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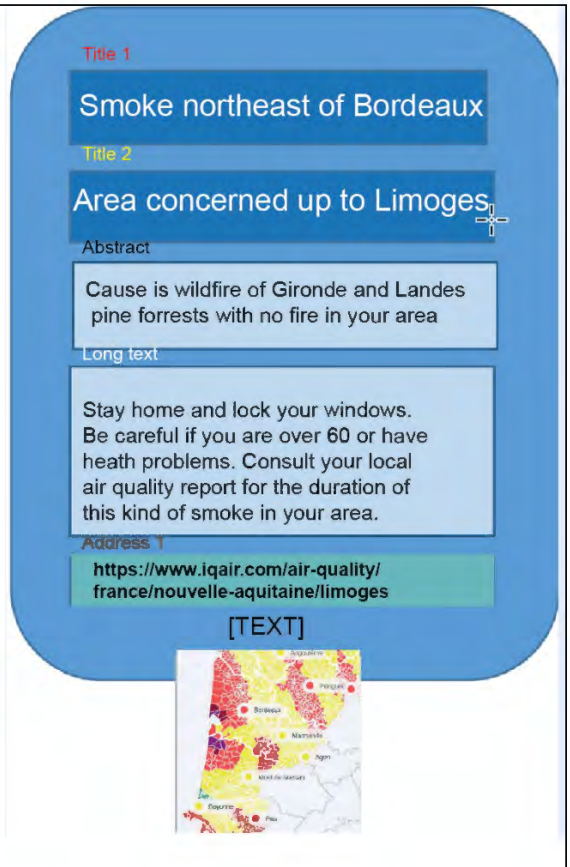
Achievements of the 36^{6h} RDS Forum meeting, held on 12 &13 October 2026

- Annual membership fee remains the same as in 2026, i.e. CHF 3900. New members pay only 50% during their first year.
- RDS Forum management team composed of Frits de Jong, Mark Saunders, Dietmar Kopitz and Attila Ladanyi was re-confirmed.
- New management team position created: Jackson Wang, Marketing manager.
- Next RDS Forum meeting, Geneva October 2028.
- RDS2 test bed between Seattle and Vancouver (coverage of 250 km highway and more than 5 million people) is now available for testing; RDS2 file transfer for Station logos was successfully demonstrated using one upper or all upper data streams together (transfer time per image depending on content ≈ 1 minute).
- Open-source monitoring software RDS Surveyor 2 from Christophe Jacquet fully supports RDS and RDS2.
- For receivers NXP supports RDS2; product support requiring project-specific alignment with NXP.
- PNP Network Technologies in South Korea has a newly developed chip supporting RDS2 as demonstrated at this meeting.
- FM radio with RDS/RDS2 continues to be seen as a very resilient solution for Emergency Alert Systems with FM receivers almost in every car supporting RDS and being widely available, in Europe and North America.

To be done next:

- Documentation to be drawn up that helps designers to use RDS/RDS2 for Emergency Alert System developments.
- Continue mobile testing of RDS2 on the Seattle to Vancouver test bed.
- Test RDS2 with ODA Station logo in Hungary.
- Test for RDS2 the FM radio connected for the received data via Bluetooth with a Smart phone and create corresponding application software to test new ODAs using RDS2.
- Keep the newly designed RDS Forum web site updated to inform about new developments.
- Update the RDSeBook to include new developments from NXP and the RDS Surveyor 2.
- Update the RDS Implementation Guidelines to include the use case Mono and the experience gained so far with RDS2.
- Continue the liaison activity with South Korea.
- Promised from TDF: Software to analyse and monitor the data sent over the UECP communication link for RDS encoders during real-time transmitter network operation.





