How to survive an implementation project or RDA in DACH

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• loss of experience
• loss of traditions
• loss of expertise
• uncertainty
• distrust
• …
Implementation

Public Libraries
Special Libraries
Cultural Institutions

RDA Project
RDA in D-A-CH
Status of the Implementation

- RDA has been implemented for the Integrated Authority file (GND) in mid 2014
- all 16 partners of the RDA project switched to RDA since January 2016
- institutions from outside the project start with the implementation process and need support
Cooperation D-A-CH – Working Group RDA
Cooperation D-A-CH

- the whole implementation process has been effected in a cooperation of 16 partners (national libraries, state libraries, library networks and other institutions)
- the organizational structure of the project, with expert and working groups, has been maintained and developed for the future work concerning RDA in the German-speaking countries
Members

- National Libraries
- State Libraries
- Library Networks
- Public Libraries
- Archives
- Federal Government

Committee on Library Standards

Expert Group Dataformats
Expert Group Cataloguing
Most important Working Documents

• Policy Statements

• Standard set of elements defined as mandatory elements including RDA core elements and additional elements

• additional agreements for National Libraries

• working documents with special instructions e.g. for the formats
Training

https://wiki.dnb.de/RDAINFO/Schulungen
Training

- modularized materials – starting with Module 1 (Introduction to FRBR) until Module 6 (Special Materials)
- worked out in a cooperative process by all project partners
- regular updates
- 2017 ff under the responsibility of the German National Library
- great demand for trainings from libraries and institutions outside the RDA project
- the German National Library is providing external trainings since January 2016

Stopped because of 3R
RDA Toolkit

Consortial License for Germany, Austria and Switzerland

American Library Association
RDA Toolkit

- consortial license for all libraries and other cultural institutions in Germany, Austria and Switzerland
- this also applies for institutions from beyond D-A-CH with head offices in D-A-CH (e.g. Goethe-Institute)
- does not apply for commercial institutions
- consortium leader and manager is the German National Library
From Paintings to Buildings
Special Materials

Committee for Library Standards

Expert Groups

- WG Literary Estates 2014–2017
- WG Graphic Materials 2016 ff
- WG Art Books 2018 ff
- Committee GND 2017 ff
- WG Old Books 2015 ff
- WG Manuscripts 2017 ff
International Cooperation of Cultural Institutions
RDA-Info-Wiki

- platform for information, communication and documentation
- working documents
- training material
- technical information
- information about consortia and working groups in D-A-CH
- information about international consortia and working groups
- rda-info@dnb.de
Committee on Library Standards + Expert Groups
RDA Board and RSC

6 Representatives from Continents: Africa, North America, South America, Asia, Europe, Oceania

EURIG

Further Members
„Supply Chain“

RDA Board and RSC
Continental/National Representatives

EURIG
Editorial Committee
Multilingualism

- Switzerland is a country with three official languages
- Libraries there have to provide access points in several languages depending on the preferred language of the region
- Austria and Germany are not multilingual. Their libraries want metadata only in German
- RDA is not multilingual at all!
Summary: What do we have achieved?

- trinational organization
- full German translation with regular updates
- Policy statement «D-A-CH-AWR»
- implementation
- RDA training
- cooperation with other cultural institutions
Happy ending?
In progress

- minimizing local rules
- just applying RDA as an international standard
- new working method and workflows, e.g. cataloguer's judgement
- cooperation with non librarian communities continues
- 3R DACH project from 2018 – 2019/2020
The 3R Project

3R Project
RSC

- two meetings in 2017 (Chicago in May and Madrid in November)
- 1001 documents on the Wiki and in Google Docs
- millions of emails
- some videoconferences

Not always consensus, not always a solution!
3R Project - Timeframe

- beta version of the new Toolkit to be released on 13, June 2018 in English
- more updates (September and December 2018 and February 2019) will complete the 3R project
- the current Toolkit will remain available for a year after the new Toolkit is fully functional
Waiting position
What role does EURIG have?
Plans

- adopt the requirements from the 3R project in our national or language-based communities
- make RDA more international
- cooperation on European or international level
- work out a review process for Europe in accordance with the RSC
- ...

Good ideas are needed!
The next big step – 3R DACH project

We have to review
- the whole German translation
- all our working documents
- all our training material
- the technical implementation

and have to provide trainings for our staff
In the 3R-DACH-Projekt we will take the challenge from the 3R project to modernize our cataloguing environment.
Future topics

- computer-assisted cataloguing and
- cataloguing by machine
- efficiency and cost saving aspects
- mass of resources
- declining importance of cataloguing
- very disparate data sets and records in our catalogues
- standards are often not prepared for this challenges
Objective for the future

RDA as a really international standard with a participation process with equal partners from around the world
Thank you for listening!

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Information

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