

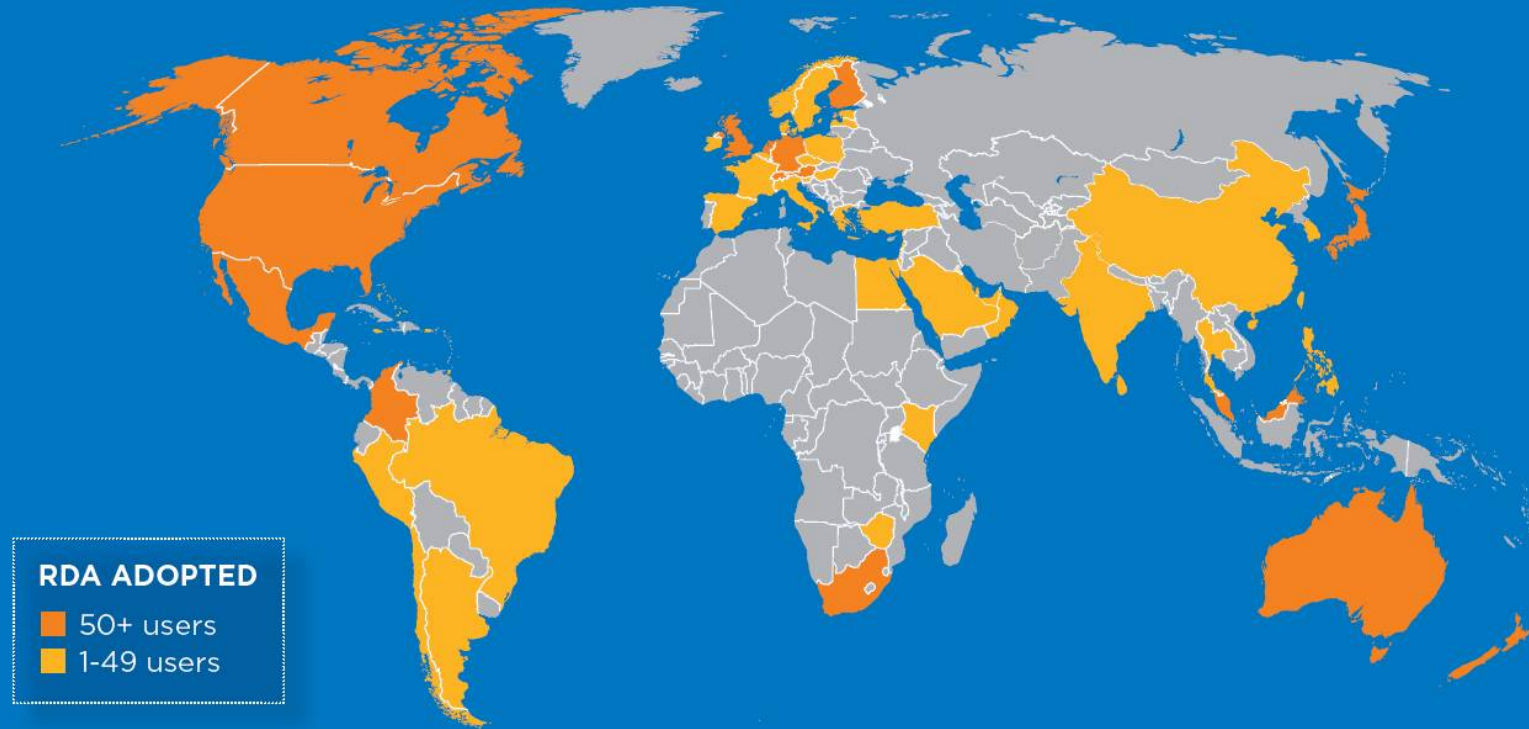
RDA – Opportunità e Prospettive

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The World of RDA



RDA ADOPTED

- 50+ users
- 1-49 users

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Some history

- Responsible for RDA are the RDA Board and the RDA Steering Committee (RSC).
- Until 2015 members came from North-America, Australia, Great Britain and Germany.
- At the end of 2015 the RDA Board and the RSC decided to change their organisation structure.
- Continents have to organise themselves and have to send Regional Representatives to the RDA committees.

