

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
From: Ahava Cohen, Europe representative
Subject: Formal response to RSC/ExtentWG/2025/5, Proposal for Manifestation:
extent of embodied content and its subtype element

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 the new elements “extent of embodied content”, “designation of number of sound channels”, “number of sound channels” and “dimensions of embodied content” and an inclusion of recording methods and related elements in standard RDA element page layout.

Recommendation 1:

Approve.

Recommendation 2:

Though EURIG in general approves of the parts of this recommendation we would greatly appreciate seeing a mapping of how the information already in the Toolkit will be divided between the two new elements.

Recommendation 2.1:

Approve.

Recommendation 2.2:

Approve.

Recommendation 2.3:

Approve.

Recommendation 3:

Approve.

Recommendation 4:

Approve.

Recommendation 5:

Approve.

Recommendation 6:

Conditionally approve.

We are unclear as to what will happen as a result of merging the two elements “dimensions of still image” and “dimensions of cartographic image” to form “dimensions of embodied

content” and would like to understand whether the 19 options split between those current elements will be inherited by the new element. All have policy statements currently attached to them.

Recommendation 7.1:

Approve.

Recommendation 7.2:

Conditionally approve. It is unclear if this term would include the horizontal equivalent of columns and if so, why (aside from legacy compatibility) *column* is given a distinct term while other layouts are lumped together under *frame*.

Recommendation 7.3:

Conditionally approve. It is unclear why only parchment is eligible for this term; manuscripts can be produced on other materials. It would also appear from the definition that a paper facsimile would not be entitled to use this term though a facsimile printed on parchment would be eligible, and it unclear why the material is the basis for the distinction.

Recommendation 7.4:

Approve.