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RDA in DACH – Where are we and where do we want to go?

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Organisational Framework

National Libraries
State Libraries
Library Consortia
Public Libraries
Archives
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DACH
Acronym for Austria, Germany and German-speaking Switzerland

Committee for Library Standards

is in the process of opening up to other cultural institutions

Expert Group on Data formats	Expert Group on Cataloguing	Expert Group on Authority file (GND)	Expert Groups on Special Resources
			Music, Audiovisual Resources, Old Books, Manuscripts, Graphic Material, Art Books, Provenance, Literary Archives

Platform of all Working Groups

Working Principles of the Committee for Library Standards and it's Working Groups

- Cooperativ

- In accordance with national and international standards

- With focus on data exchange

- With focus on other cultural institutions

- With focus on authority data

Compatibility of Standards

Library Standards

- RDA
- RSWK
- RNAB
- MARC 21
- ...

Standards from further cultural institutions as archives and museums

Toolkit Switchover at the end of 2020

–   The new RDAs are no longer to be understood as a fixed set of rules. They offer possibilities for making different resources accessible in different environments and applications.

–   The user communities must therefore work out their application, based on the framework standard RDA. This gives the communities more freedom, but at the same time means an increased effort due to the necessary adaptation work.

–   Special communities welcome the more open approach. It makes it easier for them to find cross-cutting solutions.

Initial situation for the decision in the German-speaking region

Reconceptualisation regarding structure and design in the RDA Toolkit due to the 3R project (RDA Toolkit Restructure and Redesign Project).

Introduction of **new concepts** such as Diachronic Works and Aggregates due to the IFLA-LRM (Library Reference Model).

These concepts are new and challenging, they need to be understood, trained and currently **do not bring any advantages for indexing in practice**.

Official Decision in DACH

– Decision of the Committee on Standards: "Conception and creation of a cataloguing handbook for libraries in the DACH region on the basis of the changed RDA regulations by the expert group on cataloguing. The intention is to simplify existing regulations as much as possible."

– Impacts: No full translation of the new RDA Toolkit but the glossary and the definitions of the RDA Registry are translated into German.

Project 3R for DACH libraries

– Conception and creation of a cataloguing manual for libraries in the DACH region on the basis of the changed RDA regulations and elements.

– Simplification of existing regulations as far as possible

– As few changes as possible to the cataloguing practice and environment

– Creation of regulations only for the most important use cases in cataloguing practice

Key data of the Project

– Duration of the project 1 March 2020 - 31 December 2022

– Worked out in the Confluence Wiki of the DNB

– Implementation of the results in a Wikibase environment as part of a DACH documentation project.

Workpackages (2020-2022)

WP 0 Project management (ongoing)	WP 1 Conception of the manual (completed)	WP 2 Creation of the manual (April 2021-
WP 3 Application profile for DACH (ongoing)	WP 4 Training concept (2022)	WP 5 Follow-up, formulation of further tasks (2023)

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Advantages

– A common manual for all RDA users in the DACH region with all RDA rules, DACH PS and DACH explanations listed in one place in the text and examples are chosen specifically for German cultural/language needs.

– Links to the new Toolkit are provided in the manual.

– Individual new or amended regulations of the new Toolkit can already be adopted and new RDA concepts could be added at a later date after thorough examination.

– The modular documentation in the Wikibase environment enables the efficient use and linking of texts. Redundant texts are avoided.

– The manual will also serve as a training tool.

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Structure of the Manual

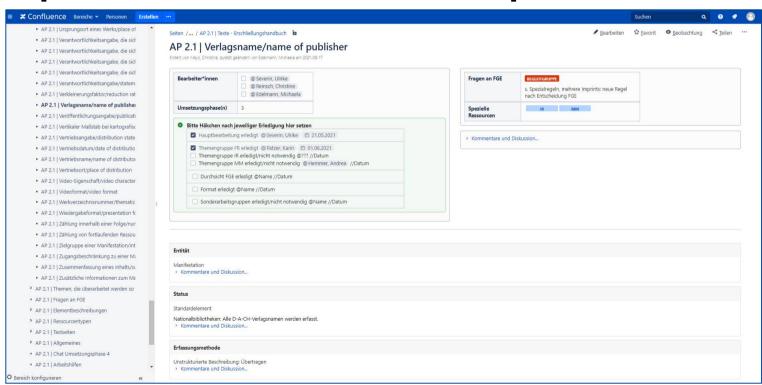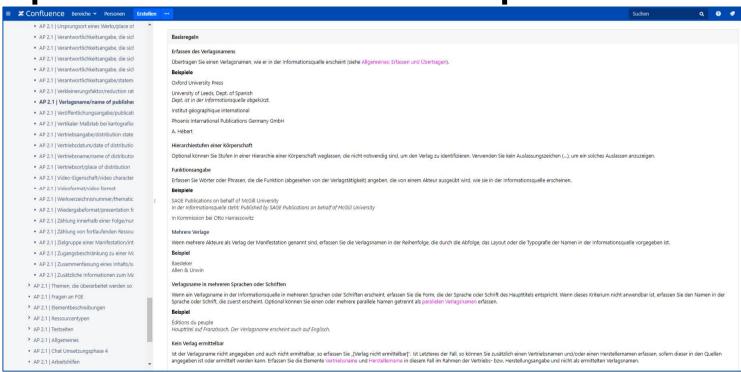|	
Element descriptions	• based on the new Toolkit, all regulations in one place (RDA DACH PS etc. are presented in the text directly to the RDA regulation)
Guidelines	• Topics such as "Recording and Transcribing", "Information sources", "When do I need a new description?", …
Resource types	• All important types of resources with their specifications in one place • Monographs, multi-part monographs, serials, graphic material, music resources …

Template for Element Description

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Application Profile DACH

– Part of the DACH manual project

– First draft since 2021 for a minimum set: Elements that must be recorded in order to be

    designated as recorded according to RDA.

– Is continuously supplemented with the results of the manual project.

– Currently contains the prioritised elements for the manual for a simple monograph

    publication and the elements coming from the former DACH AP.

Place of Publication

Type of Information	Specific Information
Entity	Manifestation
Name of the Element with link to the RDA Toolkit	Place of publication
RDA number from the Original Toolkit	2.8.2
Type of element	Core element
Element name in the Original Toolkit in German	Erscheinungsort
Special condition	For national libraries: all places of publication have to be recorded

Place of Publication

Recording method	Not yet defined
VES (Vocabulary encoding scheme)	-
Link to the RDA Registry	P30088
Special condition in the original Toolkit	For national libraries: all places of publication have to be recorded
Comments	DACH PS: Application of options and alternatives available
Minimal description	Not yet defined

Working together?

– How can we benefit from each others work in Europe?

– Please contact us for comments, questions etc.

– You are very much welcome!

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