- In the RDA Board all regions are represented
- While in the RSC we have no members from Asia, Africa and Latin America for the moment

6 x Regional
Representatives

Africa

Latin America
and The
Caribbean

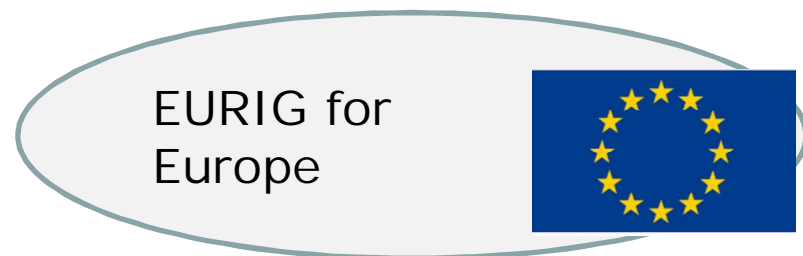
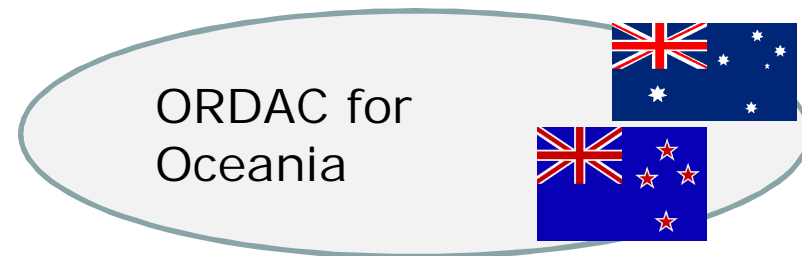
North
America

Asia

Europe

Oceania

Group of Region Representatives



Melissa Parent - ORDAC,
Thomas Brenndorfer - NARDAC,
Renate Behrens - EURIG

RSC Organisation and Strategy

Biblioteca del Congreso Nacional de Chile

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RSC Meetings

- One meeting per year, each in a different continent
- Web-conferences
- Asynchronous Meetings

Virtual meetings

- RSC has temporarily suspended the web conferences due to the burden of the different time zones and quarterly asynchronous meetings are held instead.
- Those meetings are held in wiki areas (Basecamp) and usually last one week, so all members can work in their own time zone.
- Current schedule: September 2019, January, April and July 2020

RDA Strategic Plan 2020-2022

At the request of the RDA Board, the RSC will develop a rolling three-year operational plan that will be harmonized with the “RDA Strategic Plan 2020-2022.” Both the RDA Board and the RSC will have separate operational plans to support the overall strategic vision. A draft will be prepared which, when finalized, will give a clearer public picture of anticipated RSC work for the next two to three years.

Translation Working Group

- The RSC supported adding five translators to the Translations Working Group for the five official partial translations, noting that all official translations should be members of the Working Group. Partial translations are translations only of RDA Reference, not RDA instructions. Previously, partial translations were represented by a single member.

Technical Working Group

The membership of the Technical Working Group is being refreshed, and their Terms of Reference and task list are being updated.

Damian Iseminger (Library of Congress) will succeed Gordon Dunsire as the Technical Team Liaison to the RSC and chair of the RSC's Technical Working Group; his two-year term starts January 2021.

Task and Finish Working Groups

Application Profiles Working Group: set up at the end of 2019, chair is Alan Danskin (British Library), EURIG Application Profile is basis of the further work

<http://www.rda-rsc.org/sites/all/files/Interim%20Report%20of%20the%20RDA%20Working%20Group%20on%20Application%20Profiles.pdf>

Further working groups are planned e.g. for religious works or for archival materials

MARC/RDA Working Group

- Set up at the end of 2019, not an RSC working group, but rather one formed by the Library of Congress
- Alignment of MARC 21 with the Beta Toolkit
- First proposals will be discussed in a virtual meeting this Summer
- RSC representative in the group is Ebe Kartus (ORDAC)

