ARDC Community Meeting

16 July 2022

Agenda

- Welcome & Housekeeping
- Staffing Update
- Grants Update
- Hamfests and Conferences
- 44Net
    - Updates
    - Overview of survey results
    - Discussion

“Operation Hamulanche” (RDRF) at a middle school, Feb 2021

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Housekeeping

- This session is being ⦿ recorded
- Questions in the chat window please!
- All materials will be posted after the call

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Staffing Updates

- **Tim Požár**

  From TAC volunteer to Technology Management Consultant

- **Now Hiring Director of Technology**

  In the interviewing stage

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Grants Update - New in 2022

- **New Review Process**
  - Allows ARDC to evaluate more proposals
  - Compares similar projects

- **New Web Pages**
  - Updated instructions on applying
  - More concise/refined categories
  - Rundown on what happens after you get a grant
  - You can now leave us feedback anonymously

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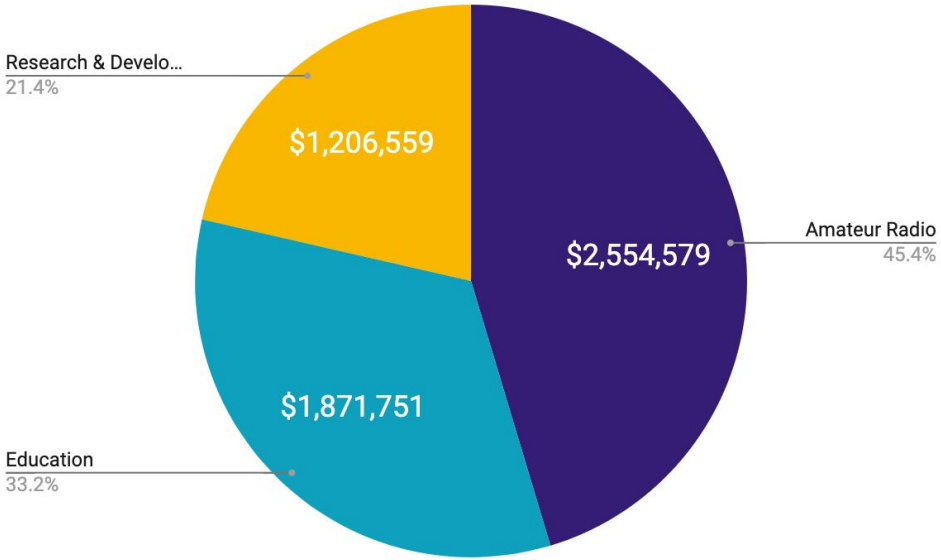
Grants Update - Overview



- **New grants!**
  - A total of 61 new projects
  - $5,632,889 awarded so far in 2022

- **2022 Request trends**
  - 86 proposals were received
  - We funded 56% of requests

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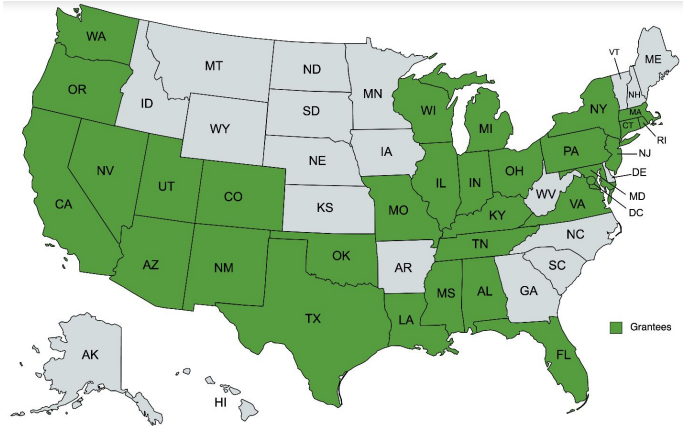
Grants Update - Project Trends

- Amateur radio to new audiences
- Increased capacity for established ham clubs



- Would like to see more R&D proposals
- Still striving for more international projects

Grants Update

Growing Participation in Amateur Radio Direction Finding
Sangamon Valley Radio Club
$1,824

