

# EURIG

## Minutes of the Members' Meeting 2026

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28-29th May 2026, Royal Library of Belgium, Brussels

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## 1. Welcome and introductions

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The Vice-chair, Hannes Lowagie, welcomed everyone to this year's member's meeting, before introducing Sara Lammens, the General Director of Royal Library of Belgium, who welcomed everyone to our host library and talked about the history of the library.

The Chair, Luna Sindin, welcomed everyone to this year's members' meeting and gave thanks to our hosts, the Royal Library of Belgium.

The programme of this year's meeting is attached as Appendix 1. The presentations and recordings are available at: [EURIG Annual Meeting 2026 \(Belgium\)](#).

A list of attendees is attached as Appendix 2.

## 2. Chair report

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EURIG has 56 member institutions, with a good level of engagement. This is shown not only by the presence and contribution of all attending here, but also in the 3 new representatives we have had since last year as member institutions. Please keep EURIG in mind when there are staff changes.

So, welcome all and to the new faces 'at the table'.



At last year's Meeting we agreed on the plan of sharing EURIG members' Application profiles on our website. The Executive has been able to do it thanks to Hannes, who has also been busy updating the News section when necessary.

We've also met monthly to organise this year's Meeting.

So, what's in store next for EURIG? By the end of the day, we should have a new Vice-Chair and a new Secretary since Hannes and Emilie's mandates come to an end.

May 2027 is the date for the transition to Official RDA; the Executive is open to coordinate and support activities that our members have suggested in the survey that Hannes carried out at the beginning of the year and will be presenting in a few minutes. And after yesterday's group discussion activity it transpired that EURIG should create a discussion paper for the RSC on unembodied works. To do so we should create a working group that would oversee writing it up. The creation of the working group was approved by majority show of hands.

I'm very glad to announce that thanks to Jenny Wright, our former Chair, the National Library of Scotland has offered to host us next year. So, I look forward to seeing you in Edinburgh next year.

I would like to finish my first report as Chair saying thank you very much to my colleagues on the Executive Committee, you've made my job very easy. I would also like to thank Hannes and Maud and their team for hosting us here at the Royal Library of Belgium.

### 3. Report of the Survey on RDA implementation in the EURIG region

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Hannes Lowagie reported on the results of the survey on RDA implementation in the EURIG region that was carried out in January-March 2026.

His report is attached as Appendix 3.

### 4. Report of the Europe Regional Representative to RSC

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Ahava Cohen reported on the work of the Europe Regional Representative to RSC.

Her report is attached as Appendix 4.

### 5. Report of the Europe Representative to the RDA Board

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Hannes Lowagie reported on the work of the Europe Regional Representative to the RDA Board.

His report is attached as Appendix 5.

## 6. News from the RSC

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Renate Behrens, Chair RDA Steering Committee, shared news from the RDA Steering Committee.

Their presentation is attached as Appendix 6.

## 7. Executive Committee – office bearers

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With great thanks to Hannes Lowagie and Emilie Ullerup Dejgaard for their service, EURIG members were invited to stand as new Vice-chair and new Secretary, the posts being due for election.

Thurstan Young, British Library representative, volunteered to be Vice-chair and was elected unopposed.

No one volunteered to be Secretary, and the post was filled by Christiane Niklowitz after the end of the meeting.

## 8. Update on UNIMARC

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Florence Tfibel provided an update on UNIMARC development with respect to RDA, on behalf of the Permanent UNIMARC Committee.

The presentation is attached as Appendix 7.

## 9. Report from the European BIBFRAME Workshop 2025

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Matias Frosterus reported on the activities of the Bibframe Workshop in Europe.

His presentation is attached as Appendix 8.

## 10. Group discussion on Unembodied Works

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The delegates were divided into three groups and held discussions in separate rooms, guided by a list of prompt questions (see Appendix 8). Upon reconvening, a spokesperson from each group shared the key points from their discussions.

Action point arising from the discussion: See Chair's report, page 3.

## Appendix 1: Programme

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### **PROGRAMME 28th MAY**

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-9:45 Welcome

9:45-11:00 Open Session 1: Entity based cataloguing

- Sven Lieber (KBR): MetaBelgica project
- Fride Fosseng & Maiken Songe Thorsen (Bokbasen): Entity-based cataloguing with LRM and RDA

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12.30 Open Session 2: RDA implementation

- Christiane Niklowitz (Swiss Library Service Platform): Translating the RDA DACH Documentation Platform: Challenges of a Living Resource
- Thurstan Young (British Library): Implementation of the Official RDA Toolkit

12.30 - 13:00 Q&A

13:00-14:00 Lunch break

14:15 – 15:15 Open Session 3

- Discussion: Cataloguing unembodied works (Discussion text will be sent beforehand)

15:15-15:30 Group photo

15:45-16:45 Library tour

17:00 Library closes

19:00 Dinner: Optional (at your own expense)

### **PROGRAMME 29th MAY**

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-11:00 Business session 1

- EURIG Chair report – Luna Sindin
- Results of EURIG survey - Hannes Lowagie
- RDA Board report – Hannes Lowagie
- News from RSC – James Hennelly & Renate Behrens
- RSC report and RSC Working Groups report - Ahava Cohen

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 Business session 2

- Update on UNIMARC - Florence Tfibel
- Report from the European BIBFRAME Workshop 2025 - Matias Frosterus
- EURIG Vice Chair and secretary election
- Closing remarks and thanks - Luna Sindin

## Appendix 2: Attendees

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### **In person**

Aldi, Giovanni, Casalini Libri

Aliverti, Christian, Swiss National Library

Behrens, Renate, RDA Steering Committee

Bhagwandin, Sita, KB National Library of the Netherlands

Riis Petersen, Camilla, DBC Digital

Čitavičienė, Asta, Kaunas University of Technology Library

Cohen, Ahava, National Library of Israel

D'Amelio, Liv, National Library of Sweden

Edelmann, Michaela, German National Library

Frosterus, Matias, National Library of Finland

Gómez, Roberto, National Library of Spain

Hole, Irene, National Library of Norway

Jarošová, Veronika, National Library of the Czech Republic

Kavčič, Irena, National and University Library, Slovenia

Kerameos, Anastasia, British Film Institute

Lowagie, Hannes, KBR

Neumann, Julia, Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Verbundsysteme / The Consortium of Library Networks

Niklowitz, Christiane, SLSP Switzerland

Roux, Maïté, Agence Bibliographique de l'Enseignement Supérieur

Salelionis, Linas, Kaunas University of Technology / eLABa Consortium

Seppälä, Marja-Liisa, National Library of Finland

Sindin Cordery, Luna, Biblioteca de Catalunya

Steiger, Christoph, Austrian Library Network (OBV)

Stein, Annick, National Library of Luxembourg

Strishenets, Nadiia, V. Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine

Synnermark, Katarina, National Library of Sweden

Thurstan Young, Thurstan, British Library

Wright, Jenny, BDS

**Online**

Bargioni, Stefano, URBE Network

Jurksaitiene, Daiva, eLABa Consortium

Krejčí, Martin, Slovak National Library

Ohren, Oddrun Pauline, National Library of Norway

Příbylová, Jarmila, National Library of the Czech Republic

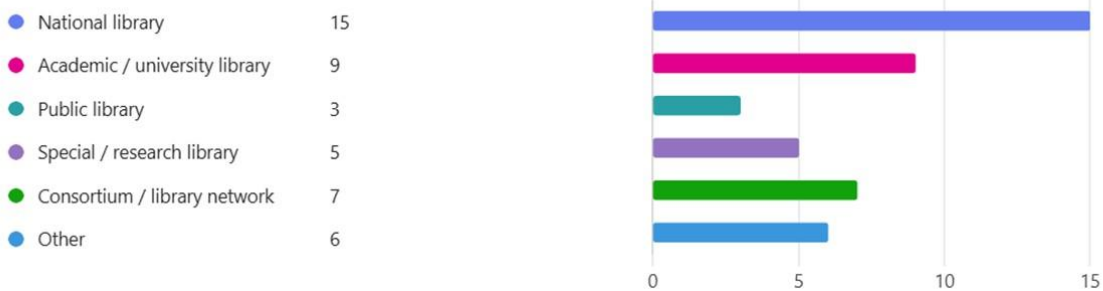
Thorlacius Björnsdóttir, Kristín Lilja, National and University Library of Iceland

