

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
From: Ahava Cohen, Europe representative
Subject: Formal response to RSC/ExtentWG/2025/3, Proposal for Manifestation:
extent of unit and its subtype elements

EURIG thanks the Extent WG for this family of proposals.

We acknowledge the development of RDA as a standard which is optimized for machine actionability and linked data applications and that for these applications a more granular approach to recording values for extent may be desirable.

In general we would like to see a more complete modelling of the prerecording and recording sections for “extent of unit” and an inclusion of recording methods and related elements in standard RDA element page layout.

Recommendation 1:

Approve.

Recommendation 2:

Approve.

Recommendation 3:

Approve.

Recommendation 4:

Are there any plans for the “extent of unit” sub-element “dimensions” to be treated as a string encoding scheme in its own right going forward? Notations for height x width, length x height etc. may be differently sequenced depending on the community served.

Recommendation 4.1:

Approve.

Recommendation 4.2:

Approve.

Recommendation 4.3:

Approve.

Recommendation 4.4:

Approve in general, however:

The proposed option for recording the dimensions of a card, sheet or volume only allow for height x width to be recorded. We query why there is no equivalent option for recording height only.

Recommendation 5.1:

Approve.

Recommendation 5.2:

Approve.

We ask that *see* references be added to the glossary definition for “leaf”, “page”, “sheet” and “panel” in order to better reflect the distinctions between them.

EURIG notes that the final part of the revised definition solves a problem which in the past had been referred to the Religions Working Group (and from there referred to the Extent Working Group) and will impact the list of classic material which falls under the rubric of "misleading pagination." We thank the Extent Working Group for their assistance in this matter.

Recommendation 5.3:

Approve.

Recommendation 5.4:

Approve.

Recommendation 5.5:

Approve.