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Grants Update

Why Ham Radio Matters
National Radio Astronomy Observatory
$315,123

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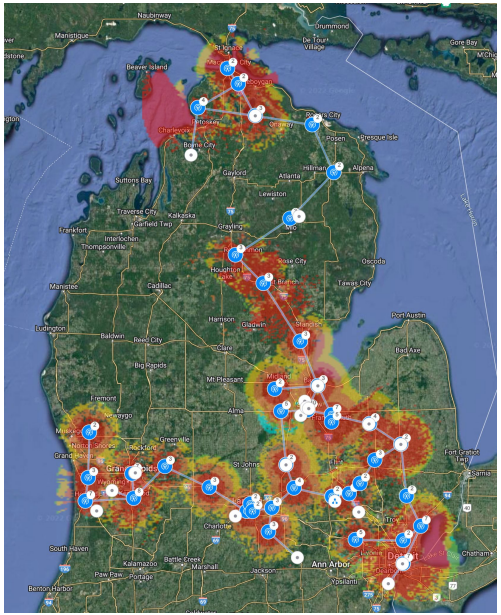
Grants Update



Central Michigan Emergency Network

Mi6WAN Project

$250,945

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Grants Update - What's Next?

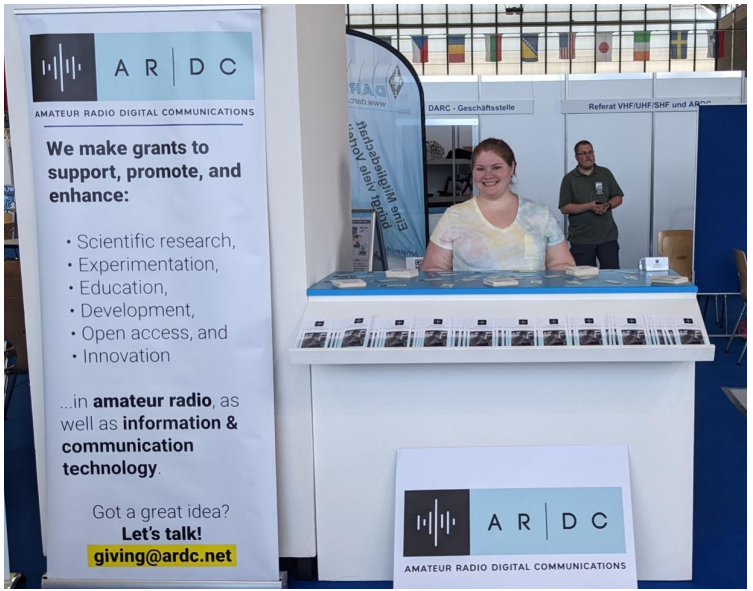
Upcoming Deadline:
You can apply any time, but applications submitted after October 1 will be reviewed in 2023

Hypha
New, open source grant application system
grants.ardc.net

Hamfests and Conferences

Hamcation, Orlando

Adam, KC7GDY
Dan, KB6NU
John, K7VE



Ham Radio, Friedrichshafen

Merideth, KK7BKI
John, K7VE
Leandro G5LSI

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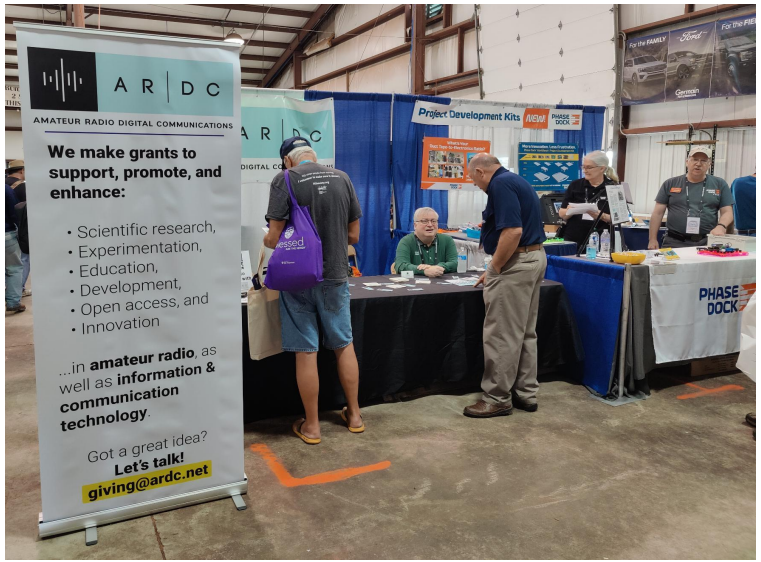