## Survey on RDA implementation

- Organised by EURIG
- Januari – March 2026
- 45 responses

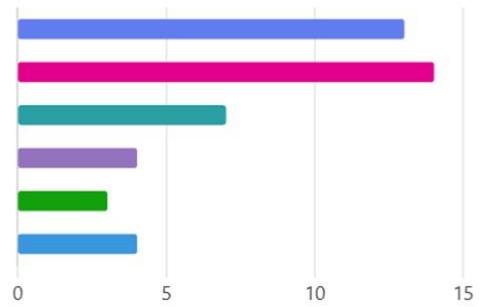


## Type of institution



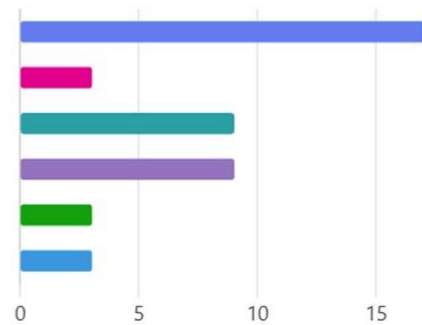
# Role of respondent

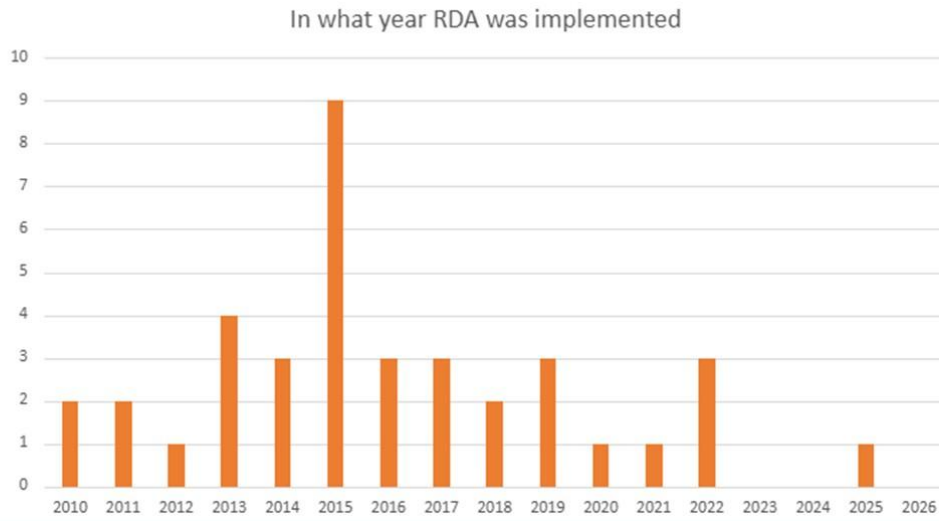
● Head of Cataloguing department	13
● Cataloguing / metadata specialist	14
● Policy or standards coordinator	7
● Technical / systems specialist	4
● Management	3
● Other	4



## Does your institution currently use RDA?

● Yes, Original RDA (pre-3R Project)	17
● Yes, Official RDA	3
● Yes, both (legacy data + new toolkit)	9
● Partially / pilot phase	9
● No, but planned	3
● No, and no plans at present	3

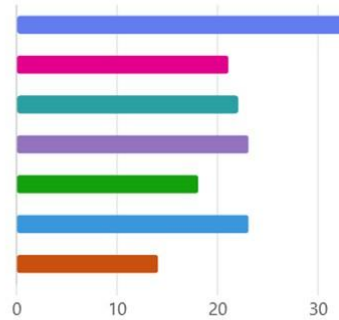




2010 :  
 - Fundación Ignacio Larramendi  
 - BNE 2010 according to the Biblioteca de Aragón, but the BNE itself stated 2019

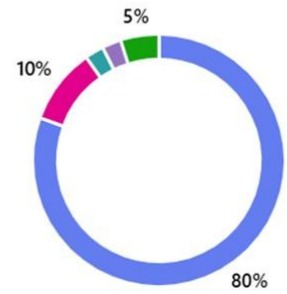
**For which resource types is RDA applied?**

- Monographs 33
- Old and Rare Books 21
- Audiovisual materials 22
- Digital / electronic resources 23
- Special materials (e.g. maps, prints, archives) 18
- Printed music and scores 23
- Other 14



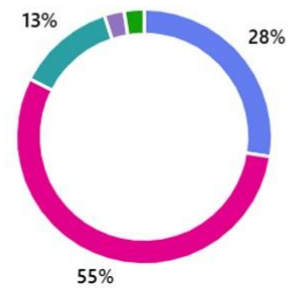
**RDA is applied to:**

● All new cataloguing	33	
● Selected collections only	4	
● Selected formats only	1	
● Experimental or test datasets only	1	
● Other	2	Other = authorities



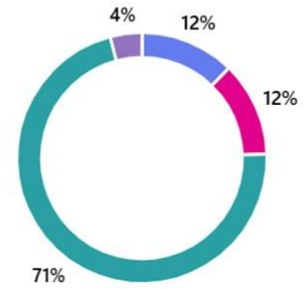
**Is RDA applied to legacy (retrospective) data?**

● No retrospective changes	11	
● Partial retrospective enrichment	22	
● Systematic retrospective conversion	5	
● Not decided	1	
● Other	1	



**Which implementation approach best describes your institution?**

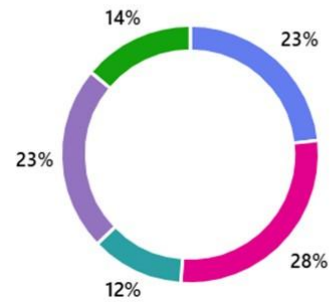
Scenario A: Linked open data	6
Scenario B: Relational or object-oriented data	6
Scenario C: Bibliographic/authority data	35
Scenario D: Flat file data	2
Other	0



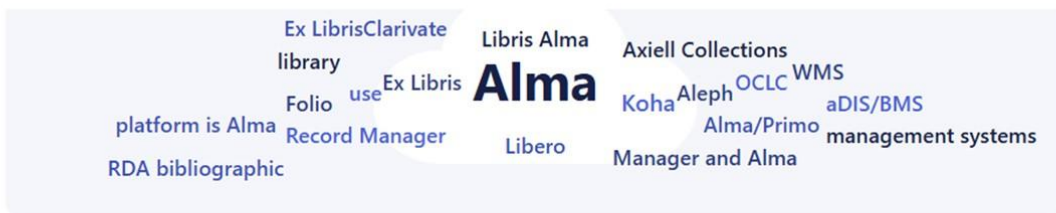
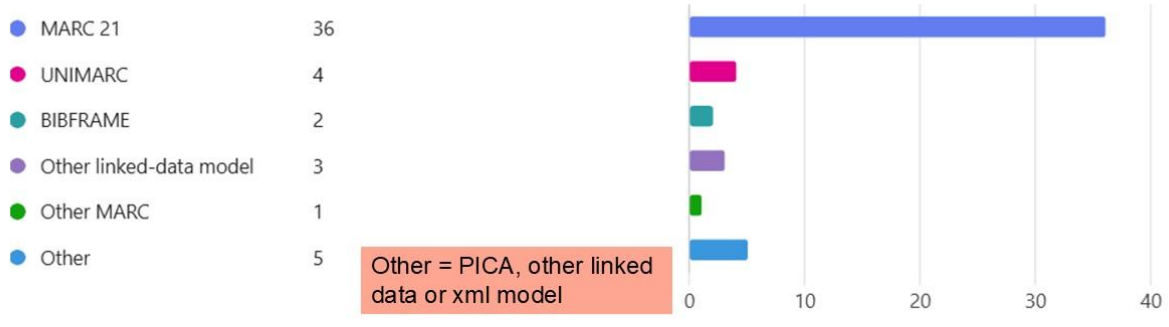
**Are RDA application profiles used?**

Yes, national profile	10
Yes, institutional profile	12
Both national and institutional	5
No application profiles used	10
Other	6

Other = RDA DACH

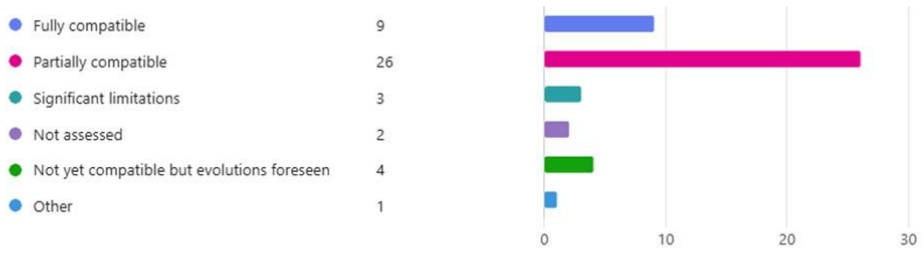


Which bibliographic formats or data models are used with RDA?



