LPAM IN THE NETHERLANDS - part 2

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Welcome back. In this second part, we continue our journey through the fascinating Dutch LPAM landscape, now covering frequencies from 1008 to 1287 kHz. Once again, I am writing from the perspective of southwestern Finland, using a 500-meter longwire antenna in Bromarv, and all reception observations are based on listening at my Bromarv QTH.

1008 kHz

Today, the easiest station on 1008 kHz is **Radio Transparant** (Creil). Its music mix is impressively wide: Top 40, reggae, piramuziek, and extensive Dutch collections. Radio Transparant is very loyal to full-hour identifications, making it an easy and reliable catch for DX listeners.

Radio Babylona (Musselkanaal) often has the strongest signal on this frequency, although it is not on air daily. Babylona is one of the true LPAM pioneers, having started already in 2016 on 747 kHz, later moving to 675 kHz, and finally settling on 1008 kHz in 2019. Babylona's QSL card design is very special and beautiful.

One of the most unique LPAM stations of all is **Radio Twente Gold** (Hengelo). Its format is entirely devoted to music from 1920 to 1949: swing, salon music, big bands, early jazz, Charleston, foxtrot. Music you are unlikely to hear anywhere else on the radio. Twente Gold originally broadcast on 1467 kHz before moving to 1008 kHz. Reception was slightly easier on 1467, but it has always been a genuine DX challenge. Fortunately, the station also offers an excellent online stream: https://www.twentegold.nl/

Radio Twente Gold was heard in Finland for the first time in December 2022. When Michiel van Ooijen, the man behind the station, received his first Finnish reception report, he did something truly extraordinary: he produced a special one-hour Finnish-language program, featuring old Finnish music and announcements spoken in Finnish. He had never studied the language before, but with the help of online translation tools, he made it happen. There

Impact AM TX-rack from the 1008 AM era.

are very few stations anywhere in the world that have broadcast in Finnish, and Radio Twente Gold became the first Dutch LPAM station ever to do so.

The newest arrival on 1008 kHz is **Radio Intiem** (Monster). Test transmissions began in November 2025, and the station is usually on air on Saturdays between 07:00 and 19:00 Dutch time. Let's hope this promising newcomer will be heard often in the years ahead.

Impact AM (Wassenaar) now broadcasts on 747 kHz, but between 2019 and 2021 it was active on 1008 kHz. At this point, I must correct an error from Part 1: it was in fact Impact AM that conducted the famous Morse code poetry DX tests. In May 2020, the station transmitted poems in Morse code written by Dutch cultural icons Herman Brood and Jules Deelder. Surely one of the most unusual and creative DX tests ever conducted.

Several stations that once made 1008 kHz lively have since closed down. **Radio Experience** (Rhenen) and **United AM** (Neede) were both regularly heard in Finland and are greatly missed.

Looking ahead, there are also future plans for this frequency: **KBC Radio**, currently on 891 kHz, intends to launch a relay transmitter from Wageningen on 1008 kHz in the near future.

1035 kHz

This is a bit of a strange frequency on the Dutch LPAM scene, because only one station has been using it, and very irregularly. **Neverland Radio** (Venlo) was heard in Finland in November and December 2021, around midday. They were on the air on selected Saturdays at 11-15 Dutch time. Despite Estonia and NorthSound on the same frequency, the signal was quite nice in Bromarv. It would be great to have Neverland returning, and maybe some other Dutch stations using 1035, too.

1098 kHz

The most regularly heard Dutch LPAM station on 1098 kHz in Finland is **Seabreeze FM** (Laren). Although they are even stronger on 1395 kHz, also 1098 kHz provides reliable reception in Bromarv. At the moment, 1395 is temporarily silent, but 1098 continues to deliver steady signals. Seabreeze is among the pioneers of the Dutch LPAM scene and will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2026. Their professionally produced programming has always been a pleasure to follow.

Het Milano Team (Punthorst) operates only on weekends. When active, their signal often surpasses Seabreeze here in southern Finland. Their format consists of classic Dutch *piratenmuziek* and folk music: warm, melodic, and unmistakably regional.

Radio Mexico (Den Bosch) was active for less than half a year during the latter part of 2025. Due to its more southern location in the Netherlands, reception in Finland was limited, though I managed to log it a few times. I had previously heard Radio Mexico on 95.2 MHz FM in 2022 here in Finland, so it was encouraging to see them enter the LPAM mediumwave scene as well. It is a pity their stay on 1098 was so brief.

Another departure was **Radio Billy Beun** (Klazienaveen), which ended its LPAM broadcasts at the turn of 2025/2026. Billy Beun is widely known for its shortwave activity, and it was a welcome addition to the mediumwave band. With just 50 watts on 1098 kHz, reception in Finland was never easy, yet it did happen a few times. Fortunately, the station continues on shortwave. Thank you for being part of the Dutch LPAM landscape on mediumwave as well.

1116 kHz

Backyard AM (Zaandijk) is currently the only Dutch LPAM station on 1116 kHz. In Finland, this frequency is extremely challenging. The dominant signal is Hungary, and in addition the BBC transmitters from Derby and Guernsey have made reception particularly difficult.