Hamvention, Xenia
John, K7VE speaks with some visitors

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Hamfests and Conferences

In the second half of 2022, come see us at:

- DEFCON 30, Las Vegas, NV, August 11-14, 2022
- HamXposition 2022, Marlboro, MA, August 26-28, 2022
- TAPR Digital Communications Conference (DCC), Charlotte, North Carolina, September 16-18, 2022
- GNU Radio Conference (GRCon22), Washington, DC, September 26-30, 2022

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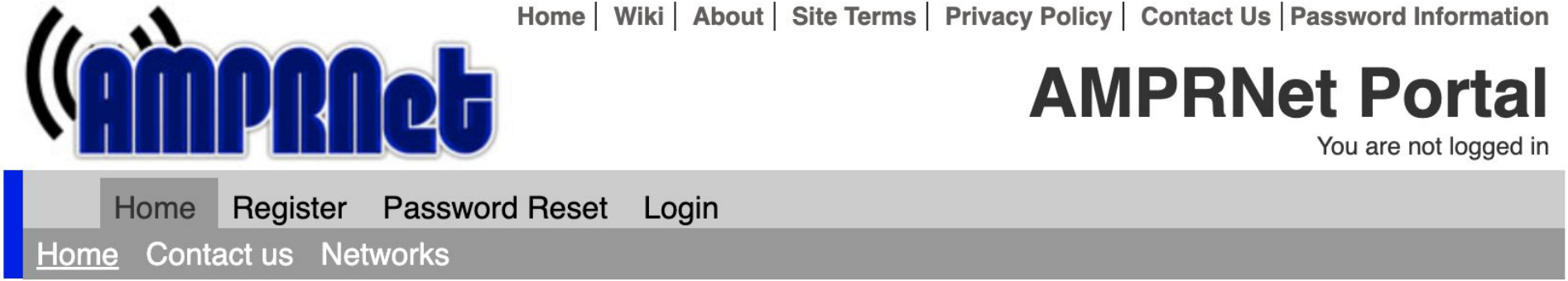
44Net Updates



Technical Advisory Committee has been working on a technical requirements document for a new version of the Portal.

44Net Assessment

- Purpose is to detail the **current state** of 44Net as a starting point for **future visioning**
- Contract with Two for objective, professional research
- **Next steps** for assessment:
  - Additional quantitative data collection
  - Focus groups
  - Executive write-up presented to Board of Directors
    - Expected October 2022

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44Net Assessment

- Released May 26
- **1766** total responses
- **Translated professionally** from English into German, French, and Japanese