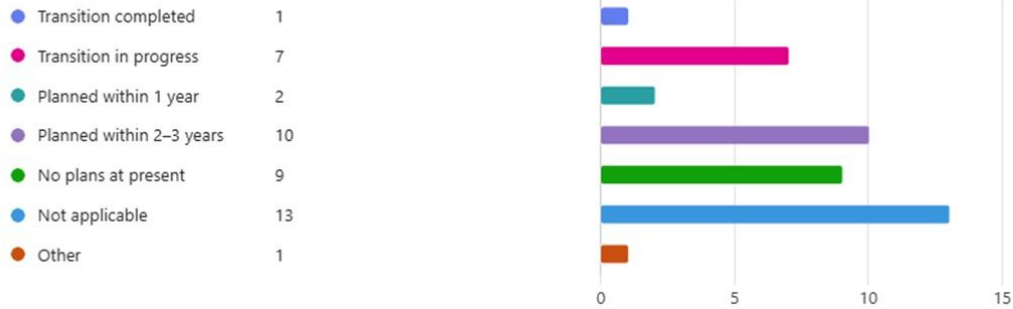
15. Are your library systems compatible with your RDA implementation?

[More details](#)

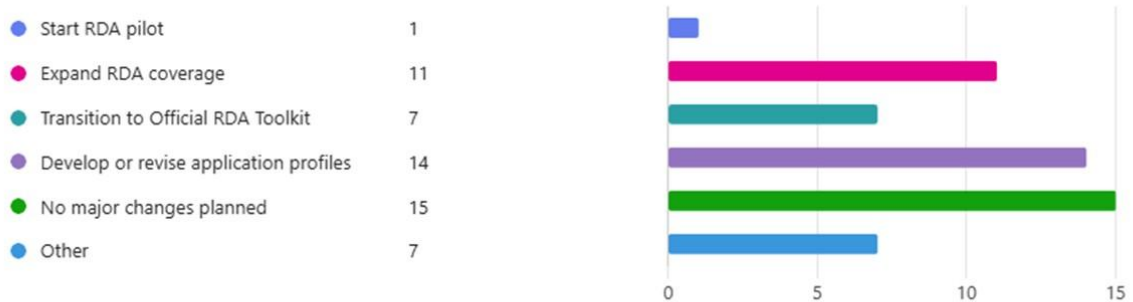


**If currently using Original RDA, is a transition to the Official RDA Toolkit planned?**

[More details](#)



**Planned developments in the next 12 months**



- Gather all the necessary information to initiate the transition to RDA
- Implementation of a WEMI structure in Axiell Collections
- The Italian translation of RDA has been suspended in order to initiate a feasibility study on the possible future adoption of RDA within the Italian national library service
- Setting up courses for the Official Toolkit; Following international developments.

## Planned developments in the next 2–5 years

### • 1. Transition to Official RDA and Linked Data/BIBFRAME environments

- A dominant theme is the move toward the Official RDA Toolkit alongside linked data infrastructures such as BIBFRAME. Many respondents describe transitions already underway or being planned:
  - “Adoption of Official RDA and move to LD environment” (4)
  - “Implementing the RDA based BIBFRAME version (BFFI) within a linked data system” (8)
  - “Transition to Official RDA, implementing Linked Data” (24)
  - “Investigating switch from MARC21 to BIBFRAME” (23)
  - “Prepare for mental shift needed to work within both Official RDA and Bibframe”

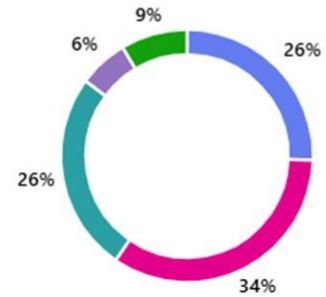
## Planned developments in the next 2–5 years

### • 2. Development and revision of application profiles, policies, and guidance

- Several responses emphasize the need for application profiles, coordinated policies, workflows, and cataloguing guidance to support implementation
  - “working with application profiles” (6)
  - “Develop or revise application profiles where necessary” (9)
  - “RDA Application profiles and trainings” (11)
  - “Development of training, policies, and guidelines to support coordinated implementation across the Catalan library network” (18)
  - “Creation of fuller cataloguing guidelines and revised workflows” (27)

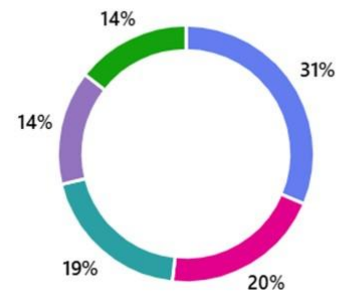
**Have staff received formal RDA training?**

● Yes, extensive training	12
● Yes, limited training	16
● No formal training	12
● Training planned	3
● Other	4



**What types of support would be most useful from EURIG?**

● Best-practice examples	37
● Training materials	24
● Implementation case studies	23
● Technical guidance	17
● EURIG-led workshops or discussions	17

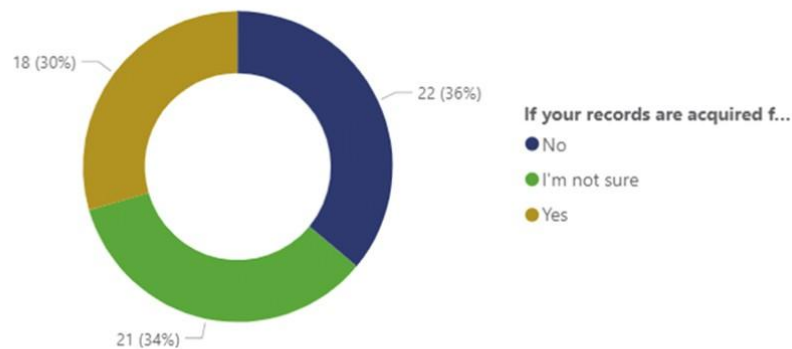


## Survey in UK

- <https://journals.cilip.org.uk/catalogue-and-index/issue/view/56/7>
  - Article about Official RDA in UK (Thurstan Young)
  - Article about the results of the survey

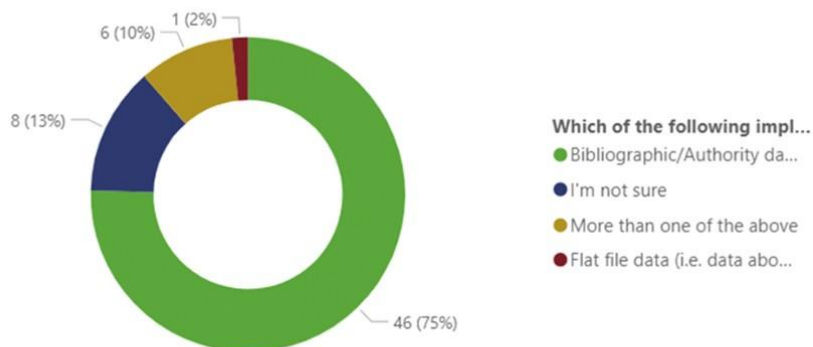
## Survey in UK

If your records are acquired from external providers, do they provide records to Official RDA standard?



## Survey in UK

Which of the following implementation scenarios best suits your database structure?



Which encoding standard do you catalogue to? (Please select all that apply)	Number
MARC 21	57
Dublin Core	5
EAD (Encoded Archival Description)	5
TEI (Text Encoding Initiative)	2
BIBFRAME	1
In house LRM based, with a view to being mappable to all formats	1
LMS is web-based platform that doesn't facilitate particular encoding	1
METS (Metadata Encoding and Transmission Standard)	1
Own	1
Spectrum for museum collections	1
Unencoded/local standard (in Soutron ILS)	1
XML	1

