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Introduction:

The number of radio amateurs and participants of contests has increased all the years and therefore also the potential of conflicts between contesters and non-contesters because of different interests.

Contests organized by national societies have different numbers of participants. Some have many, some have less. Trying to organize some national contests in parallel or combine some - when the total number of participants allows it - would reduce the pressure on the contest scene. (Some contests are already "combined" like the Scandinavian Contest, Southeast Europe Contest).

Rules of national contests with parallel activity should then allow cross-contest activity.

It would be desirable to get some more contest-free weekends in the future.

Member societies in other regions could be approached in this regard.

Proposal:

To encourage to organise combined contests or to run contests in parallel.

To create a suitable platform to discuss this matter may be in a sub-working group and a reflector, with the aim to make recommendations to the next conference.