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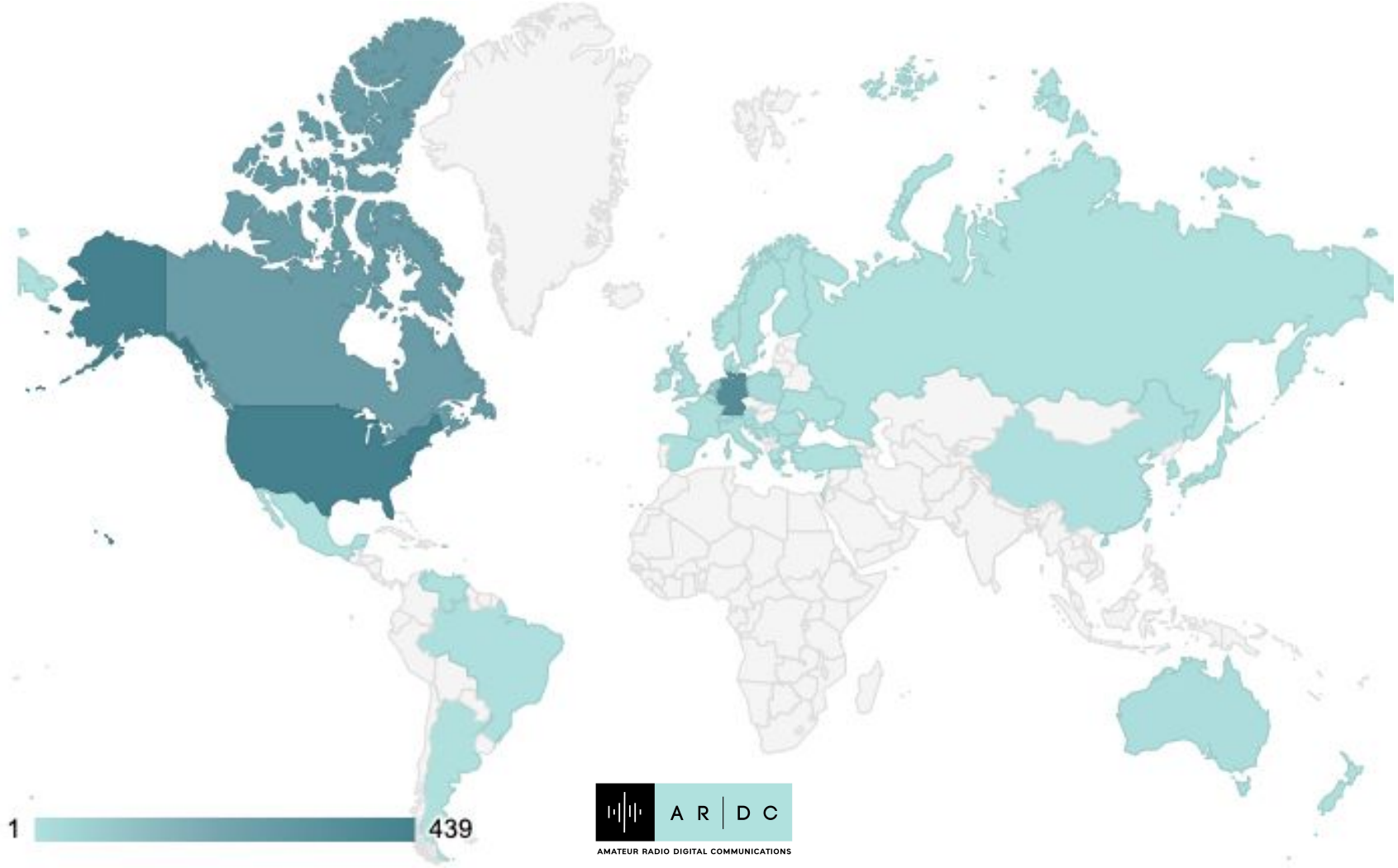

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Common Themes

- **Inconsistent regional coordinators,** both policies & response time vary

- **AMPRgw approach with IPIP mesh is challenging in the modern internet;** where CG-NAT is increasingly common and a single California PoP is a latency penalty for many users

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Common Themes

- Applications *(ie: web browsing, Jitsi video conference)* are rapidly going to a trusted security model with encryption required & on-by-default; **this makes operating an "encryption free" network difficult**

- **Need for offering RIR services**, or at bare minimum, RPKI & reverse DNS delegation; participation in the global routing communities

