

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
From: Ahava Cohen, Europe representative
Subject: Formal response to RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/5/[Proposal on] Soft-deprecated "Note on" elements

EURIG thanks the Technical Working Group for their continuing work to make RDA consistent and elegant. We appreciate the thought which has gone into creating a pattern which can be expanded beyond the current proposal.

EURIG agrees that narrower note elements with Domain WEMI can be fully deprecated from RDA so long as all of the options at those narrower elements are transferred to their broader equivalents (or other suitable location where no broader element exists). We also feel that broader note elements/other suitable location should inherit the names of narrower elements as alternative labels in order to facilitate navigation within the Toolkit.

Recommendation 1

Approve, with notes on specific recommendations below.

We agree with the Examples Editor that wording throughout this group of recommendations should be standardized to match what appears elsewhere in the Toolkit.

Recommendation 1.1

Approve.

It may be helpful both to students and experienced catalogers if the Examples Working Group could attempt to create examples for the newly-introduced elements.

Recommendation 1.2

Approve.

EURIG agrees with the Examples Editor that the replication of definition and scope from Recommendation 1.1 should be checked and if appropriate corrected.

Recommendation 1.6

Approve.

We would suggest, as has the Examples Editor, that the definition should read "A note on item..." rather than "on expression".

Recommendation 1.7

Approve.

We would suggest, as has ORDAC and the Examples Editor, that the definition should read "A note on manifestation..." rather than "on item".

Recommendation 1.9

Approve.

It is unclear if this recommendation is stating that only physical characteristics can be noted. Where can information about non-physical characteristics be noted?

Recommendation 2

Approve.

Recommendation 3

Approve.