The Europe Region

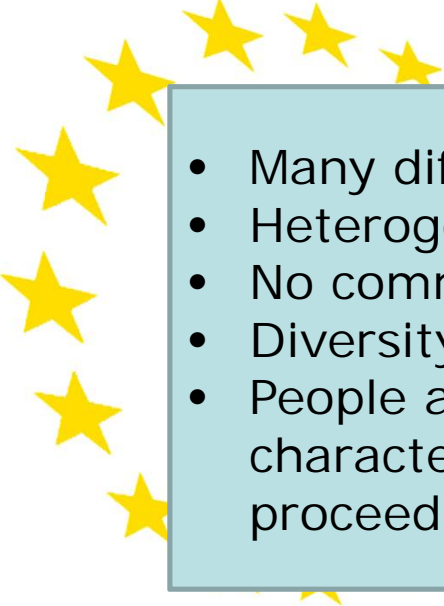


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What is specific in Europe

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- Many different languages
 - Heterogeneous cultural and historical background
 - No common organisational structure
 - Diversity of standards and formats
 - People are very different in temperament and character which makes agreements and procedures difficult.

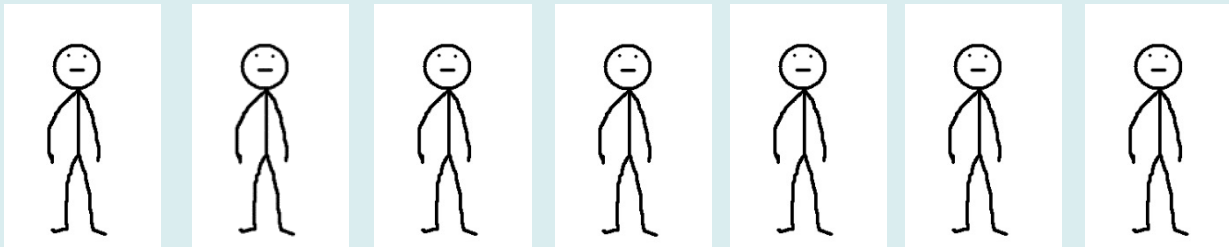
European RDA Interest Group (EURIG)

- Formally launched in Copenhagen on 27, September 2011.
- EURIG exists to promote the common professional interests of all users, and potential users of RDA, in Europe.
- To encourage and promote co-operation, communication and exchange of experience.
- To work closely with the RDA committees.
- To encourage and promote translations.

- At the end of 2015 the RDA Board and the RSC decided to change their organisational structure.
- Continents have to organise themselves as a single unit and have to send Regional Representatives to the RDA committees.
- For Europe EURIG has been targeted for this task.
- But EURIG has been only an INTEREST Group.
- So what to do?

- EURIG accepted the challenge and started a revision process immediately.
- At the EURIG annual meeting in May 2016, EURIG changed its organisational structure from an interest group to a decision-making body.
- The EURIG Cooperation Agreement was updated
- An Interim Europe Region Representative to the RSC was nominated.

EURIG has 50 members from 27 countries.



Who makes the decisions?



RDA and Europe



What is the goal?

- Data exchange
- Sensible use of resources by creating synergy
- Strong position towards Anglo-American partners
- Greater opportunities to influence the development of international standards

What are the Problems?

- Unclear responsibilities
- Cultural differences
- Political differences
- No common language

What are the Advantages?

The European region has become a stable and reliable partner in the RDA Board and in the RSC.

EURIG has participated in the 3R project via its Editorial Committee and the European Representative.

EURIG members will cooperate in the post-3R-phase as much as possible.

