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EDITORIAL NOTE: Since January 1st, 1993, Spain, Portugal, Andorra, Azores and Gibraltar (ie. "Iberia") aren't covered in EuroNews. News from those countries are edited nowadays by Mr. Jari Vanhatalo from Oulu.

NEW COUNTRIES: At midnight on December 31, 1992, the state of Czechoslovakia ceased to exist after 74 years. The two new states are Czech Republic (Czechia/Cesko) and Slovak Republic (Slovakia/Slovensko). Population (approx.) is 10.6 millions in Czechia and 5.3 millions in Slovakia. Area (approx.) of Czechia is 79 000 sq. km and Slovakia 49 000 sq. km. [1] in [2]

ALBANIA: 657 Rrogozhina normally 648 kHz has been heard on this frequency. [3] via [4] via [5]

1089 is now used for local programs. R Gjirokastir gave ID at 1305 with the following frequencies in use: 1260, 1089, 909, 864, 693 and 1458 and at 1600 "Kanalit dyt experimental". [6] via [4] via [5]

BELGIUM: There are two local stations of BRT on AM: BRT Brabant Regional on 540 kHz and R Omroep West-Vlaanderen on 1188 kHz. Brabant regional has local programs at 06.00-07.00, 12.00-13.00 and 17.00-18.00 Belgium's time. Other times national program. V/s for Brabant Regional is Director Guido Cassiman. [7]

BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA: The radio station of the Bosnian Serbs, Studio S, has been heard on 1395 kHz. It makes no mention of that frequency, but announces instead 1242 kHz and a number of FM frequencies. [8] via [9]

Radio Bosne i Hercegovine address: V Putnika, 71000 Sarajevo. The station have been on 6220 kHz. [10] in [2]

BULGARIA: Financial difficulties have delayed the 2x500 kW project Kalyakra Cape (1125 kHz). [11] via [4] via [5]

Addresses and frequencies of local stations: R Blagoevgrad (747), 56 blv. A.Velitchkov, 2700 Blagoevgrad. R Plovdiv (648), 2, kn.Dondukov-Korsakov Street, 4000 Plovdiv. R Shoumen (963), 7, D.Voynikov Street, 9700 Shoumen. R Sofia (774), 4, blv. Dragan Tzankov, Capital Programmes Section, 1040 Sofia. R Stara Zagora (873), 75, N.Nikolov Street, 6000 Stara Zagora. R Varna (774), 22, blv. Primorski, 9000 Varna. [12]

BYELORUSSIA: Die Antwort via R Minsk can be heard every Sunday at 2030-2100 on 6010, 7210, 7255, 7420 and 9710 kHz. Address: Die Antwort, Postfach 767, CH-1701 Freiburg, Switzerland. [13] via [14] via [15]

CROATIA: Errata : In the last bulletin, I mentioned that ECR was moved to 6220 due to the interference of Hrvatski R on 6230 kHz. Of course, ECR moved from 6210 kHz, not from 6230 kHz. Sorry! Thanks to [16].

CZECHIA: RFE is now also on 1485 kHz //1287 kHz. [17] via [5]

The new Radio Prague has taken over the previous Radio Czechoslovakia schedule. The only change is that all previous broadcasts in Czech and Slovak are now only in Czech. There are also new broadcasts in Slovak, at 1030 and 1430, on 5930 kHz. [8] via [9]

ESTONIA: The medium wave transmitter in Tartu on 612 kHz which previously relayed Mayak programs from Moscow, is now carrying Estonian Radio's Fourth Program, in Russian. This includes local programs, as well as relays of Radio Liberty and the BBC. The transmitter in Tallinn on 1512 kHz, which previously carried Estonian Radio's Fourth Program in Russian, now carries the First Program, in Estonian. [8] via [9]

FRANCE: Radio France International is to broadcast programs in Turkish, Cambodian, and Laotian to Paris on medium wave 738 kHz, Sundays 1000-1100. [18] via [9]

GERMANY: SFB started to use 1449 kHz transmitter in Köpenicke (250 kW) on November 4th, 1992. [4] via [5]

801 and 520 kHz are now used by B5 Aktuell. Between 1800 and 2120 UTC 801 kHz is used for foreign language programs. [4] via [5]

Frequencies and transmitter sites of DLF: 153 Donebach, 207 Aholming, 549 Nordkirchen and Thurnau, 756 Braunschweig and Ravensburg, 810 Berlin, 1269 Neumünster, 1359 Berlin, 1539 Mainflingen and 1575 Burg. [19] via [5]

ICELAND: Latest RUV-schedule is as follows : to Scandinavia, United Kingdom and Europe at 1215-1300 on 13835 and 15770 kHz; and at 1855-1930 on 7870 and 11402 kHz. To North America at 1410-1440 on 13855 and 15770 kHz and at 1935-2010 on 13855 and 15770 kHz, and at 2300-2335 on 9275 and 11402 kHz. [20]

Errata : in the last bulletin, dated November 18th, the frequency was missing from NBS Keflavik. It should be 1530 kHz. Thanks to [21].

