

Via Regia Award

VIA REGIA is the name of the oldest and longest road link between Eastern and Western Europe. The route exists since more than 2.000 years and connects 8 european countries through a length of 4.500 km. For the promotion of the amateur radio activities along this historical road the DARC Ortsverband Schöneck (F75) lends the Via Regia award to all licenced radio amateurs and SWLs for proven contacts after January 1st 2010.

The award can be requested on short wave or UHF. For the acquisition of the award 100 points are necessary.

On short wave contacts with **all** eight countries (Spain (EA), France (F), Belgium (ON), Germany (DL), Poland (SP), Ukraine (UR), Belarus (EU), Lithuania (LY)) are needed. Each contact counts 5 points. A contact with a station from the Ortsverband Schöneck (F75) or Nidderau (F31) counts 10 points, a contact with a club station of F75 or F31 counts 20 points.

On UHF contacts with stations in the federal states Hessen (DOK F), Saxonia (DOK S), Saxony-Anhalt (DOK W) and Thuringia (DOK X) are needed. These federal states are situated along the old trade route „Hohe Straße“ from Frankfurt to Leipzig as section of the Via Regia. Each contact counts 5 points. A contact with a station from the Ortsverband Schöneck (F75) or Nidderau (F31) counts 10 points, a contact with a club station of F75 or F31 counts 20 points. A contact with a station from F75 or F31 is mandatory.

The award request with a GCR-List (list of QSL-cards) can be sent by email to viaregiaaward@googlemail.com. There is no restriction of bands or mode of operation. Each station can be rated per volume only once. Relay or echolink contacts are valid.

The award is free of charge and will be send in PDF-format. A printed DIN-A4-format version is available at the cost price of 5€ (please ask for banking informations via email) on the post office way.