Europe in the RSC Working groups

Standing Working Groups

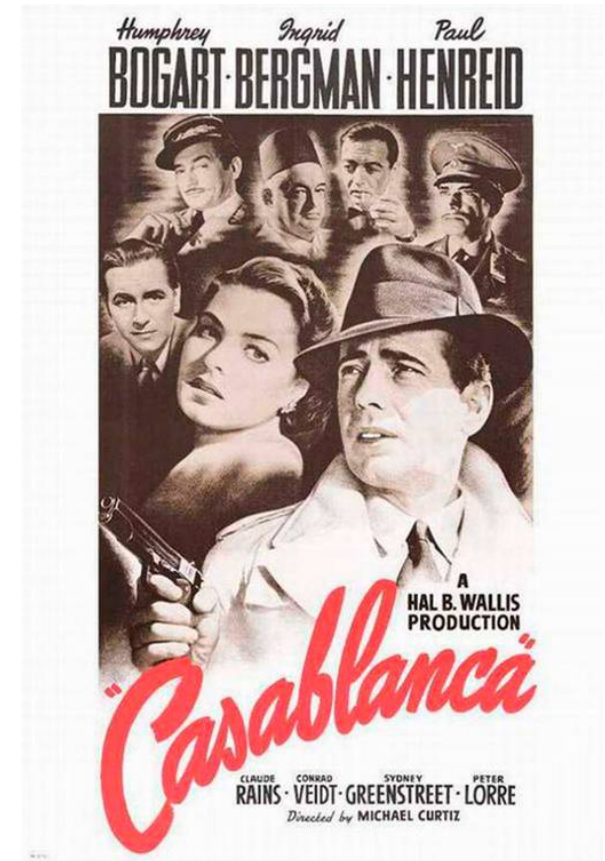
Technical WG (members from Germany and Hungary)
Translations WG (all translators in Europe, even partial translations)

Task and finish working groups

Application Profiles WG (members from Austria, Germany and Great-Britain, chair)



List of Experts for Special Materials



The 3R Project



3R Project for the English text completed

The 3R Project for the English text of RDA is now considered to be complete. It accomplished its goals of:

- Rebuilding the instruction repository to bring it in line with current data management best practices, make RDA data more modular and dynamic, and allow the RSC to track and manage a greater range of metadata associated with the instructions
- Adopting responsive design
- Bringing the site in compliance with established accessibility standards
- Making improvements to Toolkit navigation, display, and features to create a user experience that is more intrinsically of the web.

Switchover of the RDA Toolkit

- A hard date for the Switchover of the Beta Site to official RDA status has been set at December 15, 2020.
- The Switchover date and the start of the Countdown Clock on the original RDA Toolkit are no longer linked.
- The start of the year-long Countdown Clock will be determined by full agreement of the RDA Board and RSC; this agreement will likely occur sometime in 2021.

Internationalization

- The RSC is acutely conscious of the demands that internationalization of this standard requires.
- The RSC is increasingly aware of and is taking steps to remove the Anglo-American focus of the content. Non Anglo-American communities are supporting this process, such as the EURIG Examples Working Group, which will provide examples for more international reuse.

Revision Process

- For the time being, the actual Toolkit text is frozen and even in the Beta Toolkit only minor changes will be made until the end of 3R to guarantee a stable basis for adaption work and translations.
- The further review process (proposals, fast tracks etc.) is intended to be more flexible and a quarterly amendment procedure is planned.

Release of the Beta Toolkit

- Last release at the end of April 2020
- The release introduces new features and functionality as well as some relocating of RDA content.
- More efficient navigation of elements
- Introduction of policy statements (British Library and LC/PCC) as a test of the functionality of their display.
- More information <https://www.rdatoolkit.org/April2020release>

EURIG Plans

- Adopt the changes from the 3R project in our national or language-based communities.
- Make RDA more international.
- Work out a general RDA application profile and application profiles for special materials
- Set up an European examples working group
- Support the cooperation on European or worldwide level

