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EN 15531-1:2022 (E)**European foreword**

This document (EN 15531-1:2022) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 278 “Intelligent transport systems”, the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by February 2023, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by February 2023.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this document may be the subject of patent rights. CEN shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

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SIRI (CEN/TS 15531-1:2006) has been a CEN Technical Specification since 2007 and a European normative standard since 2013 and has been widely used in Europe and elsewhere and proven its usefulness. This document proposes a revised version of SIRI as a European Standard, and is currently submitted to the Formal Vote. The proposed revisions are minor enhancements arising from experience of the deployment of SIRI in many live systems. This document also clarifies the relationship of SIRI to NeTEx, the CEN Technical Standard for the XML exchange of Public Transport Reference data based on the Transmodel CEN European Standard.

This document presents Part 1 of the European Standard known as “SIRI”. SIRI provides a framework for specifying communications and data exchange protocols for organisations wishing to exchange Real-time Information (RTI) relating to public transport operations.

The SIRI European Standard is presented in three parts:

- context and framework, including background, scope and role, normative references, terms and definitions, symbols and abbreviations, business context and use cases (Part 1),
- the mechanisms to be adopted for data exchange communications links (Part 2),
- data structures for a series of individual application interface modules PT, ET, ST, SM, VM, CT, CM, GM (Part 3).

Two additional parts define additional functional services as CEN Technical Specifications:

- additional data structures for additional application interface module FM (Part 4),
- additional data structures for additional application interface module SX (Part 5).

The XML schema can be downloaded from <https://github.com/SIRI-CEN/SIRI>, guidance on its use, example XML files, and case studies of national and local deployments is located at <http://siri-cen.eu/>.

It is recognised that SIRI is not complete as it stands, and from time to time will need to continue to be enhanced to add additional capabilities. It is therefore intended that a SIRI Management Group should continue to exist, at European level, based on the composition of SG7.

Any feedback and questions on this document should be directed to the users' national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found on the CEN website.

According to the CEN-CENELEC Internal Regulations, the national standards organisations of the following countries are bound to implement this European Standard: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

EN 15531-1:2022 (E)**Introduction**

Public transport services rely increasingly on information systems to ensure reliable, efficient operation and widely accessible, accurate passenger information. These systems are used for a range of specific purposes: setting schedules and timetables; managing vehicle fleets; issuing tickets and receipts; providing real-time information on services running, and so on.

This document specifies a Service Interface for Real-time Information (SIRI) about Public Transport. It is intended to be used to exchange information between servers containing real-time public transport vehicle or journey time data. These include the control centres of transport operators and information systems that utilise real-time vehicle information, for example, to deliver services such as travel information.

Well-defined, open interfaces have a crucial role in improving the economic and technical viability of Public Transport Information Systems of all kinds. Using standardised interfaces, systems can be implemented as discrete pluggable modules that can be chosen from a wide variety of suppliers in a competitive market, rather than as monolithic proprietary systems from a single supplier. Interfaces also allow the systematic automated testing of each functional module, vital for managing the complexity of increasing large and dynamic systems. Furthermore, individual functional modules can be replaced or evolved, without unexpected breakages of obscurely dependent function.

This document will improve a number of features of public transport information and service management:

- Interoperability – the European Standard will facilitate interoperability between information processing systems of the transport operators by: (i) introducing common architectures for message exchange; (ii) introducing a modular set of compatible information services for real-time vehicle information; (iii) using common data models and schemas for the messages exchanged for each service; and (iv) introducing a consistent approach to data management.
- Improved operations management – the European Standard will assist in better vehicle management by (i) allowing the precise tracking of both local and roaming vehicles; (ii) providing data that can be used to improve performance, such as the measurement of schedule adherence; and (iii) allowing the distribution of schedule updates and other messages in real-time.
- Delivery of real-time information to end-users – the European Standard will assist the economic provision of improved data by: (i) enabling the gathering and exchange of real-time data between AVMS systems; (ii) providing standardised, well defined interfaces that can be used to deliver data to a wide variety of distribution channels. Version 2.0 of SIRI includes a new Simple Web Service designed to support the widespread, massively scalable use of mobile devices and web browsers and other applications to display public transport data directly to users.