Figures 1 and 2 - With RDS2 more detailed alert messages are possible



Figure 3 - Korean Alert test radio used in 2025

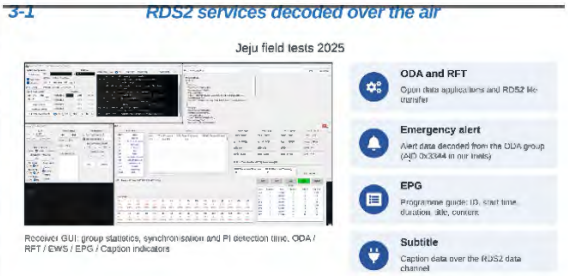
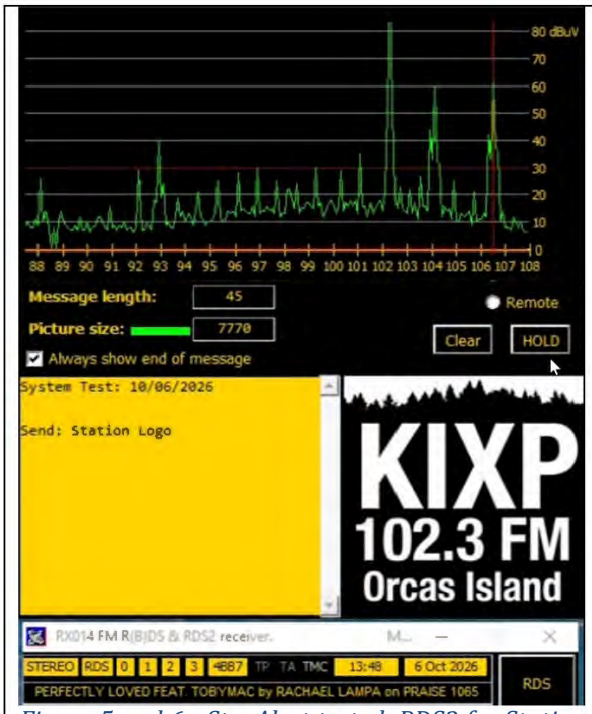


Figure 4 – Korea tested RDS2 ODAs for Alerts. EPG and Captions



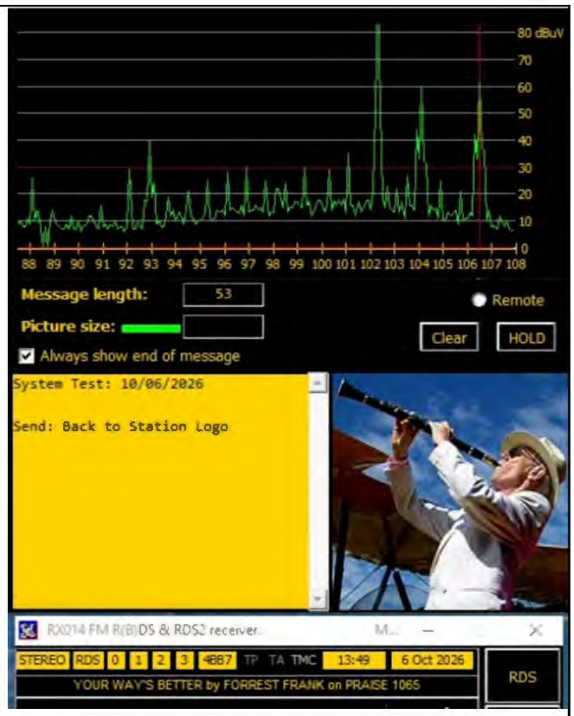


Figure 5 and 6 - StayAlert tested RDS2 for Station logo and Music cover art tranfers

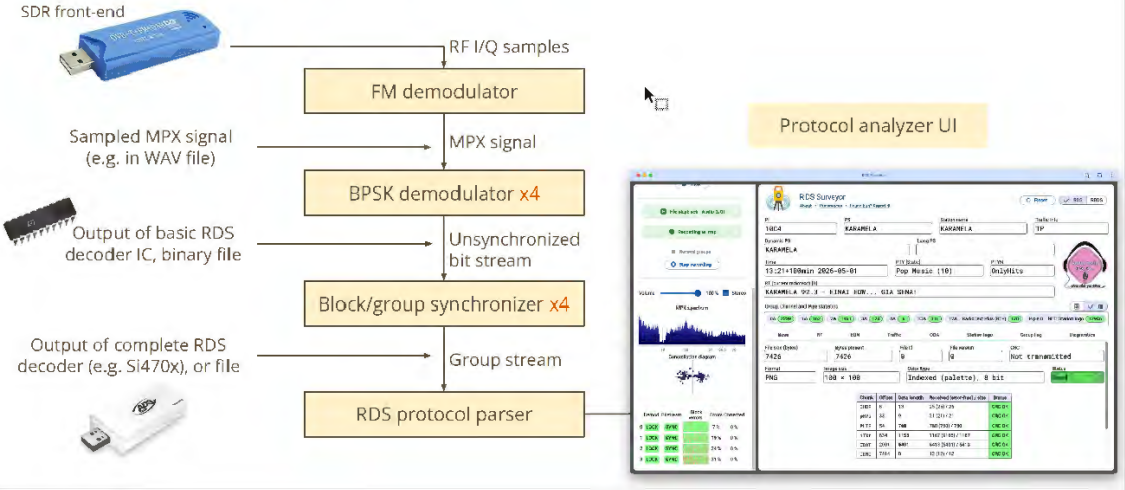


Figure 7 - To monitor RDS data the Surveyor 2 software covers now also RDS2

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