**Table 8:** Encoding standards used

## Survey in UK

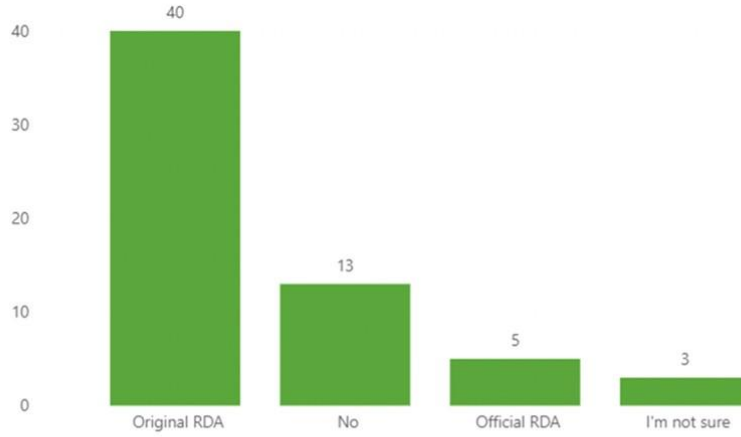


Figure 14: RDA implementation visualisation

## Survey in UK

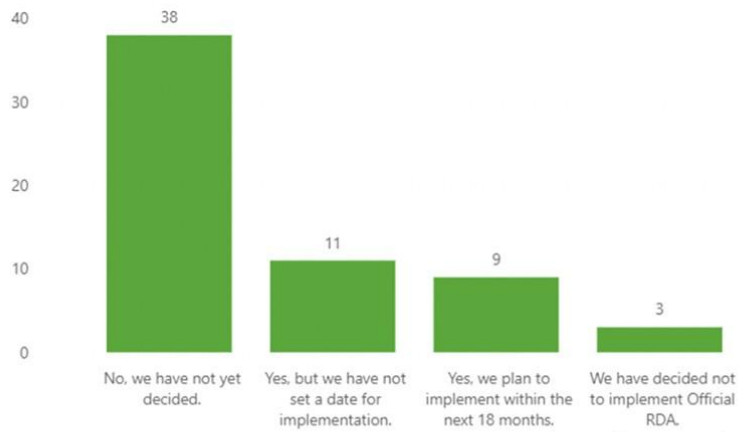


Figure 16: Official RDA implementation plans visualisation

## Survey in UK Subscription to RDA Toolkit

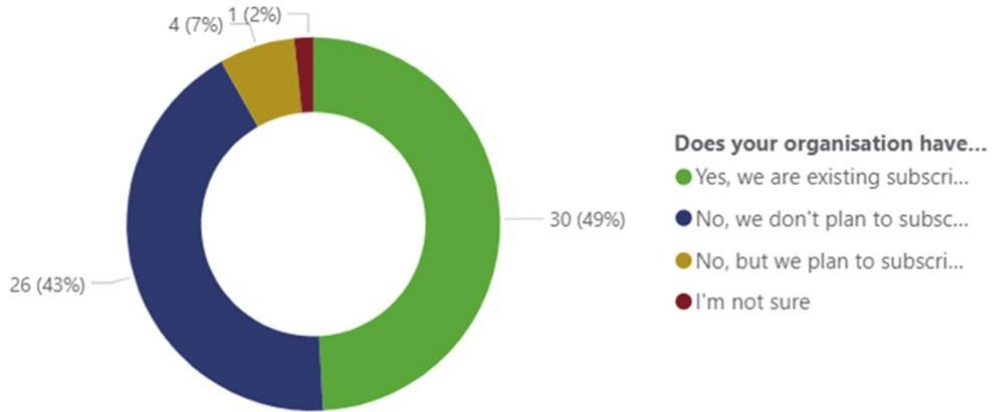
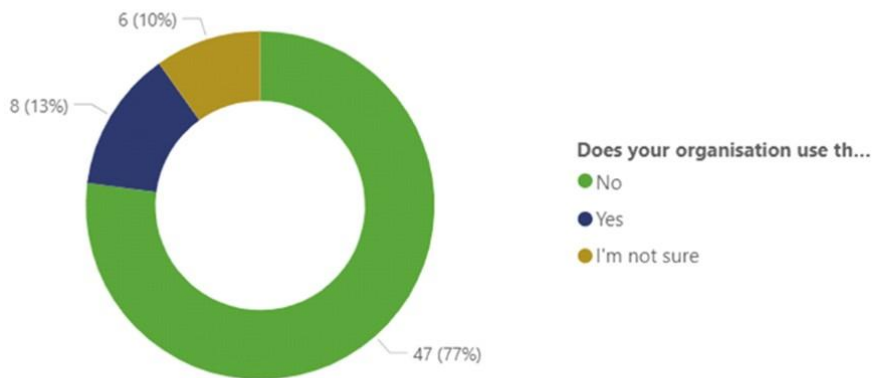


Figure 19: RDA Toolkit subscription visualisation

## Survey in UK

Does your organisation use the RDA Registry? (<https://www.rdaregistry.info/>)



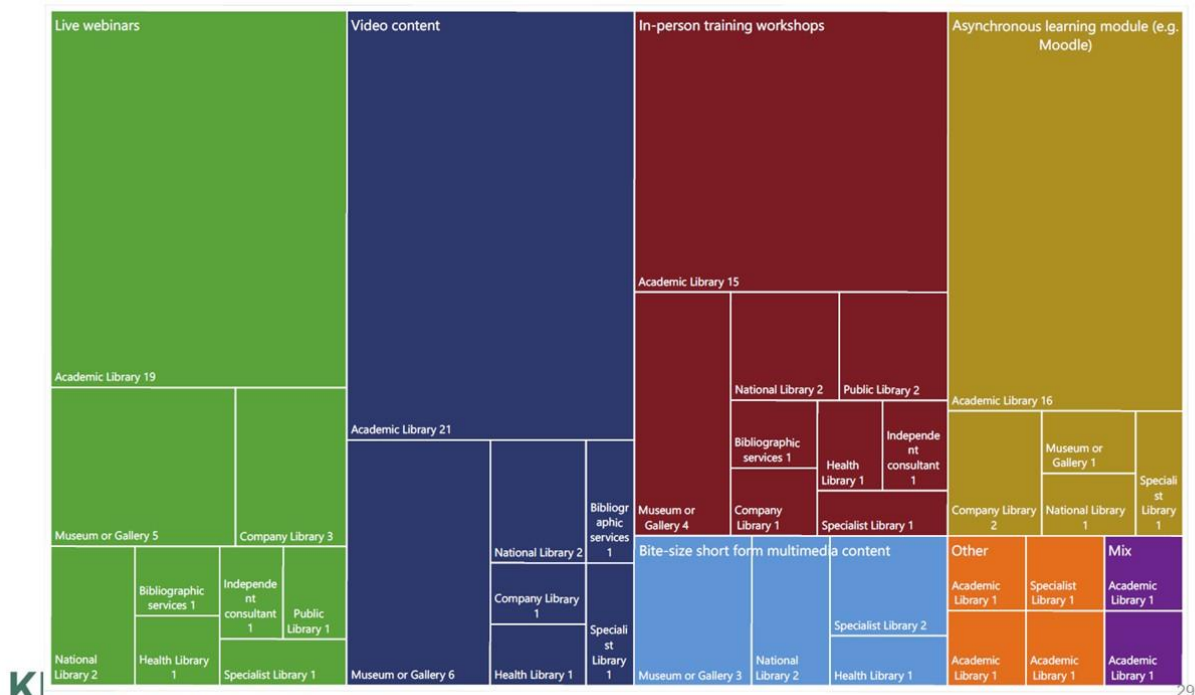


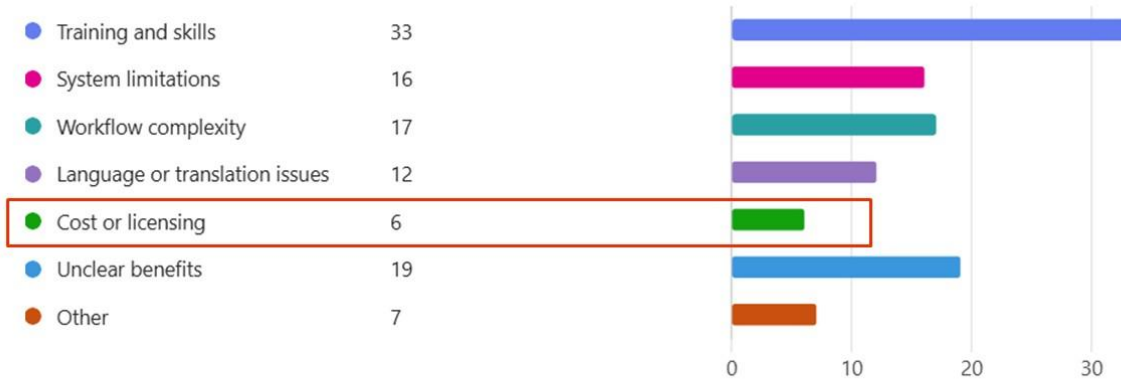
Figure 29: Preferred learning methods visualisation

## UK and EURIG → Training needed

- **Provision in training**

- On what level ? RSC – EURIG – national – institutional
- On each level needed, but how can one level help the other?

What are the main challenges in adopting the Official RDA Toolkit? (max 3)



In your opinion, what is the biggest difficulty of RDA implementation at your institution?

- **1. Training, Knowledge Gaps & Staff Understanding**
- **2. System Limitations / MARC Compatibility**
- **3. Complexity / Abstract Nature of RDA & Toolkit**
  - Library management systems are currently more of a hindrance than an asset to RDA implementation
- **4. Time, Staffing & Resource Constraints**
  - No interest from management
- **5. Legacy Data & Transition from Old Rules**

## What advice would you give to institutions planning RDA implementation?

“Successful RDA implementation is less about learning a new standard and more about changing how an institution thinks about bibliographic data. The earlier that mindset shift happens, the less painful everything else becomes”

anonymous - Estonia

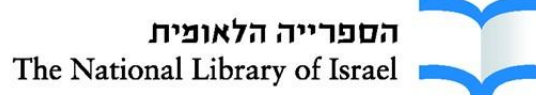
## Proposal

- **General Survey**

- High-level overview across all countries, but also ‘in depth’ per country
- Country-level filtering available
- Conducted every X years for trend tracking and benchmarking

## Appendix 4: Report of the Europe Regional Representative to RSC

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### Report from the Europe Representative to the RSC EURIG Annual Meeting, 2026

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## Meetings

- Online joint RSC/RDA board meeting – April 2026
- 4 asynchronous meetings (November, July, January, April)
  - All asynchronous meetings had public sessions
- Upcoming public sessions:
  - Tuesday 28 July at 18:00-20:00 UTC
  - Tuesday 17 November at 19:00-21:00 UTC



## RSC Membership

- Filiberto Felipe Martinez Arellano was appointed to represent Latin America and the Caribbean through the Latin America and the Caribbean RDA Group (RDA ALyC) to June 2027
- Trina Soderquist was appointed to represent North America through NARDAC to December 2027
- Charlotte Christensen had to resign for personal reasons and was replaced by Jack Ennis Butler, representing Oceania through ORDAC to October 2027
- Robert L. Maxwell was appointed Chair-Elect to December 2026.