Technical advantages include the following:

- Reusing a common communication layer for all the various technical services enables cost-effective implementations and makes the European Standard readily extensible in future.

History

Version 1.0 of SIRI was developed in 2004-2005 and submitted to vote, eventually passing through the CEN process to become an approved CEN Technical Specification in 2007. As well as the normative Version 1.0 XSD schema, successive informal working versions of the schema (v 1.1 – 1.4) were released to allow for fixes and to implement some very minor enhancements agreed by the working group. A WSDL version was also developed.

Version 2.0 of SIRI was developed in 2012 to coincide with making the SIRI standard a full CEN norm.

SIRI includes a Simple Web Services “SIRI-LITE” as an additional transport method and a WSDL document literal version and a WSDL2 version;

Version 2.1 of SIRI was developed in 2020/21 to address lessons from the now widespread implementation of SIRI.

The changes in SIRI version 2.1 include:

- remove the direct relationship with TPEG and other standards to enable support as the other standards change;
- support for new modes in line with TRANSMODEL and NeTeX;
- support for the Reason / Effect / Advice structure for disruptions in SIRI SX;
- increased granularity for occupancy data and Vehicle structures;
- improved subscription renewal options and filtering options;
- additional options and flexibility for STOP POINTS and relationships between journeys;
- migration of XSD to Github to improve access and change control processes.

Compatibility with previous versions

All changes in version 2.1 are intended to be fully backwards compatible, that is to say, existing documents that validate against earlier versions of the schema will also validate against the 2.1 schema without alteration (other than to schema version numbers), and version 2.1 documents that do not use new features will validate against earlier versions. Version 2.1 documents that use new features will not be backwards compatible.

Elements new to SIRI are annotated thus on first citation: **(+2.1)**.

EN 15531-1:2022 (E)**1 Scope****1.1 Interfaces specified by this document****1.1.1 Business Context**

Real-time information may be exchanged between a number of different organisations, or between different systems belonging to the same organisation. Key interfaces include the following:

- Between public transport vehicle control centres – generally, for fleet and network management.
- Between a control centre and an information provision system – generally, to provide operational information for presentation to the public.
- Between information provision systems – generally, sharing information to ensure that publicly available information is complete and comprehensive.
- Between information provision systems – and data aggregation systems that collect and integrate data from many different sources and different types of data supplier and then distribute it onwards.
- Between information provision systems and passenger information devices such as mobile phones, web browsers, etc.

Annex B describes the business context for SIRI in more detail.

SIRI is intended for wide scale, distributed deployment by a wide variety of installations. In such circumstances it is often not practical to upgrade all the systems at the same time. SIRI therefore includes a formal versioning system that allows for the concurrent operation of different levels at the same time and a disciplined upgrade process.

In this general framework, SIRI defines a specific set of concrete functional services. The services separate the communication protocols from the message content ('functional services'). This allows the same functional content to be exchanged using different transport mechanisms, and different patterns of exchange. Figure 1 below shows this diagrammatically.

1.1.2 SIRI Communications

SIRI provides a coherent set of functional services for exchanging data for different aspects of PT operation. A common data model, based on Transmodel 6.0, is used across all services.

