

## Rail Data Marketplace

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### Programme Summary

The Rail Data Marketplace continues to move towards a public launch later in the year. As we mentioned in the last newsletter, we are in a trial phase with a limited number of users. There are currently 19 organisations registered either as a Data Consumer or a Data Publisher. The feedback has been largely positive but with some great suggestions for improvement which we are incorporating into the next version.

The latest improvements to the service have been predominantly around accessibility, ensuring that the platform meets the nationally recognised standard (WCAG2.1 AA compliant). It has also involved ensuring that the non-technical areas of the platform can be accessed via mobile and tablet. Having completed the work, we are currently in the middle of an independent audit.

Our next big milestone, and a requirement before we can make the service publicly available, is to pass Government Digital Service Beta assessment. This is to ensure that the service has been designed and built with the user in mind and meets government standards. Our assessment is in late March; wish us luck!

The last newsletter was accused of being 'buzzword bingo'. It was good to know that someone had read it, but the comment stung a bit. Hopefully, we have done better this time. Nonetheless, if you have feedback or there is something about the project that you would like to hear about, please let us know (email is preferable to Twitter!). Alternatively, if your organisation would like a demonstration of the platform, we would be happy to oblige.

If you would like to join the trial and be one of the first organisations on the platform when it goes public, then please email us at [Raildatamarketplace@raildeliverygroup.com](mailto:Raildatamarketplace@raildeliverygroup.com).

### Guides and Policies

Alongside ongoing functional developments, we have been writing some guides to help users to get started and understand how the platform works.

These topics include:

- how to register
- account types and user roles
- our guides and policies
- data sources and data products
- data sharing agreements and platform agreements

A number of our trial user's questions were around the agreements which they would have to sign up to as part of the service. For those who are interested, we have published these on our information webpage, and can be seen [here](#).

If you have any suggestions for information about the service which you might find useful, let us know by emailing [raildatamarketplace@raildeliverygroup.com](mailto:raildatamarketplace@raildeliverygroup.com).

### Helping to improve the useability of data in the rail industry

Are you a data publisher or consumer and would like to be involved in a pilot study to improve the useability of data?

In collaboration with the Rail Data Marketplace, RSSB are exploring what metadata would be useful to data consumers, to help them decide if and how they can use published data to support their needs.

The aim is to provide a framework for describing data sources that will enable the confident use of data on an ongoing basis.

Your input to this project would be much appreciated. If you would like to be involved, or would like more information, please contact [john.mills@rssb.co.uk](mailto:john.mills@rssb.co.uk).

### Events and Awards

One of our priorities this year is to increase awareness of RDM to as many stakeholders as we can. Below are a list of events which we are attending, but if you are arranging an event, or just hosting a forum of rail data enthusiasts and would be interested in having RDM on the agenda, then please contact us at [raildatamarketplace@raildeliverygroup.com](mailto:raildatamarketplace@raildeliverygroup.com).

We are also at the RIA event in Nottingham at the end of March, and can show you what the Rail Data Marketplace looks like IRL (as the young people say).

### Events and Awards 2023



Events/Awards	Date	Location	Attendees
Ticketing Enabler of the Year	8/03/2023	Olympia, London	CM, JS
Accelerate Rail	23/03/2023	London	CM,JS
RIA Conference	28/03/2023	Nottingham	CM
Rail Freight Group	29/03/2023	Scotland	HS
Government Data Summit	30/03/2023	London	CM, JS
GEO Business Show	17/05/2023	Excel, London	CM
Move	21/06/2023	Excel, London	CM, JS