## Official RSC

- Fast Tracks
- Soft deprecated elements
- Proposals
  - Extent
- Protocols
- Working Groups



## Fast Tracks



1. Definition of "alternate identity of person" vs. "alternate identity of person of"
2. Definition of "preceded by expression" and "succeeded by expression"
3. Addition of the term "keyboard reduction score" to the RDA Format of Notated Music VES
4. [Update terms] base authorized / variant access point / base of access point
5. base access point / base of access point

## Soft deprecated elements

118 elements in RDA which are redundant with other elements or too granular in scope, including:

- 28 parallel elements
- 7 unstructured descriptions; could be handled by recording an unstructured description of the broader element
- 39 elements in which the broader element is a "note on" a WEMI entity

## Soft deprecated element proposals

1. Soft-deprecated elements related to Manifestation: material
2. Soft-deprecated elements: "Details" elements

Upcoming in July:

1. Resource-to-resource digest, review, and critique elements
2. Soft-deprecated elements specific to content and carrier types

Future:

1. "Note on" elements
2. "Parallel" elements

## Proposals – 2025

1. Proposal to revise Guidance: Aggregates and Guidance: Diachronic Works following from RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/2/rev/Decisions
2. Add to the end of Guidance: Diachronic works references to existing Guidance: Resource Description sections.
3. Inconsistency in the transcribed manifestation elements related to source of information
4. Scope Note for Corporate Body

## Proposals – 2026

1. RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/1 – Proposal on adding new elements, applicable to rare and old materials, to the RDA Toolkit, the corresponding new definitions to the Glossary, and the corresponding new properties to RDA Registry

## Extent proposals

1. Proposal for Manifestation: extent of manifestation and Manifestation: manifestation extent statement
2. Proposal for Manifestation: extent of unitary structure
3. Proposal for Manifestation: extent of unit and its subtype elements
4. Proposal for Manifestation: extent of aggregated content
5. Proposal for Manifestation: extent of embodied content and its subtype elements
6. Proposal for Manifestation: duration of embodied content
7. Proposal for container and storage subelements of Manifestation: extent of manifestation
8. Proposal for Manifestation: sequence of units of extent

# Protocols

## Protocol between the RSC and the ISSN International Centre



# Working Groups

## Standing Working Groups

- Examples Working Group
- Technical Working Group
- Translations Working Group

## Task and Finish Working Groups

- **String Encoding Scheme Working Group**

## Advisory Groups

- Religions in RDA Working Group
- Archives Working Group
- **Joint RDA Board and RSC Working Group on Artificial Intelligence**
- **Music Working Group**



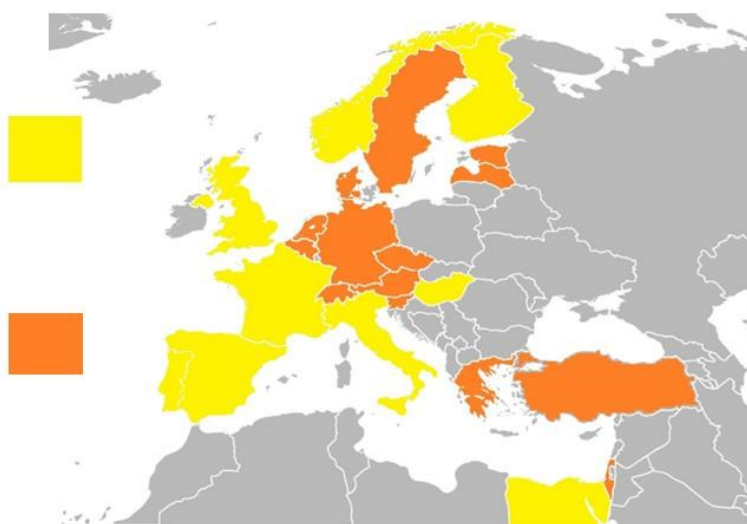
## Editorial Committee – 2026

<b>Mélanie Roche - Bibliothèque nationale de France</b>	June 2023 - June 2026
<b>Maité Roux – ABES</b>	January 2023 – January 2026
<b>Thurstan Young – British Library</b>	June 2022 – June 2025
<b>Anastasia Kerameos - CILIP</b>	May 2025 – May 2028
<b>Luna Sindin Cordery</b>	Ex officio – EURIG Chair
<b>Ahava Cohen</b>	Ex officio – EdCo Chair
<b>Hannes Lowagie</b>	Ex officio – RDA Board IR
<b>Szabolcs Dancs</b>	Ex officio
<b>EURIG Executive Secretary</b>	Ex officio



**Full  
Translations:**

**Partial  
translations:**



Full translations	Partial translations
Arabic (in Registry)	Czech
Catalan (published)	Chinese (in Registry)
Finnish (published)	Danish (in Registry)
French (published)	Dutch (in Registry)
Hungarian (in Registry)	Estonian (in Registry)
Italian (in Registry)	German (in Registry)
Norwegian (published)	Greek (in Registry)
Portuguese	Hebrew
Spanish (published)	Korean
	Latvian (in Registry)
	Slovenian
	Swedish (in Registry)
	Turkish (in Registry)
	Vietnamese (in Registry)

## RDA in Europe (and the World) a webinar on RDA for beginners

- Held online February 2, 2026
- [Available on YouTube](#) -  
– over 600 views

**Agenda**

1. *The state of RDA in Europe and the World* -- Renate Behrens, RSC Chair
2. *Introduction to RDA - some general information about the standard* -- Elisa Sze, RSC Education and Orientation Officer
3. *Benefits of translation and implementation* -- Szabolcs Dancs, Translations Team Liaison Officer
4. *Transitioning to Official RDA Without Fear: Myths, Misconceptions, and Lessons from the National Library of Greece* -- Michalis Gerolimos, PhD, Deputy Head, Cataloguing Department, National Library of Greece
5. *Switching from Original RDA to Official RDA* -- Marja-Liisa Seppälä, Development manager, The National Library of Finland
6. *How to join the RDA Community* -- James Hennelly, Director of ALA Digital Reference
7. *EURIG presentation* -- Ahava Cohen, RSC Representative for Europe
8. Q&A (Question and Answer session)



## Questions? Comments? Fast Track/Proposal ideas?



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# Introduction to the RDA Board

## Overview of today

- RDA Governance and RDA Board
- Structure of the RDA Board
- Meetings and Communication
- Background
- 2026 Membership of the RDA Board
- 2026 Activities

## RDA Governance

Infrastructure supporting RDA and its development:

RDA Board

RDA Steering Committee (RSC)

ALA Digital Reference

## Governance Model

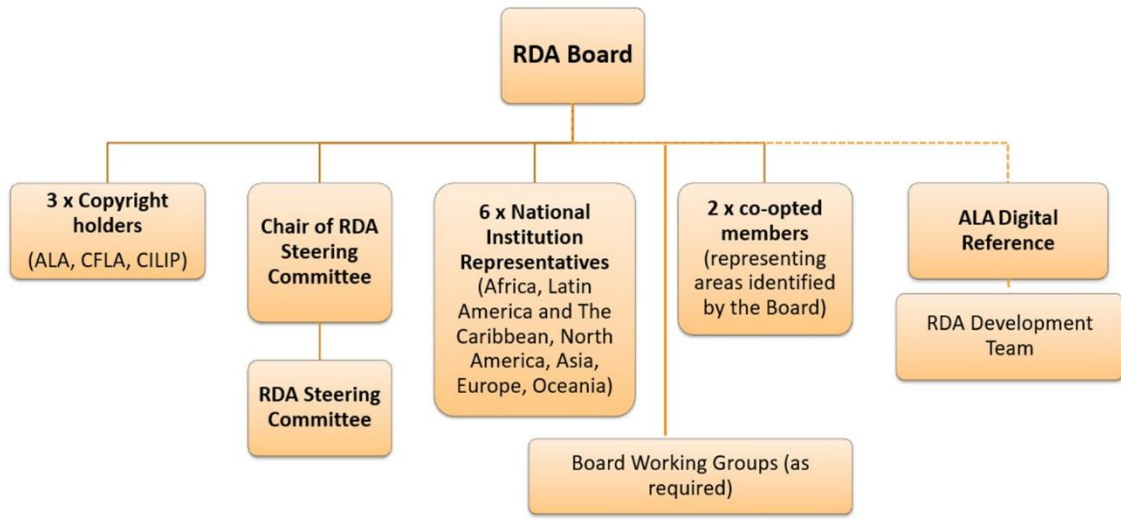
The Governance Model document is on the RDA Toolkit website:

<https://www.rdatoolkit.org/rdaboard/rda-governance>

From the introduction of the Governance Model document:

“The RDA Board is a decision-making body responsible for the strategic direction for the development of RDA. A key part of its mandate is ensuring good governance for all the committees engaged with the development of RDA.”

