

What's on

The calendar below shows key events over the coming year or so, from RTiG and other key industry bodies. For further details of RTiG events please contact secretariat@rtig.org.uk

Information presentation WG

6 June 2017, London

CEN TC278 WG3

20 June 2017, Paris

European Bus Forum (Russell)

29 June 2017, Manchester

RTiG Committee

29 June 2017, TBC

RTiG Workshop – the future of communications

September 2017, Coalville (TBC)

PTIC

October 2017, TBC

* = *To be confirmed*

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S**All change?**

Let's be honest, public transport is a fairly conservative industry. It's mature, it is – in the scheme of things – small, and it's not rich. Actual revolutions are rare.

It's true, of course, that there's a lot happening operationally to keep it attractive, competitive and innovative, and RTiG has been part of that process since its inception. Within this bounded world, developments such as journey planners, social media, full-screen displays, smartphone mapping and audio systems have all had a significant impact on the ease and convenience of bus travel.

Just now, though, there is a different feeling in the air. "New mobility" concepts are the order of the day, from commercial innovations like ride-sharing and MaaS to disruptive technologies like automated vehicles and even drones (yes, really).

In this environment, public transport has to re-invent itself if it is to stay competitive. This is a change that involves everyone in the RTiG community, and we'll be working hard to stay in tune with what's going on.

Information presentation

While these large-scale changes will take time to become clear, there are still plenty of issues to face today. The Information Presentation WG continues to meet regularly to capture and document good practice on exactly what and how to use stop-based technologies, so that passengers have the information they need.

Its first report (focussing on terminology and language) was published some while back. The work on information priorities is coming together, and (unsurprisingly) involves considerable

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emphasis on how disruptions or various kinds are presented.

Also now within the ambit of this WG, RTiG's guidance on *Meeting the needs of disabled travellers* is under revision and a draft update is expected to be published soon. Changes are relatively minor, which is comforting!

Current Working Groups

The following Working Groups are currently active:

- **Information presentation WG** – the next meeting of the group is on 6 June, in London as usual.
- **PTIC** (joint with ATCO and Traveline) – the group met on 25 May 2017 to discuss various issues of data standards and management. The next meeting is currently being planned for October.

If you don't yet participate in one of these groups but would like to do so, please contact us at secretariat@rtig.org.uk.

IN OTHER NEWS

The Bus Services Act

The Bus Services Act received Royal Assent at the end of April and has now passed into UK law.

This is an enabling Act, meaning that the meat of it depends on specific secondary legislation being adopted by Ministers. The current expectations are that some early aspects – notably on franchising and enhanced partnerships – will be resolved in the next couple of months, and enacted in the Autumn.

Those aspects which relate to data management and provision are currently less well advanced, and we have not yet had any indication of when these powers might be called upon.

Of course legislative priorities are subject to change depending on the outcome of the UK's General Election on 6 June.

The full text of the Act, together with some background materials, is available at <http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/busservices.html>.

Standards update

Under the European ITS Directive, "Action A" specifies that Member States must provide certain public transport information (where it exists) in compliance with key standards – notably, routes and timetables must use NeTEx and dynamic data must use SIRI. (This is not yet formally adopted but it has passed through all major procedural steps.)

The EC understands the need for specific profiles to be constructed to make this meaningful. The expectation is that there will be a European "minimum profile", providing a core of common

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elements across the continent, and larger “national profiles”. So, the UK profile would be expected to replicate the contents of NaPTAN and TransXChange, for instance.

The development of these profiles is underway. It hasn’t yet been stated explicitly but the industry expectation is that – Brexit notwithstanding – the specification invoked for operator data obligations under the Bus Services Act would be effectively the UK national profile of NeTEx. This should become clearer during the remainder of 2017.

Transport for the North developments

As the UK’s first subnational transport body, TfN is gathering a lot of interest in how it goes about creating and implementing its strategic goals.

One of TfN’s six Programmes is on “Integrated and Smart Travel”. It covers both advances in customer information and ticketing, and is well worth a read. Fuller information on the Programme, and the implementation projects it expects to undertake, is available at www.transportfornorth.com/integrated-and-smart-travel.

In particular, TfN is keen to build a robust supply chain, and although some of its work is likely to be “many years ahead”, interested potential suppliers are now being invited to sign up at www.transportfornorth.com/suppliers.

In addition, you might be interested in the Transport for the North “#travelhack day” on 20 June at ODI Leeds, which will help TfN develop its open data strategy. Details, including a clickable link to register, are available at odileeds.org/events/travelhack/.

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Upcoming events

There is a lot of workshop and conference activity at present.

As usual, RTiG seeks to enable preferential access to relevant events for its members; the two events that we are currently featuring are:

- **Smart Travel LIVE! 2017** – run by Landor, and held on 19-20 October in Milton Keynes. The conference website is at www.landor.co.uk/smartertravel/2017.
- **RTPI2017** – run by Russell Publishing, and held on 31 October 2017 at the QEII Centre in London. The conference website, www.rtpiconference.com, is not yet active for 2017.

We'll be providing updates on these events over the coming months. Please ask for details of member discounts.

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Keeping in touch with you

As well as keeping you up-to-date with all the latest news from RTiG, this newsletter aims to provide a community forum for members. We therefore offer RTiG members the opportunity to submit a short article here on any issue or innovation that might be of interest to the community.

There are two ways of becoming involved in this:

- ▶ Email pieces to us when you have them – press release format is fine and pictures are welcome.
- ▶ Nominate a marketing contact who will be included in the editor's monthly process of 'chivvy'.



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DB Regio opts for IVU.rail

Planning and despatching vehicles and personnel in one system – this is what the largest German regional public transport supplier will be able to do in the future, thanks to IVU.rail. A corresponding framework contract has been signed by DB Regio AG and IVU Traffic Technologies.

The contract envisages the uniform replacement of DB Regio's existing planning and despatching systems with IVU.rail. In future, all DB Regio's transport networks will conduct their rail-related resource planning and despatching through the integrated IVU system.

In particular, DB Regio will benefit from the integrated production processes and the standardised data management by using the IVU software. Automatic consistency checks make it easier for planners to create suitable vehicle round trips and composite configurations. The powerful optimisation tools of IVU.rail support the best possible results and, when needed, can generate diverse variations for advanced planning and tenders.

www.ivu.com

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Management Committee Members

The Management Committee for the year 2017-18 was appointed at the AGM on 15 March 2017. Membership is currently as follows:

Chair: David Brown (Transport for the North)

Members: David Gill (WYCA), Andrew Wilson (Solent), Russell Gard (Nimbus), Jason Stevens-Read (21st Century), Tony Brown (Atkins), Martyn Lewis (Stagecoach), Tony Pettitt (Reading Buses)

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