

# The RDA DACH manual and the DACH Documentation Platform

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# The 3R Project and the local Communities

- Official RDA is now more of a framework standard than a set of rules.
- The content of the Original RDA is consistently geared towards linked data applications, which sometimes makes it difficult to use in day-to-day work.
- This means that each user community has to find its own way of cataloguing.

# Application Profiles

- Application profiles are required.
- These application profiles must fulfil the local requirements.
- They should be compatible with RDA and the IFLA LRM.
- Where this is not possible, this must be clearly labelled.
- The implementation of new concepts from the LRM must be decided on a case-by-case basis.

# What are Application Profiles?

- Policy Statements
- Manuals
- Guidelines
- Adaption of existing standards to RDA
- Templates
- Etc.

# What do these Application Profiles cover?

- National territories or language areas
- Specialised materials
- Parts of collections
- Etc.

# RDA Copyright

- The entire text of the RDA Toolkit is protected by copyright. This means that all application profiles must take this into account.
- Application profiles quote text from the Official RDA Toolkit and therefore cannot be made freely available.

# RDA Copyright and Subscriptions

- The Application Profiles are integrated directly into the Official RDA Toolkit and are therefore only accessible to Toolkit licence holders.
- The user community that creates the application profile agrees to a companion subscription covering the relevant country or language area.
- All information [Subscribe | ALA RDA Toolkit](#)

# DACH

The German-speaking region is strongly characterised by cooperative collaboration.



# The 3R Project and the DACH Community

- The German-speaking user community was involved in the development of the RDA at an early stage.
- RDA was first introduced for the GND (Authority File) in 2014 and for bibliographic data in 2016.
- In the first implementation phase, local requirements were incorporated into the Original Toolkit through policy statements (DACH PS).
- The Committee for Library Standards entered into a Consortium Subscription with ALA covering the entire DACH region, which includes all libraries and cultural institutions.

# 3R Project for DACH Libraries

- Cooperative development by the members of the Expert Group for cataloguing plus further colleagues from other libraries
- Project duration March 2019 to December 2022
- Goal: A common manual for all RDA applications in the DACH region
- The rules and regulations practice introduced in 2015 was continued.

# Countdown Clock

The countdown clock for the Original RDA Toolkit started in May 2026 and ends in May 2027.



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