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## PRESS RELEASE

### **The Deutscher Amateur Radio Club e.V. (DARC) Initiates Grantmaking Effort to Support Radio Network in Europe thanks to a Grant from Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC)**

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The Deutscher Amateur Radio Club e.V. (DARC) is pleased to announce that it will be boosting and securing European HAMNET expansion by providing sponsored hardware for radio links to make use of the AMPRNet IP space in Europe.

This new DARC project is made possible by a grant from Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC), a California-based private foundation. The organization has been making grants since 2019; this grant is the first international one on their roster. “Amateur radio is a worldwide hobby, and ARDC has wanted to make international grants since day one” says ARDC President Phil Karn. “One way we can do that is by partnering with international 501(c)(3) equivalents who are able to make grants in their region. That’s exactly what DARC will be doing with this grant - and their region encompasses all of Europe. We look forward to seeing what they do, and to engage in similar partnerships with other organizations outside the US.”

“Partnering with an organisation like ARDC is a great way of pursuing the goals of DARC, particularly the promotion of Amateur Radio in Germany and Europe” says Christian Entsfellner, President of DARC. “Being able to do this based on the great work and in the spirit of the late Brian Kantor is a true honor. We are highly excited that with this grant we can give the European HAMNET project a huge boost.”

As the first non-US 501(c)(3) equivalent organisation to receive a grant from ARDC, DARC is looking forward to the continued collaboration on these and future projects.

To learn more about DARC, visit [darc.de](http://darc.de). To learn more about ARDC’s grantmaking efforts, visit [ampr.org/giving](http://ampr.org/giving).

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