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Dear member societies of IARU-R1,

As you already know **Powerline Communication** is a severe threat to our Hf- bands and the future of amateur radio in Europe. The Austrian Amateur Radio Society OeVSV has taken necessary steps already very early, since some PLT trials were conducted in Austria by utility companies. To make the very long story short, the OeVSV has taken some leading role in creating awareness among administrations and HF-users worldwide. This resulted in some reasonable success on a nationwide basis in stopping trials from expanding all over Europe. Austrian PLT trial is facing a negative decree from Ministry of Telecommunications as an example for other countries. We have also spent a lot of effort in attending bodies of standardisation and the Joint Working Group ETSI-CENELEC in Europe, as well as doing some direct lobbying at the European Commission in Brussels. Furthermore OeVSV has dedicated a skilled person for Public Relations and Press Media contact. We provided extensive material for journalists in Europe and even got our video material about PLT interference broadcasted on European wide Satellite channel WDR (German language). Many meetings with experts, investors, top managers and administrations have been held. CDRoms and Video-CDs have been produced and distributed to key decision makers in Europe. The IT-team of OeVSV is operating the popular website [www.powerline-plc.info](http://www.powerline-plc.info) in German and ENGLISH language and does professional promotion of this site with Google advertisements. All these activities have been well supported by IARU R1 representative Hilary Claytonsmyth and Eurocom Gaston Bertels. Results and the actual status of PLT in Europe and the world can be read in details in an additional informational paper from Oevsv with title "Status of PLT 2005".

Helping our members in case of actual harmful interference caused by PLT, resulted in many workhours for our lawyers in several cases at court and high court.

The OeVSV is small compared to other societies in Europe and financially not prepared to withstand utility companies for long time. Therefore I have to address our request for extraordinary financial support to IARU Region 1 member societies. We would kindly ask for your help in contributing to fund our recent PLT-activities. The cost so far are well above 35.000 Euro and activities are still needed to protect shortwave.

Since these activities are for the benefit of all radio users in Europe, we would appreciate your substantial help to cover cost and enable OeVSV to continue to exist.

Please consider the proposal and decide in favour of our solidarity.

Thank you .