

Rail Delivery Group



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Rail Data Marketplace

Welcome to your round up of news related to the Rail Data Marketplace (RDM). If at any time you wish to unsubscribe, email us at raildatamarketplace@raildeliverygroup.com.

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Programme Update

The platform development is progressing at pace and we are about to enter Private Beta. Private Beta is a term used in agile software development, it is the stage where real users get to use a version of the final product and influence its future design. We have built a 'minimum viable product' (MVP); essentially the minimum functionality to make the solution usable. We have built functionality to register on the platform, to publish data sources and to view and browse the data catalogue and consume one of those sources. There are elements of our long-term design which won't be in place in private Beta such as the full invoicing and billing solution, integration to the support desk, and the community functionality which are all on our roadmap for 2023.

Our Private Beta won't be the finished solution, but we hope that participants will make a significant contribution to the evolution of the platform. James Dyson apparently built 5,127 prototypes before perfecting his design of a bagless vacuum cleaner. Our MVP isn't prototype #1, but we aren't up to 5,127 quite yet.

In Private Beta we are focussing on API's, and we have 5 publishers and 8 data sets, 4 of which are commercialised data sets. On the other side we have 10 organisations who are Data Consumers. The data sets are varied across the data spectrum and we will be exposing for the first time 2 RDG data sets in an upgraded Rest JSON format.

Feedback from real users at this stage of development is critical to us and their contribution in Private Beta will be invaluable in influencing the final design. We hope that it will also provide participants with a greater insight into the platform and the opportunities it will present at full maturity to drive innovation and growth in the Rail Industry. If you would like to become involved in Private Beta, please get in touch with us at raildatamarketplace@raildeliverygroup.com

'Friction-free' contracting

One of the key objectives of the RDM is to bring data publishers and data consumers together on a single strategic platform which makes data searchable, easy to find and 'friction-free' to access. Through extensive user research off-the-shelf licenses were perceived as a high-value, key benefit.

We engaged a team of specialist data legal partners to draft the licences and we concluded that the best approach was to have a data consumer and a data publisher to have a 'Platform Agreement' with the RDM. Then as a separate contract, the Data Publisher will make available their data products through a 'Data Sharing Agreement' directly with the Data Consumer.

The RDM platform has a 'contract builder' which gives a Data Publisher control over the terms of any data sharing agreement, so that they can charge for data or make it freely available, control who can access the data, how they can use it and in what territories and outline any special conditions which flow into the contract itself. Whilst the RDM does allow a Data Publisher to upload their own contract the aspiration is that 80% of contracts will be the default RDM contract.

If you would like to have a look at the contracts, please [click here](#).

Any feedback you may have would be welcome, please email your comments to: raildatamarketplace@raildeliverygroup.com

Product Development

We are currently in our 7th agile development sprint. We have now completed the bulk of core functionality needed to enter Private Beta, including many of our main user journeys such as publishing, browsing and consuming data sources.

Sprint 7 focuses on Platform Admin functionality, plus content updates which were suggested during recent User Research.

Guides and Resources

We're creating content to support data consumers and publishers when they use the marketplace. We'll continually develop and update these resources in response to feedback. You can let us know what you think would be useful by voting for the kind of content you'd like to see, or by suggesting a content topic. [Click here](#) to vote now.

Event Update

ITEM	Event	Organiser	Speakers	Location	Audience	Date
1	Smart Transport Forum	Smartex	CM / CS	Browns London	60+	06/12/22
2	Unlocking Innovation: Intelligent Railways	RIA	JS/CM	Birmingham University	150+	07/12/22