The 3R Project and the Communities



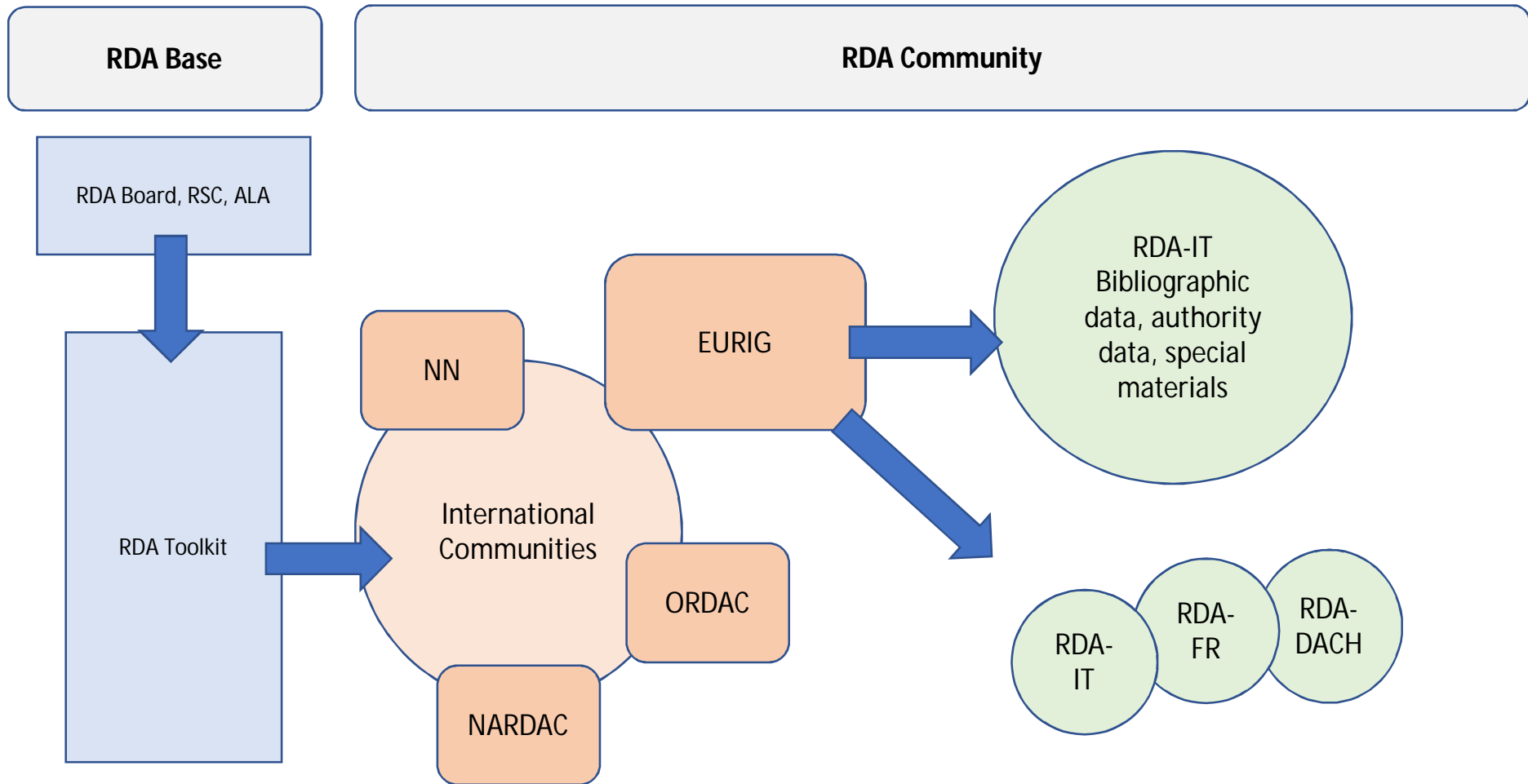
It is a challenge!