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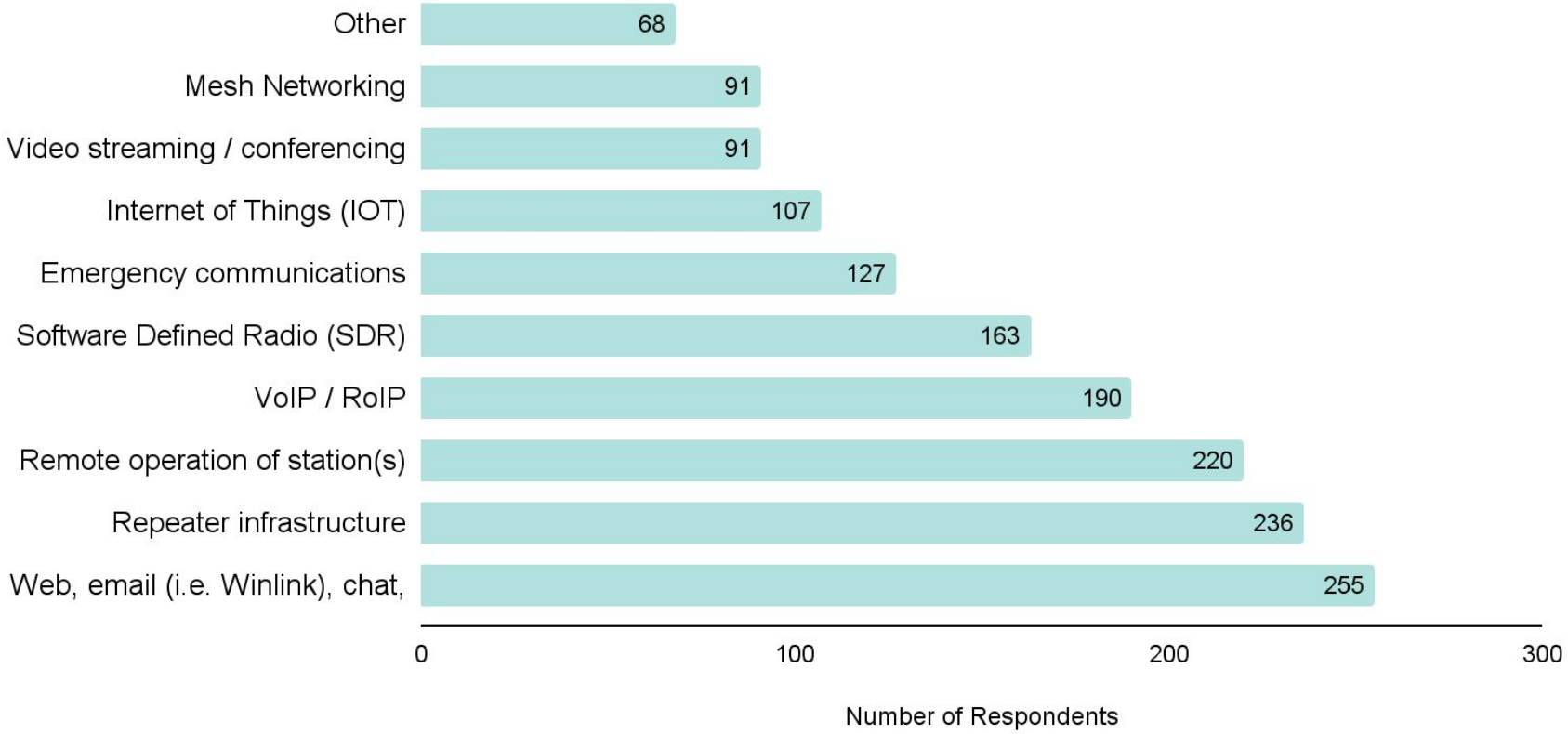
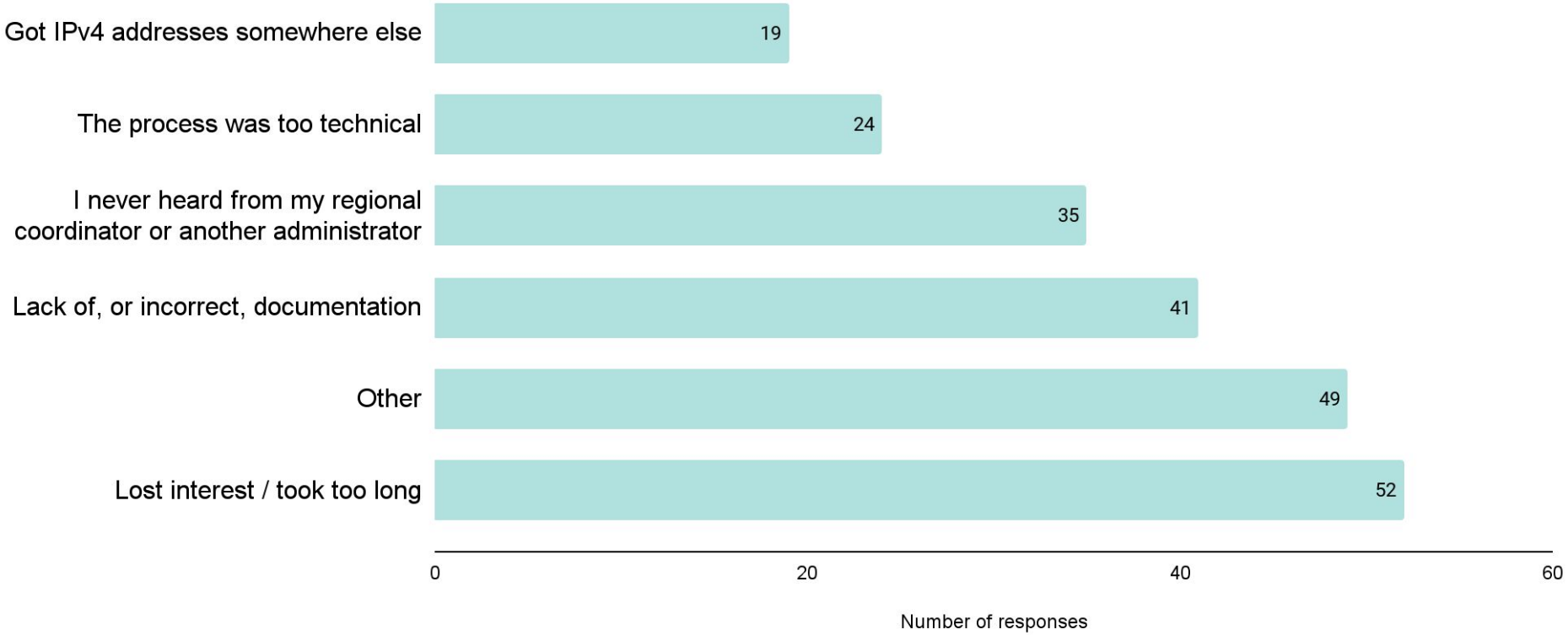
What applications or services are you running on your 44Net prefix(es)?



