community whether the introduction of a special category, that would motivate stations from the remote geographical locations to take part in the contest, would be reasonable?

For example, a new category could be based on the definition of the “location remoteness” and only stations that would qualify as “remote stations” could enter this section. As the remoteness is not the same for all contests and all frequency bands, it would generally be de-

defined only after the contest is finished and logs are available for analysis. As an example, “location remoteness” could be defined as:

1. Contest station is considered to be in a “remote location” when the number of potential workable stations is less than X within the distance radius less than Y, where X and Y would be frequency band dependent.

How to set X and Y is a different problem. Also, such a category would probably not suit the 50/70 MHz band and bands above 10 GHz.

The main question is: would such a new category stimulate more stations from the remote locations to take part in the contest?