Despite these obstacles, Backyard AM has been heard twice in Finland. The first one to receive Backyard here was Pekka Sorjonen. The second reception was made possible thanks to a special DX test: the station kindly transmitted a 400 Hz test tone, which allowed clear identification under heavy interference. Such cooperation between broadcaster and DX listeners is always deeply appreciated.

At the end of March 2026, the BBC stations are scheduled to leave 1116 kHz. While it is sad to witness yet another reduction

of British local radio on mediumwave, this change may improve propagation conditions for Backyard AM toward northern Europe. Fingers crossed!

1134 kHz

De Piraten Jagers "Japie de Portier" (Buitenpost) is currently the strongest station from the Netherlands on 1134 kHz in Finland. The signal usually reaches Finland very well during the winter season.

In the afternoons, **Radio Polderpop** (Veldhoven) often becomes the strongest station here. Polderpop was first heard in Finland in spring 2025 and has since become a regular guest. The station plays the very best of Dutch Nederpop, along with enjoyable golden oldies from around the world.

AXL (Bussum) is relatively easy to identify when propagation favors the Bussum area in central Netherlands. AXL is one of my absolute favorite music stations anywhere. I often listen to them through their mobile app while driving. The energy is fantastic and the music is beautifully mixed. They also have a truly beautiful QSL card.

Eye AM Radio (Alkmaar) was first heard in Finland in 2020 and most recently in 2025, yet it remains a challenging DX catch.

Radio Ascona (Valthermond) was heard quite frequently during 2023–2024, but not recently. Their transmitter power has been 50 watts.

The only station on 1134 kHz that has never been heard in Finland is **Radio 1134** (Rotterdam). I am not entirely sure whether they are still on the air or how regularly they broadcast. Hopefully, one day their signal will also find its way to Finland.

Over the years, many other exciting stations have also been active on 1134 kHz, though unfortunately they are no longer on the air.

1134 AM (Oijen) was often heard in Finland between 2022 and 2024, offering very professional programming.

Freya AM (Bergen op Zoom) was heard a few times in 2021. I clearly remember the first reception on 4 April 2021, when they were playing Foreigner, Spandau Ballet, Joe Cocker & Jennifer Warnes, Elton John, Phil Collins and REO Speedwagon, all those wonderful golden soft classics from the 1980s. With only 50 watts and a beam direction of 180–360 degrees, completely away from Finland, reception seemed unlikely. Yet when it happened, you simply could not tune away, because the music was so lovely.

Like FM (Den Bosch) was heard a few times in 2020, also with 50 watts. Fortunately, the signal still managed to reach Finland. In the latter half of 2020, the station changed its name from Like FM to Like NL. Unfortunately, after 2021 it has not been heard here anymore.

Looking ahead, a new station, **Zuidkamp** (Onna), is planning to start on this frequency. They began testing on 747 kHz but decided to continue tests on 1134 kHz. It would be very nice to hear them here.

1179 kHz

Radio Rio Bello (Klein Zundert) broadcasts every Friday, Saturday and Sunday between 07:30 and 17:00 Dutch time with 50 watts. Reception on 1179 kHz is particularly challenging because Romania operates on the same frequency with a superpower of up to 200,000 watts. As a result, hearing anything else is super difficult. However, during winter days, when the Romanian signal has already faded, there is a small opportunity to catch Dutch stations if propagation conditions are truly favorable. Radio Rio Bello was first heard in Finland in October 2025.

Radio Zwarte Boer (Tubbergen) is on air on most Sundays. When active, the station may be easier to receive than Rio Bello, due to a bit higher power and more northern location, but again only under good propagation conditions.

Radio Viktor (Siddeburen) began testing on 1179 kHz in November 2025 but soon decided to move to 1287 kHz. They are mostly active on selected weekends. More about Radio Viktor later under 1287 kHz.

Antenne Domstad (Utrecht) broadcast on 1179 kHz briefly during 2020–2021. I first heard them in November 2020 and almost fell off my chair. I had never heard of the station before and initially thought I was listening to Romania, because the signal was so strong. Sometimes mediumwave propagation truly feels like magic.

Radio 220 (Buitenpost), currently active on 1224 kHz, also broadcast on 1179 kHz during 2021–2022. They originally started on 1485 kHz, briefly visited 1494 kHz, then switched to 1179 kHz, and are now, as mentioned, on 1224 kHz. More about them in the next section.

1224 kHz

1224 kHz has always been one of the most interesting LPAM frequencies, simply because so many stations have been active here over the years.

Currently, the strongest station on this frequency in Finland is **Radio Coevorden** (Coevorden). The station originally started as D-Lite in 2023, and owner Alfred Hof conducted several very special DX tests that made D-Lite relatively easy to catch. Today, Radio Coevorden has developed into a true local station serving Coevorden. Any city would be proud to have such a dedicated and distinctive local broadcaster. Alfred has also been a great technical help to my good friend Joakim Weckström, who is currently broadcasting on shortwave with RealMix Radio.

Latest news tell that Radio Coevorden has decided to stop broadcasting on AM. Many thanks to Alfred for sharing his technical expertise.