Why were you unsuccessful using 44Net?



Noteworthy Comments

“Make use of that address pool easier - move beyond just administering allocation. Just handing out IPs is only useful in a very small number of very specific use cases and circumstances - these don't apply to most people…”

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Noteworthy Comments

“As a sysop/experimenter you need a **counterpart**/other station. It would be nice to have some kind of **IP address book** with used **applications**.”

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Noteworthy Comments

“ARDC should delegate large subnets (/16-/18) to other non-profits that are within other jurisdictions.”

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Noteworthy Comments

“In my opinion global visibility of 44Net has been decreasing for years. **I think ARDC should invest in creation of educational and operational materials for the possible uses of 44Net**, in English and then translations to other local languages around the world.

Also establish some sort of "Academy" for different age groups that local clubs can follow and get new people interested in.”

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Connections with Grants

Comment from Survey	Related Grant
Frustrations with the Linux AX.25 kernel	Hire developers to create a stable implementation of the stack *Granted December 2021 to DARC*
“Essentiell für HAMNET” / “Essential for HAMNET!”	Expand and solidify infrastructure of the network. *Granted April 2021 to DARC*

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Q & A

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What actions or support are critical to making 44Net more accessible?

Examples:

- Improved **documentation**
- Easier to use software (or a pre-configured router)
- **Consistency with allocation** process
- Hardware **recommendations**, documented use cases

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What are examples of cool use cases of 44Net?

Examples:

- Experimental **Autonomous System** (AS)
- Remote licensing exams running on **servers using 44Net**

What did we not ask, but should?

Thank you!

Reach out any time: *contact@ardc.net*