IRELAND: Radio Fax closed down on September 10 according to a QSL-letter asking support letters to be send to UK government. [7]

ITALY: 1584 "Musica Romagnola" is a new private station near Bologna. [6] via [4] via [5]

Radio Europe, Piotello is testing on weekends 13-17 on 25900 kHz (USB). The address is Via Davanzani 8, I-20158 Milano. [22]

Erre Ci 107 (ex-R Campogalliano), Modena is heard on 1405 kHz. [22]

KALININGRAD: A German religious program "Lutheran Hour" is now using Russian facilities in Kaliningrad (1386) and St.Petersburg at 1945-2000 (Sundays only?). [23] via [19] via [5]

LATVIA: Riga 945 150kW is now used by VOA Europe 0400-1545. [4] via [5]

The Latvian Radio and Television Council has granted transmission frequencies to 9 commercial broadcasting stations. Two of them, Radio SPH and Radio 2 (which relays VOA Europe), will be audible in the entire country. Vards, Un Co, Radio 2A, and one other service will be received only in Riga. There are also three regional stations: Jurmalas Radio, Jelgavas Profils M, and Balvu Merkurijs. [24] via [8] via [9]

RFE in Latvian at 1600-1700 on 945, 1071 and 1539 kHz. [17] via [5]

LITHUANIA: 684 Swedish Telecom has withdrawn their OK for using 981 kHz. Therefore Baltic Radio International has changed their frequency. They will start broadcasting on spring 1993. Transmitter site is north of Palanga just at the border of Latvia. Address : BRI, 107 Woodland Drive, Anlaby HU10 7HP, Humberside, England. Fax: +44 482 65 82 27. [25] via [26] and [4] via [5]

1458 Radiocentras is now using 12 kW according to the latest reports. [27] via [4] via [5]

The transmitter in Vilnius on 612 kHz, which formerly relayed the Mayak program from Moscow, is now carrying Lithuanian Radio's First Program. This transmitter has also been observed carrying Radio Vilnius in English at 2000. Mayak is now heard on 1557 kHz. Two other First Program transmitters, in Klaipeda and Viesintos, have switched from 1557 to 612 kHz, to create a new synchronized network. [8] via [9]

Radio Vilnius has added a new broadcast in English at 2000, apparently only on medium wave 666 and 1557 kHz. The broadcast at 2230 continues on 666, 1557, 9675, and 9710 kHz, and the broadcast at 0000 on 7150, 17605, and 17690 kHz. [28] via [8] via [9]

LUXEMBOURG: Radio Luxembourg's English service closed down at midnight on December 30th after 59 years of broadcasting. The station ran a two-hour programme covering the history of 'The Great 208' as part of its final night, put together by its longest-serving deejay, Mike Hollis. The final six hours were also broadcast on Luxembourg's previous home, the 1.2 megawatt AM transmitter now used by the company's German oldies station. [29]

Country Nites 1440, with close ties to the former Irish station R Nova, plans to hire airtime on the RTL transmitter during the European evenings and nights. As the name suggest, County & Western music programs will be aired, presented by English language DJs. [19] via [5]

MOLDOVA: R Pridnestrovye broadcasts daily on 999 and 1467 kHz. Pro-Russian programs are aired at 1900 in Russian, 2000 in Romanian and 2100 in Ukrainian. On 999 kHz, the Moldovans are deliberately jamming the broadcasts. Address: 25 Oktyabrya 1-134, Tiraspol 278000. [13] via [14] via [15]

NORWAY: The Democratic Voice of Burma, which broadcasts from Oslo using Norwegian transmitters, announces in English at sign-on that it is broadcasting between 1430 and 1555 on 15140 kHz. [8] via [9]

POLAND: 531 New polish transmitter with program IV. Location Gabin (Lódz) or Raszyn (Warzaw). [4] via [5]

The new transmitter of Polish Radio's First Program was formally started on December 16th at Raszyn. It has been testing since October 26th, on 225 kHz. [8] via [9]