Governance Model also determines the RDA Board's structure



## RDA Board members

- 3 Copyright Holder representatives
- ALA Digital Reference representative (called ALA Publishing representative in the Agreement) *ex officio*
- 6 National Institution representatives
- RSC Chair *ex officio*
- RDA Fund trustees *ex officio* (in practice, rarely attend Board meetings)
- (up to 2 co-opted members)



## National Institution (NI) Representatives

- one from each of the 6 regions
- each representative serves one 4-year term
- intention is to circulate among all eligible institutions in a region
- criteria for selection: eligibility of the institution and qualifications of the individual
  - institution: has implemented RDA or about to implement RDA within the calendar year
  - individual is familiar with RDA
- focus on “national institutions” because of their leadership role in their communities
- recruited and approved by the Board



## Role of NI Representatives

- unique role of the NI reps is to bring forward regional intelligence and perspectives
  - represent the region; indicate issues and concerns
  - provide insight about the impact, challenges and opportunities
  - help raise the profile of RDA in their region
- NI representatives also share in the governance and strategy roles of the Board as a whole
  - contribute to the development and delivery of the RDA Board strategic plan
  - ensure that the overall governance of the standard continues to support internationalization



## RDA Fund trustees

- one trustee representing each Copyright Holder association
- may be the same person as the Copyright Holder representative
- with the ALA Digital Reference representative as chair, they manage the RDA Fund
- RDA Fund may be spent on:
  - administrative support for RSC
  - development and research work
  - travel for in-person meetings
  - mitigate debt owed to ALA

## Communication and meetings

- the RDA Board has historically not had a highly visible role: behind the scenes and supporting the RSC
- becomes visible when needed to lend weight to decisions such as the countdown clock and retirement of the original RDA Toolkit
- meets four times a year
- relies on Basecamp as the main means of communication among members
- asynchronous meetings over a week with one video call within that week

## Background

up to 2016	Committee of Principals and Joint Steering Committee
2016	Addendum to the 2011 Addendum to the 1989 Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules Agreement CFLA becomes a Co-Publisher and member of the RDA Board (replacing CLA)
2016-2017	Transitioning to the new governance model and new names
2018	RDA Board operating fully under the new model with 6 NI representatives



## 2026 membership of the RDA Board

Copyright Holder reps	Colleen Barbus for ALA Jenny Wright for CILIP Chris Oliver for CFLA (chair, 2026-2027)
ALA Digital Reference	James Hennelly
NI representatives	Rania Osman for Africa (To serve 2022-2025+) Hui Ling Ng for Asia (To serve 2026-2029) Replaced Haliza Jailani, National Library Singapore Hannes Lowagie for Europe (To serve 2025-2028) Replaced Christian Aliverti, National Library of Switzerland Ángela Quiroz Ubierna for Latin America & the Caribbean (To serve 2023-2026) Thi Bao Tran Phan for North America Replaced Judith Cannan, LOC Laura Jamieson for Oceania Replaced Julia Hickie, National Library of Australia



## 2026 membership of the RDA Board (2)

RSC Chair                      Renate Behrens

To support smooth transitions between incoming and outgoing members, there are intentional overlaps in membership at certain points close to transitions.

Incoming RSC Chair      Robert Maxwell

## 2026 activities

2025 09 (online)  
2025 12 (online)  
2026 02 (online)  
2026 05 (online)

- No 'in person' meeting this year
- Agenda of the meetings (apart from the usual 'updates' (RSC, NI, and so on))

2025 09

Report from copyright holders

Financial situation copyright holders

Declining subscriptions, AI and copyright, fees of international transactions, ...

Advisory Council – proposal discussed

RDA Certification

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RDA Board

June 3, 2026

2025 12

2026-2028 Strategic Plan – voting

<https://www.rdatoolkit.org/rdaboard/strategicplan> – updated!

- 1 Develop RDA as an international, flexible, and dynamic standard
- 2 Continue to increase the internationalisation of RDA
- 3 Ensure a Sustainable Business model
- 4 Provide Relevant Governance

Joint RDA Board and RSC Working Group on AI

+ vote on the extension of the AI WG's term and 'Should the Joint RSC/RDA Board Working Group on Artificial Intelligence transition from a task-and-finish working group to an advisory working group beginning in 2026?'

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RDA Board

June 3, 2026

## 2026 02

### Joint RSC/RDA Board Working Group on AI

- TOR approved by RSC
- Proceeding as an advisory working group (instead of "task and finish")
- Membership to be updated to include Angela and Hui Ling

### Business Models

- Continue with slight shift in focus
  - a) Shift to exploring pricing policies, "rational pricing".
  - b) Recruit new members (Robert Maxwell, Laura Jamieson)

## 2026 02

### Approval of NARDAC Terms of Reference

Bermuda, Canada, Greenland, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, United States of America.

### Legacy data

- RSC has been exploring how to deal with extent proposals, and determining what might move to legacy data. Discussion about copyright implications.
  - CC Attribution
  - Behind paywall
  - Difference between Legacy data and community resources

2026 05

## Countdown clock

Information page

Instruction archive → original RDA PDF in all languages

Site will be archived at university of Illinois (pages/files, not as website)

(waybackmachine-principle), but avoid that people keep using the archived site

Also for historical reasons: what was RDA back in 2025

2026 05

## Review wording of internationalisation principles

### Governance model

### Copyright

With the creation of legacy space on Official RDA Toolkit, we will need a statement about permission to use the legacy material and under what conditions.

### Strategic plan

Appendix 6: News from the RSC

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## News from the RSC

Renate Behrens  
Chair RDA Steering Committee  
James Hennelly  
Director, ALA Digital Reference

May 2026

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## The RSC is working really hard!



[Walking around Brussels with Tintin](#)

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## Key Tasks

- Further development
- Internationalization
- Management
- Broaden the scope



## Further development (content)

- Discussion and approval of several Discussion papers, Proposals or Fast Tracks  
[Proposals | ALA RDA Toolkit](#)
- Creation of examples
- Translators WG
- Policy Statements WG



## Further development (technically)

- 3 Toolkit releases in 2025, February 2026
- About 12 releases of the RDA Registry in 2025
- Planned mapping RDA BIBFRAME
- Several proposals concerning „Soft-deprecated elements“



## Internationalization

- Support of communities world-wide
- Close contact with the Region Representatives
- Translations
- Webinars
- Presentations [Presentations | ALA RDA Toolkit](#)



# Management

- 4 Asynchronous meetings, with virtual parts and public sessions
- Joint virtual meeting with the RDA Board
- Recruit or re-appoint to several RSC positions
- Management of the RSC Working Groups
- Review of existing protocols and assigned liasions



# RDA Steering Committee

<http://rda-rsc.org/rsc-members>

<p><b>Chair</b> Renate Behrens (GER)</p> <p><b>Chair elect</b> Robert Maxwell (US)</p> <p><b>Secretary</b> Anne Welsh (GB)</p> <p><b>Chair RDA Board</b> Christine Oliver (CAN)</p> <p><b>ALA Representative</b> James Hennelly (US)</p>	<p><b>Examples Editor</b> Jessica Grzegorski (US)</p> <p><b>Wider Community Engagement Officer</b> Getaneh Alemu (GB)</p> <p><b>Education and Orientation Officer</b> Elisa Sze (CAN)</p>	<p><b>Technical Team Liaison Officer</b> Christopher Holden (US)</p> <p><b>Translation Team Officer</b> Szabolcs Dancs (HUN)</p>	<p><b>Regional Representatives</b></p> <p>Jack Ennis Butler (ORDAC/Australia)</p> <p>Ahava Cohen (EURIG/ Israel)</p> <p>Trina Soderquist (NARDAC/US)</p> <p>Felipe Martinez (AlyC/Mexico)</p>
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## RSC Working Groups