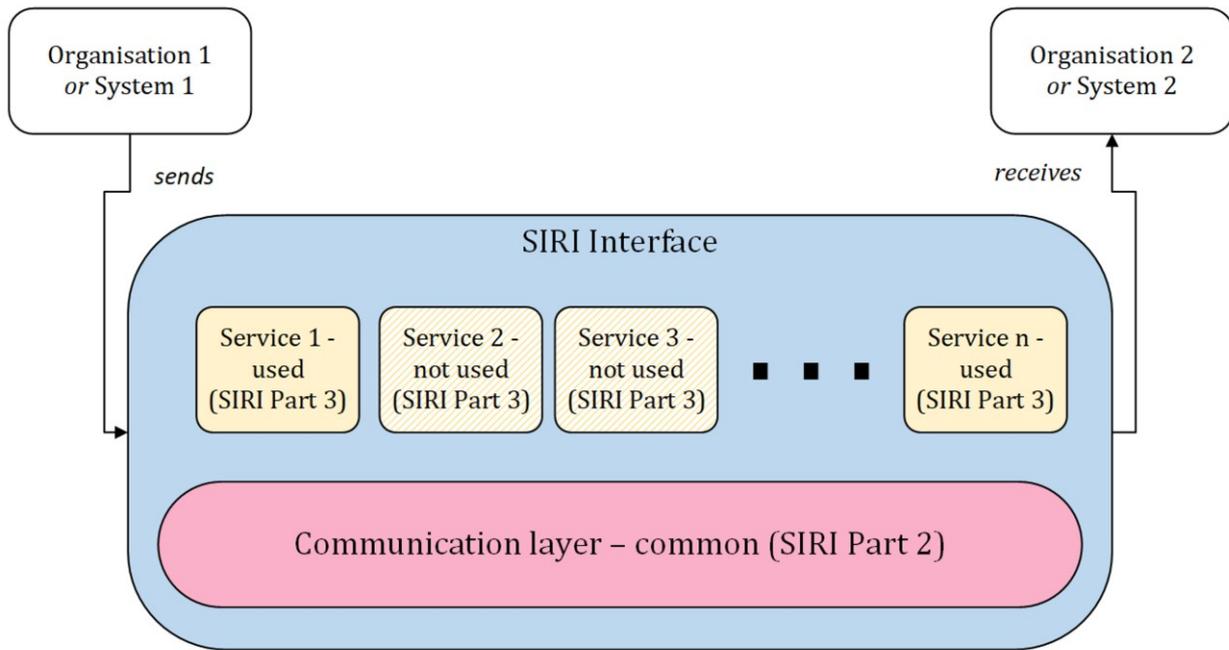


Figure 1 — Structure of SIRI: a set of optional service interface specifications using a common communication layer

A communication layer defines common procedures for the requesting and exchanging of data. Within SIRI, the same general communication protocols are used for all the different concrete functional interfaces, and specify a common infrastructure for message referencing, error handling, reset behaviour and so forth. The communications layer is defined in Part 2 of the SIRI document set.

To allow the most efficient use to be made of bandwidth and processing capacity, the SIRI communications architecture supports several different patterns of interaction. SIRI supports both request/response and publish/subscribe protocols between servers, allowing applications both to pull or to push data.

The SIRI publish/subscribe pattern of interaction follows the paradigm described in the W3C candidate standard 'Publish-Subscribe Notification for Web Services (WS-PubSub)'. SIRI uses the same separation of concerns, and a similar terminology for Publish/Subscribe concepts as is used in WS-PubSub.

For the delivery of data in response to both requests and subscriptions, SIRI supports two common patterns of message exchange as realised in existent national systems:

- one-step 'direct' delivery: allowing the simple rapid delivery of data;
- two-step 'fetched' delivery: allowing a more optimised use of limited resources.

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1.1.3 SIRI Functional Services

SIRI provides specific protocols for the following functional services, defined in Part 3 of the SIRI document set:

- **Production Timetable (PT) Service:** to send daily information on the operational timetable and associated vehicle running information.
- **Estimated Timetable (ET) Service:** to send real-time information on timetable, including changes based on the production service and on actual running conditions.
- **Stop Timetable (ST) Service:** to provide a stop-centric view of timetabled vehicle arrivals and departures at a designated stop.
- **Stop Monitoring (SM) Service:** to send real-time arrival & departure information relating to a specific stop.
- **Vehicle Monitoring (VM) Service:** to send real-time information on the movement and predicted movement of vehicles.
- **Connection Timetable (CT) Service:** to send an operational timetable for a service feeding an interchange, in order to inform departing services of the possible need to wait for connecting passengers.
- **Connection Monitoring (CM) Service:** to send real-time information on the running of a service inbound to an interchange, in order to advise departing services of the need to wait for connecting passengers. This can also be used to send real-time information to assist passengers in planning their onward journey following a connection.
- **General Message (GM) Service:** to exchange informative messages between participants.

