

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
From: Ahava Cohen, Europe representative
Subject: Formal response to RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/1/Proposal to revise the preferred order of recording sources for early printed resources in Data provenance: Recording a source of metadata that is a manifestation that is being described

EURIG thanks the Examples Editor for this proposal and appreciates the continuing work to align RDA with the needs of large, international communities such as the rare materials cataloging community.

Recommendation 1: Revise the preferred order of recording sources for early printed resources in condition option 80.40.48.28 of the Data provenance: Recording a source of metadata that is a manifestation that is being described section.

Approve.

Though approving the proposal, EURIG would like to note the continued absence of other preliminaries besides the title page and title sheet as a source of information. More broadly, we note the absence of guidance on the use of a title page verso amongst the sources of information which RDA includes as sources of transcription. If title page verso is encompassed by the term title sheet, then this could be brought out in the glossary definition (as a scope note) and in the vocabulary encoding scheme for recording source.

In addition, in light of the proposals in favor of the rare books community in the April and July 2026 meetings and in agreement with [the response to this proposal by the Technical Team Liaison Officer](#), EURIG would appreciate guidance about how many more proposals for community alignment the RSC is prepared to entertain, particularly as the proposals so far have centered the Western/Anglocentric parts of the community.