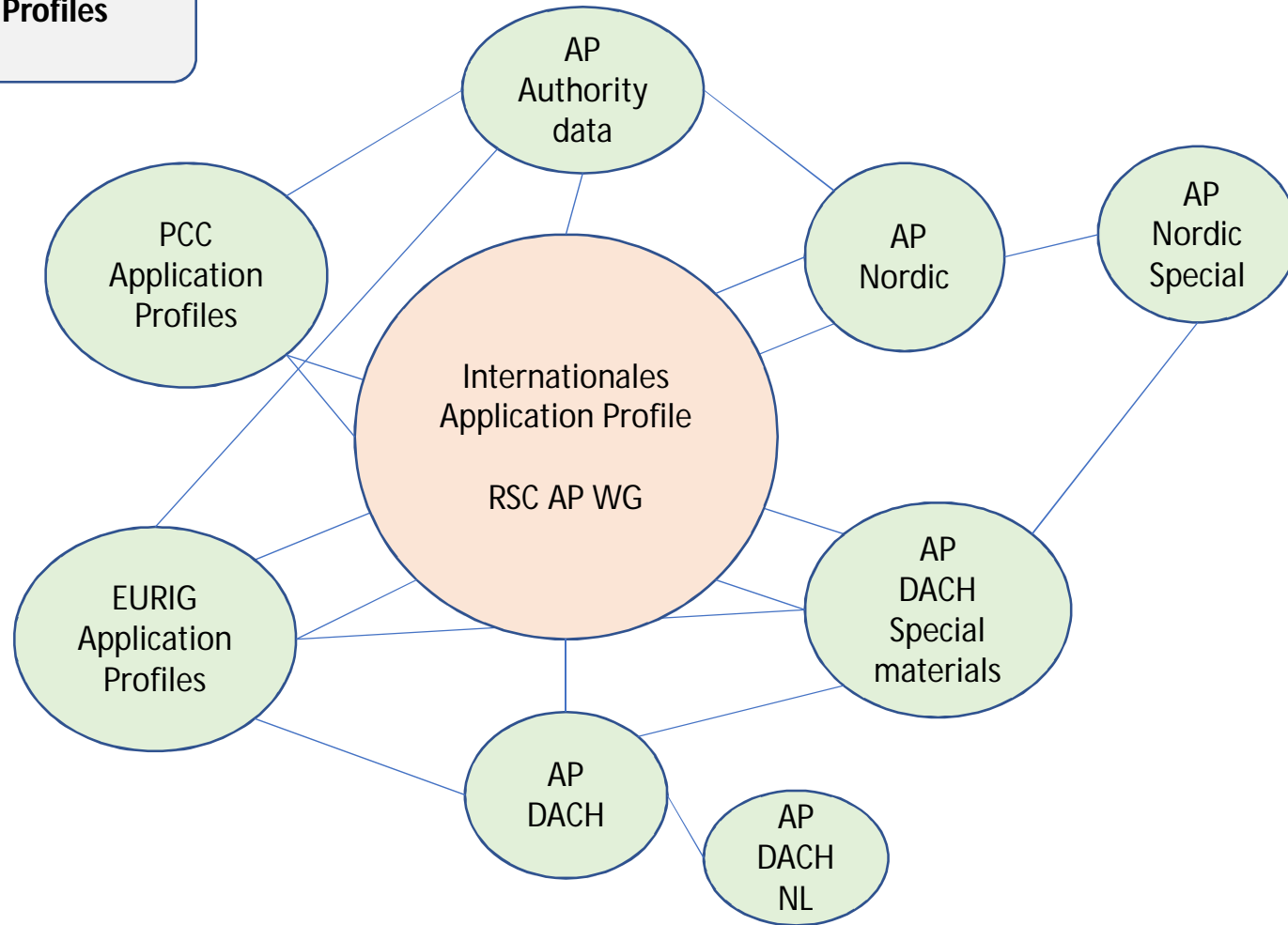
Good ideas are needed!

3R Project and local communities

- Every national or language-based community has to adapt the changes and additions from the 3R project
- RDA after 3R is now more a framework standard
- The new Toolkit is not as easy to use as it was before
- The content of post 3R RDA is consequently linked-data oriented, which made it sometimes difficult in existing everyday work.
- Application Profiles are needed!



