



Joint Expert Group Briefing to Members and Stakeholders: Join us to help shape a responsible future of biometrics

Friday 17 October 2025
09:00 – 13:00 | London

Overview:

Do you want to know what our priorities are for the next year? Are there issues on your mind that we should address? Join us to shape the future of biometrics, responsibly, ethically and effectively. All members and Congress attendees are invited to attend this meeting (spaces limited).

As organisations debate trustworthy AI, digital trust to strengthen consumer confidence, and manage risks around AI and biometric technologies, there are many lessons to be shared. Furthermore, as standards and regulations cannot keep pace with the adoption of biometrics and AI, it is more important than ever for the biometrics community to agree on recommended good practices for their implementation and better explain how the technology is being used. To clear up myths and confusion around the technology we need to create consensus in our community on what is and what isn't biometrics. We need a common approach and greater transparency to build citizen trust into this evolving technology. Help us shape the future and discuss priorities.

AGENDA

09:00 Registration

09:30 **Welcome by the Biometrics Institute**

Isabelle Moeller, Chief Executive, Biometrics Institute

09:40 **Session one: What's next with biometrics and digital identity? (25 mins)**

The Digital Identity Group (DIG) released the [Digital Onboarding and Biometrics paper](#) in 2021, the [Digital Identity and Biometric Authentication paper](#) in 2023, and [Mitigating Biometric Vulnerabilities in Digital Identity – Executive Briefing](#) in 2024. What else may be important to consider or address in the future?

What's next?

The Group is currently finalising an *Account Recovery and Biometrics* executive briefing and there is a range of other recommended guiding documents in discussion.

Presentation: Brett Feldon, Head of Digital Identity Group (5 minutes)

09:45 **Discussion (20 mins)**

10:05 **Session two: Factors to consider when choosing biometric technology (25 mins)**

The Technology and Innovation Group (TIG) have been closely monitoring technology innovation in biometrics but also have stressed the importance of mitigating biometric vulnerabilities through continuous testing.

They helped develop several documents including our [Presentation attack detection \(PAD\) and liveness guiding document](#) and [Verification \(1:1\) and identification \(1:n\) explanatory graphics](#), which have now also been explained in a short video.

What's next?

The TIG is now finalising the *Presentation Attack Detection Explanatory Graphic* which has stimulated a lot of discussion within the Group. They are also discussing a second project on factors to consider when choosing biometric technologies.

Presentation: *Ted Dunstone, Joint Head of Technology and Innovation Group (5 minutes)*

10:10 *Discussion (20 mins)*

10:30 **Session three: What will biometrics and privacy look like in the future (25 mins)**

In May 2025 a revised version of the [Privacy Guidelines](#) was released to members. There is also some thinking about Privacy Impact Assessment questions that could help organisations in the private sector (retail) and also current members with a better understanding of what needs to be considered when an organisation is thinking about using biometrics.

What's next?

Watchlists and privacy: The TIG have highlighted a lack of governance for watchlists which is a topic that the Institute wants to raise awareness about, potentially with the help of the Privacy Expert Group. This session will discuss why this is important and what issues need to be addressed.

Presentation: *Isabelle Moeller on behalf of the Privacy and Policy Expert Group (5 minutes)*

10:35 *Discussion (20 mins)*

10:55 Morning break

11:25 **Session four: An update from the Advisory Council (30 mins)**

The Advisory Council helped shape the [Procurement Guidelines](#), which were released in June 2025, following input from attendees at the Joint Expert Group Briefing last October and subsequent contributions from a wide range of other members. It remains a living document so if you have feedback, we welcome that.

They also finalised the viewpoints on [Members' Viewpoints: The Relationship Between Biometrics and Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#) and circulated this to policy makers and regulators.

What's next?

The Advisory Council has also been exploring the need for effective and consistent [facial recognition signage](#) for use in publicly accessible places. An interactive workshop [on Facial Recognition in a Publicly Accessible Places](#) will be held in Canberra in November. There is a proposal to take this workshop to Brussels alongside the [ID@Borders Conference](#) in April. An overview of different use cases, a Use Case Matrix, has been drafted to debate the nuances in managing risks for these use cases. This session will discuss how the signage should be promoted as a potential standard and whether a baseline questionnaire to help organisations with a very early "go/ no-go biometrics" decision could be developed

Presentation: *Roger Baldwin, Advisory Council Member (10 minutes)*

11:35 *Discussion (20 mins)*

11.55: **Session five: What does the future hold? (15 mins)**

Every year in October, the Future Direction Group (FDG) releases the [State of Biometrics Report](#) to highlight key trends we are monitoring and help us provide thought leadership on how to be prepared. Our community has recognised that whatever we do with biometrics, we need to follow the [Three Laws of Biometrics](#), which were first devised in 2020.

The *Three Laws of Biometrics* have proved to be a highly recognisable and popular prompt for people using biometrics to remember the fundamentals of applying the technology responsibly and ethically. A review of the Laws confirmed that they still stand the test of time and apart from a few small changes in wording, have not been amended.

What's next?

The Institute is exploring how to use these priority themes and good practice recommendations of the other groups to provide further education and have an even bolder, bigger and balanced voice. We are experimenting with a few different tools such as the [The Fundamentals of](#)

[Biometrics online](#) course and shorter Explainer videos. Join this session to find out what else is in store.

Isabelle Moeller in conversation with members of the Future Direction Group (10 minutes)

12:05 **Discussion** (5 mins)

12.10 Networking

13:00 Close of event

Event format:

This highly interactive half-day side event is the opportunity where our members have their say and can help shape our priorities for the future.

This complimentary Congress side-event (seats reserved for Congress delegates, are limited and priority given to our members) offers the opportunity to meet with the Expert and Sector Groups of the Biometrics Institute who help develop our good practice guidance and de-facto governance standards.

The event will explore existing recommended and good practices for managing identities with biometrics and how to put them into use. It is also the opportunity for participants to provide input into current and future Biometrics Institute projects and activities, all with the aim of continuing to promote the responsible and ethical use of biometrics.

In previous Joint Expert Group Briefings, with thanks to our members' input, we have been able to understand where the most pressing need for good practice guidance lies, and what might be required to fill the gaps. In previous years this led to the development of our [Ethical Principles for Biometrics](#) and [Verification \(1:1\) and identification \(1:n\) explanatory graphics](#)

Biometrics Institute Expert and Sector Groups:

BUG	Borders User Group
DIG	Digital Identity Expert Group
FDG	Future Direction Group
PEG	Privacy and Policy Expert Group
TIG	Technology and Innovation Group

Venue: 18 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

Registration:

Members of the Biometrics Institute receive complimentary registration to attend this joint meeting, but registration is required and subject to availability (preference will be given to those who have also registered for the Congress).

Attendance is reserved to attendees of the Congress and included in the Congress fee. Registration however is essential to secure a seat and spaces are limited.

Chatham House:

The event will be held under the Chatham House Rule to enable everyone to speak as freely as possible. This means you are asked not to identify the source of a particular comment made at the meeting if you talk about it outside the meeting, or post on social media.