<https://www.rdatoolkit.org/rsc/workinggroups>

### Standing Working Groups

**Examples** Working Group  
Chair: Jessica Grzegorski (US)

**Technical** Working Group  
Chair: Christopher Holden (US)

**Translations** Working Group  
Chair: Szabolcs Dancs (HUN)

### Advisory Working Groups

**Religions** in RDA Working Group  
2022-  
Chair: David Roth (ISR)

**Archives** Working Group  
2025-  
Chair: Martin Lüpold (CH)

Joint RDA Board and RSC Working Group on **Artificial Intelligence**  
2024-  
Chair: Ahava Cohen (ISR)

**Musik** Working Group  
2026-  
Chair: Chelsea Hoover (US)

### Task and finish Working Groups

**SES** Working Group  
2026-2028  
Chair: Thomas Brenndorfer (CAN)

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## Communication

- Outreach Events
- Website
- Recordings
- Publications
- ...
- [News | ALA RDA Toolkit](#)

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## The Countdown Clock



- The Countdown Clock started on May 11, 2026
- It will end at 12:01 am UTC -10 (Hawaii-Aleutian time zone) on May 11, 2027.
- When the clock runs down to zero the Original Toolkit will be removed from the Web.
- Information icon next to the clock in the Original Toolkit

## What happens to Original RDA?

- The PDF versions of Original RDA will still be available in the Official Toolkit.
- You will find all language versions of the Original PDFs at Resources > Revision History > Instruction Archive

## What happens to Original RDA?

- The webpages of Original RDA Toolkit will be moved to the ALA Institutional Repository, managed by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
- The webpages will **not necessarily** appear in the Archive on May 12, 2027. There will likely be a delay.
- Many of the details about the archiving of the Original RDA Toolkit are yet to be worked out. When details become known, they will be shared with the public.

## What is included in the Archive?

- All RDA chapters and appendices in all language versions
- All policy statement sets
- All globally shared workflow and map documents
- Personalizations (e.g bookmarks, locally-shared or private workflow and map documents) will **not** be archived.

## Can I save my personalizations?

- Yes, you can download your local or private documents as PDFs, or...
- You can change the sharing status of your documents to global.
- No, your list of bookmarks will not make it to the archive. The best option is to take a screenshot of your bookmark list.





Thank you for your attention and grateful  
for your input!

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Appendix 7: Update on UNIMARC

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## UNIMARC IN 2025-2026

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Enriching the standard, improving the process

RDA in Europe Annual Meeting, May 29th 2026  
Florence Tfibel (BnF, France), on behalf of the Permanent UNIMARC Committee (PUC, IFLA)



International Federation of  
Library Associations and Institutions

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nationale de France

## UNIMARC UPDATES

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Published updates to UNIMARC A and B in 2026

## UNIMARC 2026 updates

- 17 proposals were discussed over 4 sessions (35<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in May-June 2025), of which 12 were accepted and published in version 1.2.0 edition of the Manual (January 2026).
- Most notable evolution : creation of a new type of authority record in UNIMARC/A for the IFLA LRM entity Time-span (new code in the Record Label, specific access points (X70) and relevant attributes and relationships.
- Other additions : a new relator code for Accessibility certifier (004), a new field in UNIMARC/B (471) to enable linking a described resource to the published research data on which it is based, and various improvements on the description of other IFLA LRM entities.
- All this can be found in the IFLA repository : [UNIMARC Bibliographic Format Manual 1.2.0](#) and [UNIMARC Authorities Format Manual 1.2.0](#)

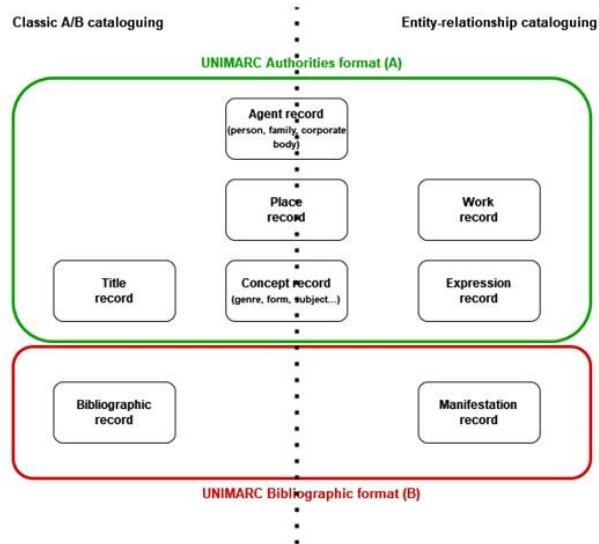
## A ROADMAP FOR 2026-2028

Entity-based cataloguing, accessibility...

# UNIMARC and the new standards

## General principles so far :

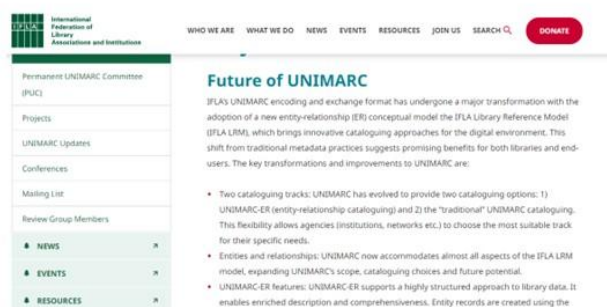
- Compatibility of IFLA standards
  - Full LRM implementation
  - RDA as an intermediary (but also ISBD-M)
- One format, two cataloguing options
  - Not a new, distinct format
  - But also direct entity relationship management



# The Future of UNIMARC project

A project launched in 2023, which aims to facilitate exchanging, sharing and generating knowledge about the future of UNIMARC.

It focuses on exploring UNIMARC's range of uses, increasing familiarity with its entity-relationship (ER) cataloguing track, and gathering information about the library community's needs.



- A [webpage](#) since early 2024
- 6th UNIMARC Users Meeting: Charting the Course: Future-Forward Cataloguing with UNIMARC, 12th November 2024 (Maribor, Slovenia/Online)
- A worldwide [survey](#) (April-July 2024) : Landscape of Data Structure and Exchange Standards Survey
- 2025-2026 : **Publication of a roadmap (strategy) on UNIMARC entity-based cataloguing with IFLA metadata content standards (PUC position paper)**



### Roadmap of 2026-2028

#### Key Activities

- Monitor development of the ISBD and prepare for timely UNIMARC harmonization.
  - Gap and alignment analysis: mapping data elements and vocabularies.
  - Exploring alignment issues and possible solutions
- Addressing end-user needs and the integration of metadata elements for accessibility.
- Preparing user-friendly and machine-readable documentation, with possible transition to the new IFLA publishing platform.

#### Expected Outcomes

- By 2028, re-evaluation of UNIMARC strategic direction.
- Improved user support and enhanced interoperability with other IFLA

## Active working groups and projects

UNIMARC – ISBDM Harmonisation	• With IFLA ISBD Review Group ; comprehensive mapping, identifying limitations to compatibility
Accessibility Metadata	• With the IFLA Accessibility Metadata Network ; in view of making a set of concerted improvements in UNIMARC
Proposal submission process	• Creating a more ergonomic form, more interactions with users in preparing the proposals
Publications	• Manuals, new tools (with IFLA METATEC), new outputs, workflow improvements
UNIMARC Development strategy	• How to make UNIMARC into a standard that can function in an RDF environment

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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<https://www.ifla.org/g/unimarc-rg/permanent-unimarc-committee-puc/>

# Report from the European BIBFRAME Workshop 2025

Matias Frosterus

EURIG 2026



## BIBFRAME Workshop in Europe

- A forum for sharing knowledge about the practice of, production with, and planning of BIBFRAME implementation
- First one in Frankfurt in 2017



## BFWE 2025

- Held in Naples, September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>
  - 116 in-person participants
  - 440 online participants
- All of the slides and recordings are online
  - [https://www.bfwe.eu/naples\\_2025](https://www.bfwe.eu/naples_2025)



## BIBFRAME 3.0

- Changes to properties associated with music and medium of performance
  - Integrates the classes and properties from the Performed Music Ontology into the BIBFRAME core ontology
  - Deprecates some of the previous music related properties
- Breaks compatibility with the 2.X version conversions
- Some other minor additions
  - E.g., bf:VideogamePlatformId



## Implementations and Workflows

- The Library of Congress one year later
  - Sally McCallum, Chief, Network Development and Standards Office, Library of Congress
  - Kevin Ford, Library of Congress, Linked Data Applications Technical Specialist, Network Development and Standards Office
- BIBFRAME Cataloging at Library of Congress
  - Judith P. Cannan, Library of Congress, Chief, PTCP
  - Trina Soderquist, Library of Congress, Cataloging Policy Specialist, PTCP
- Scaffolding Transitions: Applying Lessons from Teaching Official RDA to BIBFRAME Training
  - Elisa Sze, University of Toronto, Metadata Librarian & Sessional Instructor