RFE in Polish at 05-07 and 16-23 on 738, 819, 1080, 1206 and 1305 kHz. [17] via [5]

ROMANIA: The external service of R Moldova was conducting tests on SW, presumably via R Romania International transmitters on January 6 & 7. Schedule was: Wed 1900-1925 on 9620 to France, 1935-2000 on 9620 to Spain, 0130-0155 on 9755 to Latin America and 0205-0230 to U.S.A. On Thursday 1300-1325 on 15390 to France and 1335-1400 on 15285 to Spain. [30] and [31] via [32]

RUSSIA: 1188 DW St.Petersburg is new // 702 Moscow. [33], [34]

1260 R SNC is silent, not heard since September 27th with own programs. Radio Golos Nadezhy can be heard in the mornings 0430-0515+, and BBC WS during the day. (See next item!) [33]

A 24 hour relay of the BBC World Service has begun in Moscow on 1260 kHz. [8] via [9]

Because of material difficulties, Radio Pamyat has reduced its schedule. It is now on the air once a day, 1430-1600 on 7230 kHz. [9]

7230 R Kompaniya Ostankino, Moscow heard here on November 28th at 1255-1430 when QRMed by R St.Pamyat. Has U.S.A. Top 20 on Saturdays at 1330. [33]

Radio Ala has moved from 3995 kHz to 5900 kHz, where it is scheduled to broadcast 24 hours a day. [35] via [8] via [9]

1395 R Titan Kompani, Ufa heard here on December 5th. The station announces the address: Ul. Sovietskaya 14, kabinet 9, 450008 Ufa. See also the next item! [33]

R Titan, Ufa, Bashkortostan is a new station of the Radio Titan Company formed by Body-Building Association of the Russian Federation, according to BBC Monitoring Service. The organization claims a longstanding, friendly association with the VOA, hence relays VOA programs at certain times. Programs from Radio Sweden have also been aired. R Titan broadcasts in Russian and is heard 0800-0900 daily, as well as 0900-1000 on Saturdays. [8] via [14] via [15]

1539 R Delovaya Volna, Moscow reactivated with a high power transmitter. [33]

5780 R Shark, Ufa is silent. [33]

6185 R Shark, Ufa now here. Has also R Titan Kompani programs //1395. [33]

6030 Radio "Nika-M4", Murmansk // FM 66.02 MHz. Schedule: Mon/Wed/Fri 11-12, Tue/Thu 10-11 and Sun 22-02 UTC. Address: Z. Kosmodemyanskoy Str., 16-35, Murmansk 183008. V/s is V.Yefremov, Director. [33]

918 Open Radio has the following schedule: 0300-0400 RL; 0400-0500 Open R in English (Mon-Fri), VOA Europe (Sat/Sun); 0500-0530 BBC WS; 0530-0600 BBC WS (Mon-Fri); 0600-0700 BBC WS; 0700-0800 VOA in English (Mon-Fri); 0800-0830 RM WS in English (Mon-Fri); 0830-0900 VOA Europe (Mon-Fri); 0700-0900 Open R Europe in English (Sat/Sun); 0900-0915 BBC WS; 0915-1400 VOA Europe; 1400-1700 Open R in Russian; 1700-1900 RL; 1900-2100 VOA in Russian; 2100-2200 BBC WS and 2200-2300 VOA Europe. [36] via [37] via [5]

R Polis seems to be only on 1053 kHz (no longer on 6045 kHz) since November. Schedule: 0430-1700. [38] via [14] via [15]

R Vedo, Volgograd latest schedule: 0500-0900 (Sat/Sun) on 1467, 5915, 7125 and 7185 and 1500-1900 (daily) on 1467, 7185, 9655, 11760 and 13710 kHz. [13] via [14] via [15]

AWR Europe via Russia transmitters is not as the schedule issued suggests. AWR have released the schedule while admitting that they have no control over frequencies allocated by the Russians. [38] via [14] via [15]

R Art, Moscow broadcasts business and cultural news, also carrying popular music and commercials, in Russian. Programs are presented by voices of popular actors/actresses of theater and cinema. Address: Academician Koroleva Street 19, 127427 Moscow. Schedule is 0515-0700 on 11655 and 1500-1800 on 11700 kHz. [8] via [14] via [15]

SLOVAKIA: 1521 is now running in parallel with 1098 kHz. Both seem to be 24h/day. [26] via [5]

