

Project-Plan European IMC No. 1

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2 Introduction

Looking & participating in geocaching for a few weeks now I recognized that besides events all geocachers seem to work rather alone / within a local group.

Why not team working?

For several years in a previous job I was a member of an international team and I liked that way of working together with all the cultural differences.

With this in my mind I try to set up a multi cache through a number of countries. My basic idea was to PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL CO-WORKING!

That's why IMC was created, it stand for **I**nternational **M**ulti **C**ache.

The first IMC will be the "European IMC No. 1". The hiding group formed in the last months of 2002 and was completed in January 2003 with members from 15 countries:

Austria (A), Belgium (B), Denmark (DK), Finland (FIN), France (F), Germany (D), Great Britain (GB), Hungary (H), Ireland (IRL), Italy (I), Luxembourg (L), Netherlands (NL), Portugal (P), Spain (E) and Sweden (S).

During the discussion via Internet group and chatting below idea was born and fine-tuned.

3 General Set Up

To give seekers a chance to find others to form a team there will be two sets of caches: "Primary" caches and "secondary" caches.

The primary caches shall draw the attention of seekers and contain the hints for the secondary caches.

The secondary caches can only be found with the hints from all primary caches.

3.1 Primary Caches

There shall be 15 primary caches named "European IMC No.1 **P**-x - yyy" where x is the country code given above and yyy can be any additional name.

The primary caches are "normal" or "traditional" caches = there is a box hidden somewhere with the usual content (stash-note, logbook, pencil, give-aways). The primary caches may be multi-caches.

The primary caches are reported at Geocaching.com and Navicache.com just as any other "normal" cache.

In addition to the "normal" content there shall be some copies of the "list of hints" for the secondary caches.

3.2 Secondary Caches

There shall be 15 secondary caches named "European IMC No.1 **S**-x - zzz" where x is the country code given above and zzz can be any additional name (see → 6. Theme for the European IMC No. 1).

Secondary caches are real physical caches with a jar, Tupper- or ammo-box hidden somewhere with the usual content of stash-note, logbook, pencil, give-aways.

Each of the 15 secondary caches can be regarded as "the final cache" ⇔ when a secondary cache is logged, it is the success for the person that logged it - satisfactory, isn't it!.

4 The Hints

The assembly of hints from the 15 "lists of hints" may result for one country in something like this:

Hint	Hidden / Found in
Use the hints in the order: S GB F E B NL A DK P H I L FIN D IRL	European IMC No.1 P-S
Start at the position given in the cache page	European IMC No.1 P-GB
Find the building of photo 1 on the cache page ...	European IMC No.1 P-F
... within 1 km of the starting position	European IMC No.1 P-F
Go 123° ...	European IMC No.1 P-B
... until you find the sign of photo 2 on the cache page	European IMC No.1 P-NL
Turn 75° left and walk on ...	European IMC No.1 P-A
... for 350m ...	European IMC No.1 P-DK
... where you will find a junction	European IMC No.1 P-P
Follow the way signposted to ...	European IMC No.1 P-H
... the viewpoint "Nice View" ...	European IMC No.1 P-I
... for about 200m	European IMC No.1 P-L
Cross the bridge to you left and ...	European IMC No.1 P-FIN
... follow the creek to its well-spring	European IMC No.1 P-D
The cache is hidden under the roots of the big oak tree	European IMC No.1 P-IRL

For each country the assembly of hints will look - of course - different.

5 Procedure of Searching and Logging

1. Individual seekers search and find the primary caches of European IMC No. 1.
2. These individual seekers trade give-aways and **log the primary caches** found.
3. These individual seekers browse the cache pages of the other primary European IMC No. 1 caches for other seekers that found primary caches.
4. The individual seekers contact each other and exchange information from the "lists of hints for the secondary caches".
For each secondary cache you need the information from all 15 primary caches.
5. With the collection of hints it shall be easy / possible to locate, find and open the secondary caches.
6. Trade and **log the secondary caches** as usual.

6 Theme for the European IMC No. 1

The hiding team had the idea that "**water**" may / shall be a theme for this IMC.

7 List of countries of the European IMC No. 1

Austria (A), Belgium (B), Denmark (DK), Finland (FIN), France (F), Germany (D), Great Britain (GB), Hungary (H), Ireland (IRL), Italy (I), Luxembourg (L), Netherlands (NL), Portugal (P), Spain (E) and Sweden (S)

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