## Implementations and Workflows

- Bibliographic Database of Interactive Books
  - Gianfranco Crupi, Sapienza University of Rome, Associate Professor of Library Science
  - Michela Giacomelli, Tor Vergata University of Rome, Doctoral researcher at Sapienza University of Rome
  - Alice Guercio, @Cult, Software Developer
  - Annalisa Di Sabato, @Cult, Metadata Specialist
- Not all library collections are books
  - Jodi Williamschen, Library of Congress, Senior Technical Metadata Standards Specialist
  - Nancy Lorimer, Stanford University Libraries, Associate Director, Metadata Services



## Analysis and Alignments

- **Public Libraries and BIBFRAME in the United States: A Research Partnership**
  - BJ Colvin, King County Library System, Director of Information Technology Services
  - Jennifer Weston, Equinox Open Library Initiative, Product and Education Manager
  - Galen Charlton, Equinox Open Library Initiative, Implementation and IT Manager
- **Can and shall the open WEMI be bounded? Semantic omissions and misalignments in LRM, RDA and BIBFRAME primary bibliographic relationships**
  - Helena Margarida Mendes Ferrão Simões Patrício, Information Sciences, Technologies and Architecture Research Centre (ISTAR-Iscte) of the University Institute of Lisbon, Research Assistant; Information and Documentation Center of the Portuguese Film Archive and Museum (Cinamateca Portuguesa-Museu do Cinema), Librarian
  - Maria Inês Cordeiro, National Library of Portugal, Former Director-General



## Analysis and Alignments

- **4 ways to LOD: Analysis of international implementation projects**
  - Morgane Sedoud, Documentation Centrale, Hospices Civils de Lyon, Documentaliste
  - Marie Bastien, Documentation Centrale, Hospices Civils de Lyon, Documentaliste
- **Report from RDA Steering Committee**
  - Renate Behrens, RSC, Chair
- **BIBFRAME Discovery Using Generative AI**
  - Jim Hahn, Penn Libraries, Head of Metadata Research



## Analysis and Alignments: Lightning Talks

- **Managing BIBFRAME Work Entities at Scale: Reconciliation and Visualization Approaches**
  - Myung-Ja (MJ) Han, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Metadata Librarian
  - Greta Heng, San Diego State University, Cataloging & Metadata Strategies Librarian
  - Tricia Lampron, University of California Irvine, Cataloging and Metadata Librarian
  - Deren Kudeki, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Visiting Research Programmer
- **Analyzing Missing Mappings Between MARC21 and BIBFRAME**
  - Mihwa Lee, Kongju National University
  - Eun-Ju Lee, Dong-eui University, Professor of Library and Information Science



## Analysis and Alignments

- **The Shape of Open**
  - Philip E. Schreur, Stanford University, Deputy University Librarian



## Integration and infrastructure (Part 1)

- The Metadata Matrix: BIBFRAME's Integration Saga in Alma and Primo
  - Yifat Lulav, Ex Libris, Part of Clarivate, Senior Product Owner for Linked Open Data
- Connecting the Dots: Modular Design for BIBFRAME Implementation with Blue Core
  - Kalliopi Mathios, Blue Core, Project Manager and Product Owner
  - Jeremy Nelson, Blue Core, Tech Lead
- MARC and BIBFRAME: Practical Coexistence
  - Sebastian Hammer, Index Data, President
  - Kevin Ford, Library of Congress, Linked Data Applications Technical Specialist, Network Development and Standards Office



## Integration and infrastructure (Part 1)

- Sinopia: A Plug-and-Play Environment for Linked Data Cataloging
  - Nancy Lorimer, Stanford University Libraries, Associate Director, Metadata Services
  - Jeremy Nelson, Stanford University Libraries, Library Systems Software Developer
- Share Family linked data editors: practical experience of JCricket integration with third parties
  - Tiziana Possemato, @Cult, Director, and Share Family Coordinator
- Integrating BIBFRAME into current cataloging workflows
  - Jeff Mixer, OCLC, Sr. Product Manager



## Integration and infrastructure (Part 2)

- The Hub role in bringing resources together
  - Kevin Ford, Library of Congress, Linked Data Applications Technical Specialist, Network Development and Standards Office
- Assessing the Suitability of BIBFRAME 2.0 as a Schema for Exchanging and Sharing Diverse Descriptive Metadata in External Affairs Libraries
  - Ramesh Yernagula, Ministry of External Affairs, India, Director
- Consolidating the Ever-Evolving Categories of Bibliographic Resources
  - Lisa Sjögren, National Library of Sweden, Developer/Team Lead
  - Niklas Lindström, National Library of Sweden, Developer/Tech Lead



## BIBFRAME Round Up (roundtable)

- Nancy Lorimer, Stanford University Libraries, Associate Director, Metadata Services
- Tiziana Possemato, @Cult, Director, and Share Family Coordinator
- Nina Servizzi, New York University Libraries, Associate Dean, Knowledge Access & Resource Management Services
- Lisa Sjögren, National Library of Sweden, Developer/Team Lead
- Jodi Williamschen, Library of Congress, Senior Technical Metadata Standards Specialist
- (Convener) Matias Frosterus, BFEW Organizer Group



## BFWE 2026

- September 8th and 9th
- Hosted by the University of Barcelona
- Registration open
  - Free of charge
  - Prime tourist season for Barcelona so make reservations early
  - Online attendance also possible



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## Appendix 9: Questions for the group discussion on Unembodied Works

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### EURIG annual meeting 2026 – Open session 3 (May 28th)

#### Cataloguing unembodied works – Discussion text

Last year, there was a discussion in the Dutch RDA Committee on cataloguing performances that are not recorded, and similar unembodied works and expressions. This discussion originated from the RDA-list (<https://connect.ala.org/discussion/musical-roles-in-rda>), and we would like to continue the discussion at European level.

What they encountered is that RDA, with its exclusive focus on resources, does not allow data to be recorded about works and expressions that have never been embodied in a manifestation, or of which all manifestations have been lost.

This is the case, for example, with organizations that specialise in (or produce) resources relating to the performing arts, such as a theatre institute and organisers of an annual music or dance festival. They record data about theatre productions, dance festivals, or music festivals. Sometimes there are recordings of productions or concerts, but this is by no means always the case. However, there are often other resources, such as programme booklets, costumes, sets, props, reviews, etc. that relate to the productions or concerts.

The solution (as suggested in the above mentioned discussion on the RDA-list) to describe performances, that are not recorded, as collective agents won't work, since the same elements are to be recorded as for resources (e.g. contributors to performance, date and place of performance, links to musical works/expressions that are performed during a concert). They want to describe these works and expressions in the same way, regardless of whether a recording has been made of them or not. For them it is quite illogical to consider performances that are not recorded as completely different "things" from performances that are recorded.

Similarly, museums and art institutes have a different approach (from RDA) to exhibitions and auctions. These are described as events to which a catalogue can refer and to which the exhibited or auctioned artworks can also be linked. In RDA exhibitions are considered corporate bodies, just like conferences, or other formally named and convened events. The RKD (Netherlands Institute for Art History) library contains numerous catalogues of collections, exhibitions and auctions and they are all linked to the relevant collection, exhibition or auction via the "catalogue of" element.

One could argue that exhibitions and auctions in RDA can be seen as collections of a (highly) temporary nature, but this would imply that they can only be described in this way (that is, as a collection) during their short lifespan, which seems like nonsense. The same applies to collections, by the way. When a collection ceases to exist as a collection (and the items within it become scattered across various institutions), how can we still describe the collection? It has then become an unembodied work, but the collection catalogue still exists as a resource.

These unembodied "things" (theatre productions, concerts, art exhibitions, auctions, lost works) are not described in isolation, but in relation to resources. This seems to fit RDA (whose metadata are intended to support the discovery and identification of resources in library and other cultural heritage collections).

Since RDA wishes to reach out to cultural institutions across the GLAM sector (see RDA Strategic Plan), we wonder whether other institutions in Europe have had similar experiences and how these experiences could contribute to the harmonisation of different practices to further support interoperability.

Questions:

- Have you encountered similar cases in your library?
- How can this be done without contradicting IFLA-LRM?
- What if original resources are lost? Examples include the original manifestations of books of the Apocrypha such as the Book of Job (Hebrew or Aramaic), the Visions of Ezra n(Hebrew), the Visions of Hanoch the Syrian (Greek) or entire works which once existed but there are no extant manifestations, such as the apocryphal Book of Noah, Sefer Yuchsin, Sefer Hagzarot, Babylonian Talmud on Kedoshim, Sefer shel Tzadikim by Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi. This group may also include works whose only manifestations exists as archaeological artifacts in such conditions that they cannot be opened to ascertain bibliographical information.
- What could some action points be? Should EURIG play a role in this?
- Do you have any input for the Music and Archives working groups?