Slovak Radio's new external service in Slovak has been heard at 0130-0200 on 5930 and 7345 kHz and at 1900-1930 on 9505 and 9580 kHz. The station is announcing as well an hour long program at 1400 on 6055, 7345, and 9505 kHz. [8] via [9]

UKRAINE: 1476v R Nezelesnic, Lvov announced this address: Ulitsa Teatr Romanova 12, 290005 Lviv (not 100% sure). Carries R Liberty in Ukrainian in the mornings and late in the evenings. Own programs seems to start at 1500 UTC on Sundays. Has a rock-format. [33]

1395 Trans-M-Radio, Simferopol, transmitting 0600-0900, is the first local radio station in Crimea. It started on June 22, 1992. R Mayak uses the frequency 0900-0600. [19] via [5]

1550 Radio Gromada, Chernihiv/Chernigov, is a private station. [39] via [22] via [15]

UNITED KINGDOM: The BBC have delayed the launch date of their new rolling news service in an effort to try and placate listeners. The new service will not now launch until the Governors of the BBC are "satisfied that transmission arrangements meet the listeners' needs throughout the UK". In practice they have set an "operational planning" date of April 5th, 1994 for its launch on Radio Four's Long Wave frequency. [29]

The BBC has brought in massive cuts to its six local stations in Scotland. The services in Aberdeen, Orkney, Shetland, Tweed, Solway and the Highlands previously opted out from Radio Scotland for their own local programming. Under the new scheme, their only local input will be for short news, weather and travel bulletins. [29]

GLR, the BBC Local Radio station for London, are to move to an all-talk format for an hour at breakfast, lunchtime and afternoon drivetime. Station staff are reported to be unhappy at the move which was forced on them by management higher up in the BBC. Management at the Corporation are keen to push the news side of BBC Local Radio to distinguish it from ILR, which in most parts of the country has diluted its local news output. GLR had argued that they were a special case given the rather different competition they face to most BBC Local Radio stations. [29]

603 Invicta R is now continuous 420 watts, earlier 120 watts day and 420 watts nights. Invicta on 603 and 1242 have same program, but commercial advertisements are split, ie. two separate feeds controlled by presenter. [7]

Local community station R Maldwyn, serving Newtown and Welshpool, will eventually take over 756 kHz, as the final BBC R Shropshire news bulletin heard on 756 kHz confirmed. [40] via [14] via [15]

BBC R Shropshire is not quitting 1584 kHz after all. [41] via [5]

Sunshine 855 v/s is Dave Porter. [42]

1458 BBC R WM v/s is Tony Wadsworth, Programme Organizer [43]

1323 South Coast R v/s is Guy Hornsby, Programme Controller. [43]

Essex ILR station Mellow 1557 has increased its weekly reach to 26% and is now second to Radio One in its transmission area, according to new research from the station. [29]

Capital Radio has bought Midlands Radio Group. This now means that just three groups control 50% of ILR stations in the UK. Southern Radio Holdings own Ocean, Southern, Invicta, Mercury, Mellow, etc (a monopoly on the South and East) while GWR have very expansionist plans in the west, which now include Spire (Salisbury) and 51% of Isle of White Radio, and include most of the West country, as well as aspersions towards Ludlow. Now we have Capital taking over Midlands. Apparently their sale of Rivera Radio in France last month was to fund this move. [44] in [2]

Frequency allocations for the new national Virgin R are likely to change from previously published information. Previous reports indicated use of 1197 and 1215 kHz as main channels, supported by ex BBC local radio channels such as 729, 1485 and 1521 kHz. In an attempt to rationalize the distribution of frequencies nationally, Virgin R is hoping to use only channels between 1197 and 1242 kHz. Specific allocations are not yet public and if the Radio Authority doesn't give the go ahead, Virgin will fall back on the previously published frequency allocations.

It seems that frequency uncertainty will not put back start of test transmission due for next spring, and tests with new frequencies or at new sites may be brief. This could mean new UK activity on three channels, 1206, 1224 and 1233 kHz, except the already allocated channels 1197, 1215 and 1242 kHz. Any activity on channels other than 1215 kHz is intended to fill holes in the main coverage area, so transmitters are likely to be low power, probably 0.5-2 kW. [45] via [41] via [15]

YUGOSLAVIA: Tanjug news agency, as heard by BBC Monitoring Service, reported that R Yugoslavia External Service is broke. Management said it no longer had money to pay its power bills or staff salaries. Station Board after an emergency meeting said it would shut down unless the Serbian Government could provide operating funds. Since January 1992, staff had been cut from 180 to 140, and program hours had increased from ten to 34 daily. [30] and [31] via [32]

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