



AMARC Europe - World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters
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AMARC Europe is the European branch of the World Association of Community Radio broadcasters, AMARC. The association brings together a network of more than 4,000 community radios, Federations and community media stakeholders in more than 115 countries. The main global impact of AMARC since its creation in 1983, has been to accompany and support the establishment of a world wide community radio sector that has democratized the media sector. AMARC advocates for the right to communicate at the international, national, local and neighbourhood levels and defends and promotes the interests of the community radio movement through solidarity, networking and Cooperation.

AMARC Europe gathers members in 24 European countries and it has been working in collaboration with its members, other European fora (such as the Community Media Forum Europe) and European institutions to advocate for the full acknowledgement of the community media sector across Europe¹.

AMARC Europe Contribution:

Amarc Europe fully endorse and support the contributions and observations presented by the Community Media Forum Europe and by the Syndicat National des Radios Libres (France).

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¹The social value of the sector has been reaffirmed by the *Declaration of the Committee of Ministers on the role of community media in the promotion of the social cohesion and the intercultural dialogue*, adopted by the Council of Europe on 11 February 2009, and the *Resolution of 25 September 2008 of the European Parliament on Community Media in Europe (2008/2011 (INI))*.