Radio 1224 (Lunteren) is also heard regularly in Finland. They offer many special music programs throughout the week, and even if reception on AM is not always possible, their online stream is reliably available.

Radio Elvira (Heerhugowaard) broadcasts on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays. Their schedule includes several very special programs such as Wekkerradio, De Koffiepot and Noordzeerock, just to name a few. They also rebroadcast Radio Ukraine International for one hour in the morning.

Radio 220 (Buitenpost) is the northernmost station in the Netherlands on this frequency. During winter daytime conditions, when they are on air, the signal can be very good in Finland. Their jingles and programming are inspired by the golden offshore pirate era of the 1960s and 1970s, such as Radio 220 and Radio Northsea International. Listening to them is a genuine nostalgic journey back to the golden days of offshore radio.

Over the past years, ten other stations have also been active on 1224 kHz:

Radio T-Pot (Gasselternijveen), now on 918 kHz, used 1224 kHz in 2017–2018.

Radio Emmeloord (Emmeloord), now on 747 kHz, was active here at least between 2017 and 2021.

United AM (Neede) was one of the strongest stations on this

frequency in 2017–2018.

Amplivier Radio (Damwoude) was often heard in Finland between 2019 and 2021.

De Rode Adelaar (Waalwijk) was only on air very irregularly, but on 5th February 2020 they delivered a wonderful signal into Finland.

Piratensound (Lemele) started in September 2020 and was heard quite often in Finland during 2020–2022.

Radio Turkiyem (Voorburg) was a Turkish-language station active here in 2021–2022 and was heard twice in Finland. The owner, Suleiman Acikbas, mentioned that his neighbours allowed only an 11-meter antenna mast. Fortunately, even that was enough to carry the signal all the way to Finland.

Radio Starlight Urk (Urk) was on air only for a very short period but was heard a few times in Finland in November and December 2022.

Radio Favoriet (Standdaarbuiten) was also active only briefly and was heard a few times in Finland during November and December 2022.

Finally, **Golden Oldies Radio** (Hoogvliet), currently listed on 1566 kHz, was heard on 1224 in Finland during 2024–2025.

1251 kHz

At present, 1251 kHz is quiet in terms of Dutch LPAM activity.

Memories FM (Geffen) was among the very first to use this frequency in 2016. The station was heard once in Finland, logged by Patrick Wilför, a notable catch given the challenging conditions on this channel.

Later, in 2023, **Album FM** (Uden) also operated on 1251 kHz in addition to their regular frequency on 846 kHz. Their AM signal on 1251 kHz was heard a few times in Finland as well, though never easily.

The main obstacle on this frequency is Hungary. Magyar Radio operates with high power on 1251 kHz, delivering a dominant signal across much of Europe. As long as the Hungarian transmitter remains active, 1251 kHz will continue to be one of the more difficult and less attractive LPAM channels for long-distance DX reception in Europe.

1287 kHz

At present, 1287 kHz is a one of the most active Dutch LPAM frequencies.

Kilrock (s'Gravendeel) operates 24 hours a day and is heard almost daily here in Finland. Spanish SER transmitters cause occasional interference, but quite often Kilrock rises clearly above the mix and delivers a very respectable signal for a low-power station.

Radio Daiwa AM (Nunspeet) broadcasts irregularly, though recently they have been on air more frequently. When active in the afternoons, their signal carries well to Finland. At times, Daiwa fades up and down alongside Kilrock, creating those classic mediumwave moments when two stations share the channel in a delicate balance.

Radio Jupiter (Uffelte) began transmissions in autumn 2025. Like Daiwa, they operate irregularly but are heard quite often. Signal strength is generally comparable, and under good propagation conditions they reach Finland very well.

Radio Viktor (Siddeburen) initially started on 1179 kHz in autumn 2025 but moved to 1287 kHz before Christmas. Viktor is not on air as frequently as Daiwa or Jupiter, yet when active the signal can travel well to Finland, proving again that timing and propagation are everything on mediumwave.

Looking ahead, **Unique Classic Rock** (Malden) is planning to start on 1287 kHz in spring 2026. The station will be a sister service to Unique Gold. Expectations are more modest compared to the excellent reach of 675 kHz, but mediumwave propagation has surprised us before. It will be interesting to see how far 1287 kHz can carry.

Before 2025, **Radio 0511** (Oosternijkerk) used 1287 kHz and was by far the dominant station on the channel, in fact, one of the strongest Dutch LPAM signals across the entire mediumwave band. Their absence has clearly changed the character of the frequency.

Radio T-Pot (Gasselternijveen) briefly operated here during 2019–2020 before moving to 918 kHz.

Radio 7000 (Beilen) also used 1287 kHz earlier, prior to relocating to 801 kHz. Although only on air occasionally, the station was logged once on 1287 kHz in Finland by Harri Kujala in 2022, proof that even limited activity can still leave its mark in DX history.

In the next issue of Radiomaailma (3/2026), we will conclude this overview by covering the remaining Dutch LPAM frequencies from 1332 to 1602 kHz. **RM**