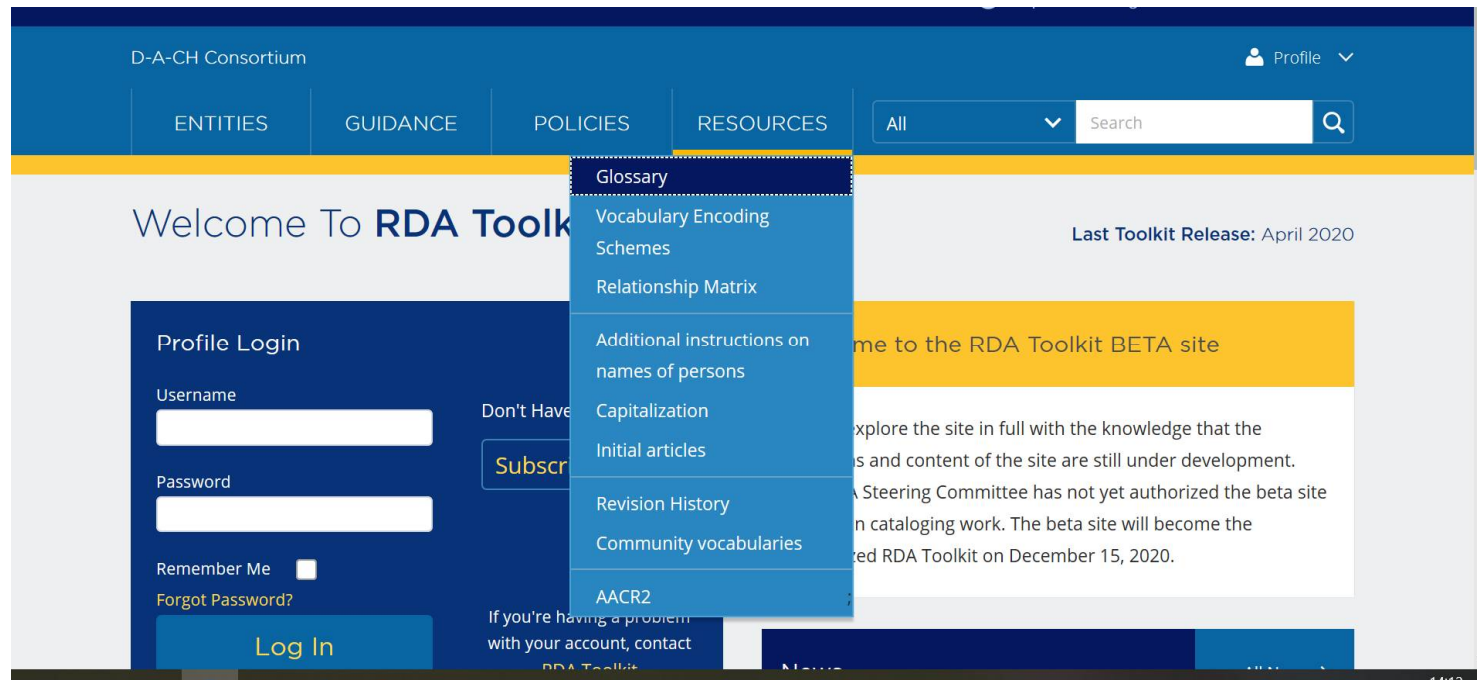
RDA Application Profiles



Actual Topics



Resources Tab in the Beta Toolkit



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- A 'community' area in the Toolkit to support policy statements, user-created documentation, and application profiles, and the new place of the original Toolkit appendices
- Task for the next future: a review of the Toolkit Resources menu and removal of the Anglo-American focus of the original Toolkit to accommodate international perspectives

Collective Agent

- ORDAC prepared a briefing paper in 2019
- The RSC has taken up the suggestions from ORDAC and would like to deepen the discussion in a working group.
- The next step could be a future Working Group to explore creating a new entity under Collective Agent for meetings, conferences, congresses, expeditions, exhibitions, festivals, fairs, etc. The new entity would need to be defined so it does not overlap with the Family or Corporate Body entities. This would be a refinement of the LRM model.

Work boundaries

The briefing paper “Work boundaries” provided a description of the issues in determining the circumstances under which a new work should be described. The RSC agreed that text about work boundaries should be incorporated in a separate Guidance chapter.

Friendlier Labels

- NARDAC members reviewed in the last year the suitability of the RDA unconstrained element set to store user-friendly element labels and tried to develop a method for easy determination and maintenance of general user-friendly labels.
- Feedback from European communities has been cautious because English terms cannot always be used directly and the labels will often be made "friendlier" in the course of the translations.

Representative Expression

The LRM introduces the idea of a ‘representative expression attribute’; this is a Work attribute that “records the values of those expression attributes considered essential in characterizing the work”. The RSC elaborates and discussed the idea of an representative expression for aggregates.

Particularly from the European communities, it has been reported that the time for such considerations is too early.

Information

- [RDA Board and RDA Steering Committee](#)
- [European RDA Interest Group](#)

All Images

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Thank you for your attention!



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