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This edition of the LTS Technology News has the purpose of informing you about the latest news and key dates, as well as giving you a short preview of upcoming topics and developments. If you should have any further queries, the LTS Service Desk (ticket@lts.it) will gladly be of assistance via e-mail.

New catalogue widget

Since September 2015 all tourism associations and holiday regions have a new widget for the catalogue request available.



The new catalogue widget offers the following features:

- Order catalogues
- PDF download of catalogues
- On-line flip catalogue on http://www.issuu.com
- Option to send a room request
- Independent management and storage of the catalogues in TIC-Web (Office Settings/Info materials)
- Responsive design for automatic adaptation to different screen sizes allows scaling of views depending on the device used (PC, tablet, phone)
- Conversion Tracking can be activated

Anyone that has not currently installed a catalogue request with automatic import of requests in TIC-Web on the proper website can use the widget as a cost-effective solution. So all print forms to be sent can be independently managed in the Tic web.

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The widget is regularly updated. Changes are usually available without any major adjustments in all already implemented installations.

The technical documentation for the implementation of catalogue requests Widget is available for Internet agencies on the website www.lts.it/partner.

The use of the widget is free of charge. 195.00 Euros is charged once for the installation. In addition, costs for the integration of the widget might occur on the part of the Internet agency.

The new widget replaces the current catalogue Widget. The service for the current catalogue widget will be suspended by 31.01.2016.

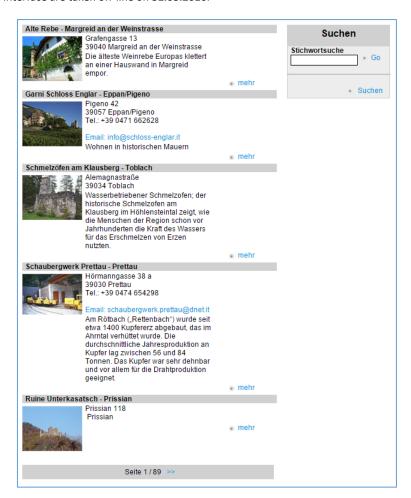
Widget non-tourist accommodation, interface Miscellaneous Data

Currently, there are still websites which use the widget *non-tourist accommodation*. This is an illustration of cultural goods, shops etc., which obtains the data from the TIC web address management.

There are also tourism associations and holiday regions that use the interface MiscellaneounsData for the output of this data

The support for this address data is suspended regarding publishing (not billing). We recommend replacing the Widget with the LTS POIFinder or the interfaces with LCS POIs.

The Widget and the interface are taken off-line on 31.03.2016.



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LCS interface - POIs and Activities

The data for POIs and Activities is currently being revised to

- further improve the data quality
- · adopt the system to the requirements of the tourism associations
- to make them ready for the data transfer with other systems

Superfluous information has been removed.

A larger amount of information has been added. Among others, the following fields have been redefined:

- Advanced geometry data
- Orientation (compass direction)
- Descriptive texts as HTML
- Keywords
- New activities horse riding and city tour
- Directions
- Rating of technique, condition, landscape, adventure
- Extended opening hours

A great deal of information is now mandatory, thereby providing a uniform appearance. Especially the newly introduced ratings by the author help the users.

All users of the POI and Activity interface are encouraged to check if their interface is compatible with the upgrading. Thus, for example, the definitions of opening hours have been greatly upgraded. The upgrade must be considered in the evaluation.

The filtering of POIs through EnumCodes must be converted to keywords, as the EnumCodes no longer cover the assignment completely.

Descriptive texts are now recorded in HTML format.

The revised interfaces are already available, and will be revised and optimized by the TIC-Web users in the next weeks. The surface for the revision of the master data in TIC-Web is currently being revised and is available at the middle/end of October. The tourism associations and holiday regions are informed promptly by LTS.

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Outdooractive.com - POIs and Activities

A few weeks ago, LTS concluded a cooperation agreement with Outdooractive.com. We are currently working on the linking of databases from LTS and Outdooractive.com for POIs/Activities. The interface will be activated in the upcoming weeks. This makes it possible to maintain the data in TIC-Web as usual, and access Outdooractive.com tools for the visualization. Requirement for the use of the data is the promptly revision of the data in TIC-Web by the tourism associations and holiday regions.

