



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

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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 2026](#) attendees are invited to attend this meeting (spaces limited and registration required).

As organisations debate digital identity to strengthen consumer confidence, manage risks around AI and biometric technologies and better understand the use of biometrics and privacy law, there are many lessons to be shared. Furthermore, as standards and regulations can hardly 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 proportionate use of 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.

What you gain from attending this event:

- Be better prepared by gaining insights into current thinking about anticipated future trends
- Contribute your ideas, concerns, hopes to our community of knowledge to shape the future
- Learn what material is available about the responsible use of biometrics and how to use it
- Network with your peers in an interactive format that sparks ideas

AGENDA

09:00 Registration

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

Isabelle Moeller, Chief Executive, Biometrics Institute

09:40 **Session one: Key questions to ask before you start: Proportionality, watchlists and accountability**

In May 2025 a revised version of the [Privacy Guidelines](#) was released to members, one of our most established guiding tools first launched in 2006.

Most recently the group has developed [Facial Recognition Technology \(FRT\) in Public Places: Key Questions Before You Start](#) to 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 and designing the systems. An overview of different use cases, a [FRT in Public Places Use Case Matrix](#), has also been released to debate the nuances in managing risks for these use cases.

What's next?

Watchlists and privacy: Members have highlighted a lack of governance for watchlists which is a topic that the Institute wants to raise awareness about. An initial strawman has already created heated debate even just asking the questions of how to define a watchlist. This session will follow on from our *On the Pulse Conversation* on the same topic on 29 September, to discuss further why this is important and what issues need to be addressed.

Presentation: Isabelle Moeller in discussion with Dan Bachenheimer, Privacy and Policy Expert Group Member (5 minutes)

09:45 Discussion (20 mins)

10:05 Session two: Factors to consider when choosing biometric technology

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 also been explained in a short video. Most recently they have been working on a [Biometric Liveness Explanatory Graphic](#) which has stimulated a lot of discussion within the Group.

What's next?

What You Need to Know About Testing: They are now discussing guidance around testing following the [On The Pulse Conversation](#) on that very issue, and starting some initial exploration on the topics of *Factors to Consider When Choosing Biometric Technology* and *Mitigating Bias in Biometric Systems*.

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

10:10 Discussion (20 mins)

10:30 Session three: What's next with biometrics and digital identity?

The Digital Identity Group (DIG) released the [Digital Onboarding and Biometrics paper](#) in 2021, the [Digital Identity and Biometric Authentication paper](#) in 2023, [Mitigating Biometric Vulnerabilities in Digital Identity – Executive Briefing](#) in 2024 and most recently the [Biometrics and Account Recovery paper](#) in 2025. What else may be important to consider or address in the future?

What's next?

Digital Identity Use Case Matrix: The Group has started work on an overview of digital identity use cases.

Security of On-device Biometrics: This is a topic that will be explored in the workshop on the day prior to the Congress.

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

10:35 Discussion (20 mins)

10:55 Morning break

11:25 Session four: What does the future hold?

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. We are asking if there is a need for a *Biometrics Insider*, a newsletter, blog or series of online events that discuss priority issues throughout the year. How can the thought leadership and trends

developments be better shared outside of the main conferences (which not everyone can attend). What format would people find more useful?

Presentation: Isabelle Moeller in discussion with Mick O'Connell, Future Direction Group Member (5 minutes)

11:30 **Discussion** (20 mins)

11:50 **Session five: Learn, learn, learn!**

The Advisory Council helped shape the [Procurement Guidelines](#), which were released in June 2025.

They also finalised the viewpoints on [Members' Viewpoints: The Relationship Between Biometrics and Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#) and circulated this to policy makers and regulators. Over the past year they have been refining and testing the need for effective and consistent [facial recognition signage](#) for use in publicly accessible places.

What's next?

The Advisory Council continue to help us explore different ways of educating our members and the wider community. In addition to delivering in-person workshops, we have experimented with different learning vehicles including [Biometrics Essentials](#), [The Fundamentals of Biometrics Online](#), and more recently a series of [explainer videos](#). Is there a need for formal training for biometrics with recognised learning rewards? Join this session to decide where we should invest member funds next.

Presentation: Isabelle Moeller in discussion with Roger Baldwin, Advisory Council Member (5 minutes)

11:55 **Discussion** (5 mins)

12.00 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 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:

Attendance is reserved to attendees of the [2026 Biometrics Institute Congress](#) and included in the conference fee. Registration is essential to secure a seat and spaces are limited.

Members of the Biometrics Institute who are unable to attend the conference can still register for this meeting at no cost but registration is required and subject to availability.

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.