

# 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](http://www.ripe.net)
- [labs.ripe.net](http://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**.



## 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

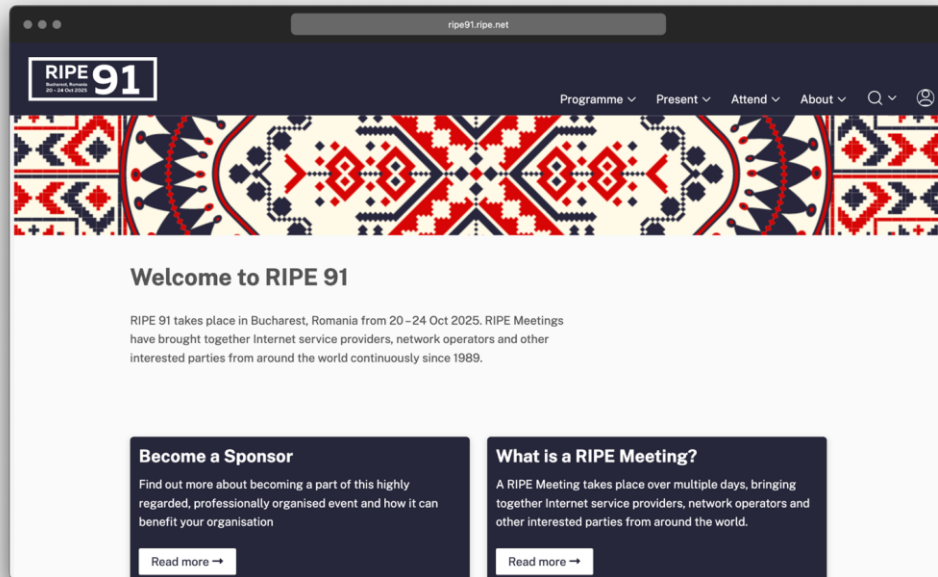
- The move to Pretalx changes the workflow many are familiar with for managing talk submissions.
- The integration between Pretalx and the new meeting website platform is mostly complete but is still under active development. *Caveat usor.*

# 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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