Under the agreement, all tourism associations and the SMG have the following mapping applications available for free:

- OA Regio (Widget easy to be integrated)
- FlexView (Configurable display, integration through JavaScript)
- Data API JSON interface

Furthermore, the personalized Outdooractive.com Mobile platform for Android and iOS is available.



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New Booking widget for websites with interface connection

The LTS now provides a new Booking Widget for interface clients. The booking steps can hereby be integrated cost-effectively into the website/app.



The new Booking Widget offers the following features:

- Integration of the booking process directly in the website (no separate browser window must be opened)
- Graphical adaptability to the design of the own website using CSS.
- Responsive design for automatic adaptation to different screen sizes allows scaling of views depending on the used device (PC, tablet, phone).
- Google Analytics Tracking through events
- · optional Conversion-Tracking

The Widget is regularly upgraded. Changes are usually available without any major adjustments in all already implemented installations.

The technical documentation for the implementation of the Booking Widget for interface clients is available on www.lts.it/partner.

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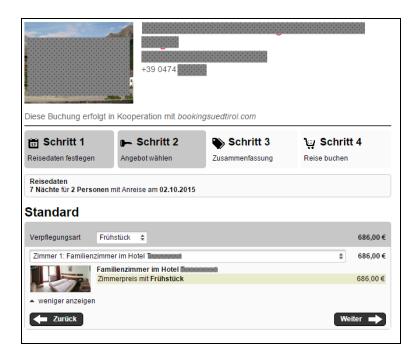


The use of the widget is free of charge. In the year 2015 195.00 Euros is charged once for the installation. In addition, costs for the integration of the widget might occur on the part of the Internet agency.

The Widget is available for all websites and apps with interface connection to LTS.

Please note that **tourist accommodation establishments** can order their own Widget for their website at bookingsuedtirol.com (info@bookingsuedtirol.com).

All websites and apps using the Booking Widget with the URL http://tourist.bz.it/Booking/bookingwidget.asp (see screenshot), please note that the service will be suspended on **02.11.2015**.



PMS / CRS – New interface function LocalTaxRates

LTS now provides a new function for calculating the local taxes. The new feature allows:

- Calculating the local tax daily rate for a particular day/tourist accommodation establishment
- Reading the local tax daily rate for a particular period/tourist accommodation establishment
- Reading the local tax daily rate for all communities of a particular tourism association.

Note

This is not an official service. The accuracy of the charged local tax daily rate is exclusive responsibility of the tourism accommodation establishment. LTS does not guarantee the accuracy of the data.

The new feature has already been enabled for all PMS with interface contract. There are no additional costs for the use.

If more customers are interested in this interface, please send a short message (ticket@LTS.it)

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PMS / CRS - Automatic completion of ASTAT- and local tax message

We would like to point out again that as of April 2015, the interface for reporting the local tax or ASTAT was expanded. By passing a new attribute, it is now possible to definitively complete the reporting in the PMS (Property Management System) already. The interface then attempts to carry out the final account. If the account was completed successfully, a PDF with the payment modalities is returned. If it was not possible to complete the reporting, the completion of the reporting must be manually carried out in the TVASTAT software. In this case, detailed information is provided in TVASTAT to justify why completion was not possible. Please consult the documentation on our partner site http://www.lts.it/partner (Area PMS - Property Management Systems) if you need more details.

New interface open

LTS provides the new interface OPEN. This interface is a part of the LCS interface. Via the interface, the following data can be retrieved:

- Lifts
- Slopes
- Ski-tracks
- Toboggan runs
- Webcams
- Snow report

The use of the interface is free of charge. The following steps are required for use:

- Download Interface contract (for other languages see http://www.lts.it/partner)
- Send the completed interface contract to ticket@LTS.it
- LTS sends the countersigned interface contract including the access data to the applicant

Outlook - Widget Gastronomy

LTS is currently working on the revision of the Gastronomy Widget. The widget is expected to be available by the end of the year, and replaces the current Widget. The Widget will use the functions and technologies already known from the LTS hotel finder. By adjusting the layout to the last generation of LTS Widgets, also this widget will appear in the same *look & feel* and provide a modern and attractive appearance.

Outlook - Widget Events

As part of the revision of the Widgets, also the presentation of the events will be revised. The new Widget will replace the current Widget for events. The widget is expected to be available at the beginning of 2016. In addition, this Widget will use the functions and technologies already known from the LTS hotel finder and take over their layout.

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