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Changes to the RIPE Meeting websites



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Web Services

Web Services is a small technical team that sits within the Community and Engagement division of the NCC.

We are responsible for development, management and maintenance of the NCC's public websites, including:

- www.ripe.net
- labs.ripe.net
- The RIPE Meeting websites

What We've Been Working On



Changes

- Moving all future RIPE meeting websites to a single **Wagtail** instance. Wagtail is the same platform that powers the majority of systems that Web Services manages.
- Moving away from the custom Call for Presentation (CfP) system to a self-hosted, open-source system called **Pretalx**.

Why We're Changing Things



Benefits

- **Easier to customise**, update, improve, integrate, and add to the system.
- **Faster to respond to issues** due to the well-known tech stack (Python/Django).
- **Improve accessibility, responsiveness**, and the **user experience** – especially on mobile.
- **Reduce the attack surface**, by moving away from highly targeted software.
- **Reduce deployment and management overhead** for our teams for each RIPE meeting going forward.
- Leverage widely adopted open-source tools with **strong community support**, **direct support options** and **proven industry use**.

What This Means For You



Minor impacts

- Using the RIPE meeting websites should be an overall better experience for everyone.
- The design has been migrated, so should still be familiar to our regular attendees.
- Search should be improved, though we will be working to make it even better.

Major impacts

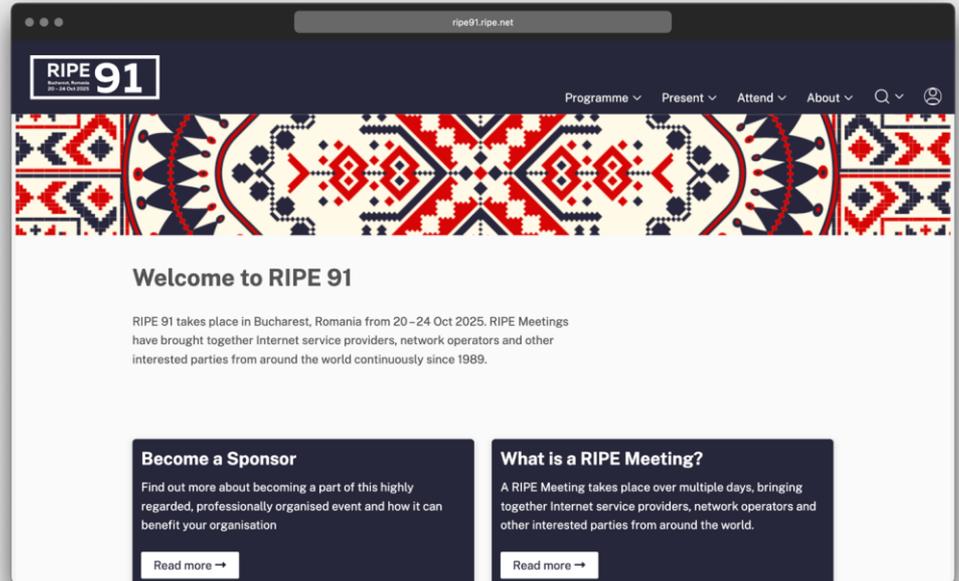
- The move to Pretalx changes the workflow many are familiar with for managing talk submissions.
- The integration between Pretalx and the new meeting website platform is mostly complete but is still under active development. *Caveat usor.*

When Will the Change Take Place



Now!

- The meeting website for RIPE 91 is live on the new platform: <https://ripe91.ripe.net>
- The CfP will open in a few weeks, and will be on the new Pretalx system.



How You Can Help (And How We Can Help You)



Feedback

As always, your feedback is extremely important.

If you encounter any issues, please do let us know.

Support

If you need assistance with your talk submissions, please contact the Web Services team.

We're always happy to help!



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Questions & Comments



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