To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: EURIG
Subject: RDA and FRBRoo treatment of aggregates

EURIG thanks the JSC Aggregates Working Group for this discussion paper. Its analysis will be helpful for the work of the EURIG Working Group on Expressions.

The approach via FRBRoo is of great interest and will encourage interoperability. However, the choice to collapse the Expression of the contained works with the Publication Expression is debatable, specifically in Example 1.

EURIG members prefer clear identification of main Works and their Expressions from the diverse augmentations, as proposed in the EURIG discussion paper 6JSC/EURIG/Discussion/2 - Illustrative content and other augmentations[1].
Besides, it will be very difficult to identify the presence of augmentations only from the relator codes associated with the responsibility access points.

Furthermore, it seems difficult to "define" creator roles for RDA contributers. Many of the proposed RDA relationship designators do not show the "real nature" of a person's role in resource creation, for example "sound designer" – "designer".

EURIG members also raised their concerns about the impact on cataloguing practice: It should also be considered how much time it takes the cataloguer to choose the appropriate relationship designator.

EURIG members still feel the need for more discussions.

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[1] see http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC-EURIG-Discussion-2.pdf