

RADIODYSSEY IN SPACE

1st A.R.S. PLANETARY MISSION - 2026

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The official launch date and the full rules will be announced shortly through the dedicated websites and social-media channels.

Radio enthusiasm becomes exploration

A.R.S. – Amateur Radio Society presents the 1st A.R.S. Planetary Mission, a special activity for all radio enthusiasts: Radiodyssey in Space.

The initiative turns every radio contact into a symbolic journey from Earth into space.

Taking on the role of radio astronauts, participants will travel in spirit towards ever more distant planets and milestones, collecting special QSL cards that mark each stage of the mission.

A continuing award

Radiodyssey in Space will have an official start date, to be announced shortly, but no enddate: it is a continuing award. Every participant may therefore experience the mission at their own pace, with no requirement for constant activity.

A journey from Earth into space

The journey begins on Earth and develops symbolically through space, passing the Moon and heading towards the principal worlds of the Solar System: Venus, Mars, Mercury, the asteroid belt, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

Each milestone represents a level of the adventure and entitles the operator to the corresponding special QSL card. The project uses the language of space exploration to celebrate what makes radio enthusiasm unique: the ability to connect people, places and cultures across great distances.

Mission stations

- Participating A.R.S. Clubs are identified as “Spaceships”.
- The A.R.S. national callsign IQ2GSF represents the “Mothership”.
- A.R.S. stations may be contacted more than once on the same day, provided different bands or modes are used.
- In phone operation, the calling procedure for A.R.S. Clubs is “CQ Radiodissea A.R.S.” or “CQ Radiodissey A.R.S.”.
- In CW and digital modes, the calling procedure is “CQ ARS”.

Operating details

This is not an individual contest. It is an event designed to encourage participation, club spirit and the shared enjoyment of radio. There are no fixed operating hours and no requirement for continuous activity.

Contacts may be made using phone, CW and digital modes on the 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metre bands. Both domestic and international QSOs are encouraged, with the aim of strengthening relationships among operators worldwide.

QSL cards and recognition

Participating A.R.S. Clubs will receive special QSL cards dedicated to Radiodyssey in Space, created as a memento of the event and a distinctive sign of their contribution to the mission.

A.R.S. Clubs that complete at least 5000 contacts during the initiative will be awarded a merit plaque, in recognition of their participation and commitment to the mission.

QSL cards will be sent exclusively in digital format by email.

Non-A.R.S. operators may obtain the award QSL cards by contacting three A.R.S. Clubs, or two Clubs and the Mothership, or the Mothership alone. For A.R.S. Members, all contacts made will be valid, including those made without contacting activating stations.

Contacts may be recorded and submitted in ADIF format according to the procedures to be published through the dedicated channels. There is no deadline for submitting logs.

For information: radiodissea@arsitalia.it.

An invitation to take part

Radiodyssey in Space is an opportunity to experience radio enthusiasm as a journey of discovery: an imaginary voyage from Earth into space, built through signals, voices, Morse code and digital contacts.

It is an original way to feel part of an international community, share station activity and remember that every call on the air can open a new route.

May propagation be with you.

