

Ruschlikon Blueprint Two Group – 6 Month Progress Report

Status Update

The Ruschlikon Blueprint Two Group was established in September 2023 with the primary purpose of providing a conduit for discussion and alignment between London market and Ruschlikon practitioners around the use of ACORD GRLC standards. So, 6 months on, what has been achieved?

Understanding of Respective Requirements

The London market operates on a subscription basis, meaning that some organisations take the lead in decision making for things like claim agreement and contract amendments, and other organisations enter into a contractual obligation to follow those decisions. Facilitating this practice using ACORD GRLC standards will involve enhancing the existing standards with new data items and processes.



Before this activity occurs it is important that the communities understand the respective requirements, so that those currently using the standards appreciate why changes are required. Those looking to enhance the standards, can do so in a way that has little, if any, impact on existing users.

There are a number of representatives within the group that operate in both the Ruschlikon and London market communities, and this has proven to be invaluable when explaining elements of the process to those that operate in one or the other.

Analysis of Core Data Record Proposals

Probably the most important element of the London market change program will be the introduction of a Core Data Record ([Core Data Record \(CDR\) | Blueprint Two \(velonetic.co.uk\)](#)), which will be used to generate a high level of automation against premium transactions, and to automate some of the checks against claim data.



The record primarily consists of contract and Lloyd's regulatory data, with the contract elements having a good level of alignment with the Ruschlikon ePlacing Guide. The main differences revolve around scope, with Ruschlikon ePlacing focussing on treaty and facultative reinsurance and the London market starting with commercial insurance and facultative reinsurance.

The Ruschlikon Blueprint Two group have analysed the proposals outlined in the London market documentation ([Process, Roles & Responsibilities \(PRR\)](#)), and highlighted some areas where the two initiatives diverge in process. These details have been passed to the London market design team, and a request has been made to work together to achieve greater alignment where possible.

Publication of Readiness Tracking Spreadsheet

As many readers will know, the London market Blueprint Two program is due to be delivered in two phases. Phase 1 will go live later this year, and the central teams have produced a series of questions aimed at tracking organisational readiness.

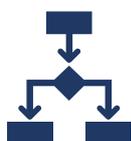
These questions guide companies towards completing relevant activities and identifying key areas to focus on at specific points in the journey. The Ruschlikon Blueprint Two group have taken these questions and produced a simple spreadsheet that allocates responsibility for question responses to the most appropriate individuals or teams. It also encourages the creation of task lists and actionable steps to help organisations reach their targets.



Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the spreadsheet can find it in Ruschlikon member resources, where it is identified as the '*Ruschlikon Blueprint Two Readiness Progress Tracking File*' ([Ruschlikon Member Resources \(acord.org\)](#)).

Production of Phase 2 Premium Process (Best Guess)

Although detailed designs of the future premium process have not been reviewed, it has been possible for the Ruschlikon members to generate an educated guess based on knowledge of London market processes, and the Central Service Refresh Program (CSRP) documents.



The 'best guess' document is intended to be used to outline some of the differences between London market and Ruschlikon, so that those with little London market knowledge gain appreciation of the challenges involved and will be better prepared once we get to the stage of discussing future proposals in detail.

What's Next?

Now that the finishing line is in sight for Phase 1, the central teams are rightly focussing their attention on ensuring a successful delivery and cutover. Consequently, the Phase 2 planning activities are taking a back seat and there is likely to be little coming out of the central teams for the group to review and discuss in the next few months.



Once the London market as a whole start preparing for Phase 2, there will be a substantial number of people that will be looking to learn more about the ACORD standards underpinning the Phase 2 processes. The Ruschlikon Blueprint Two group are therefore going to use the lull in discussions to produce a '*Beginners Guide to ACORD GRLC Messaging*' which will hopefully turn out to be a useful resource for the London market (and beyond).

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