Two additional functional services, are provided as additional parts:

- **Facilities Management (FM) Service:** to exchange information on the current status of facilities such as lifts, escalators or ticketing machines (Part 4).
- **Situation Exchange (SX) Service:** to exchange information messages between identified participants in a standardised structured format suitable for travel information services (Part 5).

1.2 Use of the SIRI standard

As a framework standard, it is not necessary for individual systems or specifications to implement the whole of the SIRI standard. Specifically, it is intended that individual national bodies may adopt consistent subsets of the standard. However, it should be possible to describe (for those elements of systems, interfaces and specifications which fall within the scope of SIRI):

- the aspects of SIRI that they have adopted;
- the aspects of SIRI that they have chosen not to adopt.

In other words, there is no global statement of which elements are mandatory and which optional (except for key fields which are clearly always mandatory).

SIRI is a modular and expandable standard, and the modules included in this version are only a subset of what might potentially be included. Specifically, the current issue of the SIRI specification excludes the following:

- interfaces with traffic management systems for traffic light priority;
- control action functions, e.g. instructions to a vehicle to change its running;
- functionality of actual systems – SIRI only specifies the interfaces between servers, not how they choose to implement it.

Since its inception SIRI has been enhanced and extended to meet additional requirements. The potential for SIRI to be expanded to encompass additional services will continue to be reviewed in future.

Guidance on the implementation and use of SIRI is not part of the specification. It is a matter for individual users and national groupings to provide advice and guidance on how SIRI may be used in support of local practices.

Note also that the SIRI communications layer does not specify the communication bearer technologies to be used. SIRI has been specifically developed to be ‘technology independent’ in this regard, so that local implementations can select the most cost-effective services for their projects.

Of course different technologies have different characteristics, and this may have an impact on the way that SIRI is used in practice. For example, the latency (time delay imposed by the communications network) of a service such as public GPRS is much higher than that on a dedicated, broadband fixed link using DSL. Therefore, systems based on GPRS will need to use a much higher value for some or all of the hysteresis parameters.

1.3 Limitations on SIRI and Possible Future Developments

The developers of this standard recognise that there is continual development in the business practice of the public transport industry, and that SIRI must continue to evolve to fulfil its needs. Specifically, there is scope for additional elements to be included in two places:

- Communications (SIRI Part 2). New mechanisms of data communication are constantly becoming available, in particular for areas such as information security and data discovery. SIRI is intended to be in line with prevailing information systems industry practice and Part 2 aims to retain flexibility in use of communications technologies. SIRI 2.0 introduces additional transports in form of the Document Literal WSDL and a RESTful presentation of services.
- Applications (SIRI Part 3, Part 4, Part 5, etc). This standard is based on a specific set of interfaces, representing a subset of practical needs among participant countries. However, new models of business cooperation may arise which necessitate additional application interface specifications. The current functional services are not intended to be a complete set of interfaces and additional modules might be required in future.
- Architectural detail. This standard is based on a very high-level decomposition of public transport operations, and implements only the most common interfaces. This may not fulfil all the needs of an implementer; for example, Scandinavia and the UK both have a relatively high degree of organisational disaggregation, and as a result may need standardisation on what would be ‘internal’ interfaces elsewhere in Europe.

CEN welcomes input from users of this Standard as to where SIRI needs extension or refinement.

EN 15531-1:2022 (E)**2 Normative references**

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 8601, *Data elements and interchange formats – Information interchange – Representation of dates and times*

ISO 639-1, *Codes for the representation of names of languages - Part 1: Alpha-2 code*

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