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1. Introduction:

Worldwide all broadcasting stations in this AM band (531 – 1 602 kHz in Europe) are closing down. There are also a lot of collectors of old radio's in the world. It would be good that they can demonstrate / experiment with those old receivers (and transmitters).

2. Background:

There are a lot of radio amateurs who are also collectors of old radio equipment. There also a lot of museums about radio broadcasting. It would be interesting that the collectors and visitors could actually hear those kinds of radio's in real time.

DARC has a permission to use UKW (49 m band – 6 040 kHz) and the FM band (96,5, 99,7 and 102,6 MHz), see: <https://www.darc.de/nachrichten/radio-darc/>

3. Key points and proposal:

It would be good to start a project to get in different countries the permission to use some frequencies in the old AM band, during certain times. This mainly for historical purposes to preserve the cultural heritage of broadcasting. Countries who want to participate could coordinate the frequencies and times of broadcasting to have a good spread in time.

4. Recommendations:

Member societies should contact their regulators to obtain the necessary licences to broadcast in the AM bands to preserve the cultural heritage of the old broadcast stations.