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## RAIN Alliance April 2024

#### **Role of the RAIN Alliance**

Foster market adoption of RAIN RFID technology

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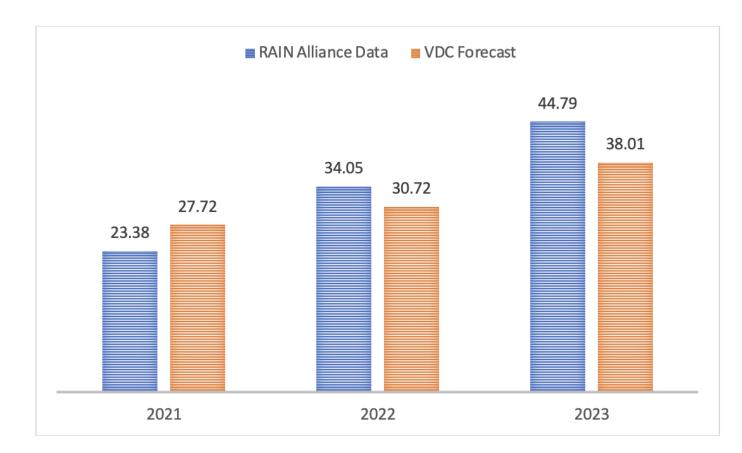


**RAILANCE** 

support the development — ANNIVERSARY and recognition of the RAIN brand



## **RAIN RFID Tag IC Shipments**



In 2023, RAIN RFID tag chips increased to almost 45 billion units (up 32% from the previous year).

This growth significantly exceeded market projections, and results from a proliferation of applications in a vast array of industry verticals.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Innovation Challenge





• A platform for the supplier community to work together

 Connecting the brightest minds in our community to produce solutions to our customers' most pressing unresolved business challenges

# Which challenges have been prioritized by end-users?

1. Demonstrate a multi-vendor open and interoperable (i.e. not proprietary) anti-counterfeit system for high-value or controlled goods.

2. Optimise efficiency, accuracy and cost for tagging very diverse items (with different materials, different forms, different sizes). Specifically of interest are either lower volumes in-store or higher volumes in other locations such as distribution centres).

3. Optimise the location accuracy of reading tags (e.g. so that tags in one room/space can be easily differentiated from tags nearby but in another room/space)

4. Demonstrate how to migrate an existing process which has been optimised for another technology (and has the confidence of the end-user team) to using RAIN RFID instead, mitigating the risks and showing how to quantify the additional value achieved.

# Key dates



	Challenge Teams announced		
21st March End-users available to clarify and contextualise	mid-April	Incredible Innovations happen :-)	
		Through late Spring and Summer	Present & Demo live
			Rain in Action Event
			Florence, 23rd September
			Special discounted attendance for end

## **Regulation & Influence activities**

- Radio Spectrum
  - Josef Preishuber-Pflügl recently appointed as ETSI ERM TG34 "RFID" chair
  - Notable recent update SRD community request for higher power in the upper European RAIN frequency spectrum -Denied.
- US focus
  - Technology and Maintenance Council
    - Notable recent update RP247 (Recommended Practice) has enshrined RAIN RFID as a leading solution for state-of-the-art tire management
  - Association of Plastics Recyclers
    - Notable recent update testing of samples underway to show that RAIN RFID is not detrimental to recycling process
- EU legislation in focus
  - Digital Product Passport
  - Electronic Waste



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#### 2023-24 Events



#### May 13-16th 2024 Connections Summit -Taiwan

#### September 23-26th 2024 - RAIN in AZIONE -Italia



Celebrating our 10th Anniversary in 2024! beontag

# **Global Training Program**

- Key industry challenges
  - Shortage of skilled staff
  - Complex technology to deploy
  - Retention of key staff



- RAIN Alliance recognized as THE independent source of knowledge for RAIN RFID
- 2024 Training Courses & Certification opportunities include:
  - Write-point & encoding training
  - Read point training
  - Embedding RAIN RFID in Tyres



# 2024 Sustainability Report 🛞



- Bridging the Gap: Connecting Corporate Sustainability with RAIN RFID
- Launched this week
- RAIN RFID
  - is successfully reshaping how we identify and track products in our complex global supply chains
  - empowers companies to collect impact data on topics such as supply chain transparency, product composition and proper end-of-life and waste management
  - is a critical technology for decisions that balance people, the planet, and profit