

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
From: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
Subject: Summary of formal responses to RSC/ExtentWG/2025/1 – Proposal for Manifestation: **extent of manifestation** and Manifestation: **manifestation extent statement**

This document collates in tabular form the responses received from voting members of the RSC to [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/1](#), viz:

- [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/1/ALyC](#)
- [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/1/EOO](#)
- [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/1/EURIG](#)
- [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/1/ExamplesEditor](#)
- [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/1/NARDAC](#)
- [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/1/ORDAC](#)
- [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/1/TranslationsTLO](#)
- [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/1/TTLO](#)
- [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/1/WCEO](#)

Recommendation 1	<p>Approved by 6: ALyC, EOO, EURIG, ExamplesEditor, ORDAC, TranslationsTLO</p> <p>Approved with amendments by 3: NARDAC, TTLO, WCEO</p>	<p>Note 1: Total number of respondents: 9</p> <p>Note 2: EOO approves “subject to RSC approval of the subelements”</p> <p>Note 3: NARDAC approves with amendments</p> <p>Note 4: TTLO approves with amendment</p> <p>Note 5: WCEO approves with amendment</p>
Recommendation 2	<p>Approved by 7: ALyC, EOO, EURIG, ExamplesEditor, ORDAC, TranslationsTLO, WCEO</p>	<p>Note 1: Total number of respondents: 9</p> <p>Note 6: ExamplesEditor’s approval is provisional</p>

	Approved with amendments by 2: NARDAC , TTLO	<p>Note 7: NARDAC approves with amendments</p> <p>Note 8: TTLO approves with amendment</p>
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Note 1: Responses were received from all 9 voting members of the RSC.

Note 2: [EOO](#) approves “subject to RSC approval of the subelements”. We may fairly infer the same condition applies to other voting members who approve, even though they have not stated such explicitly.

Note 3: [NARDAC](#) approves with amendments:

“Change the element label to follow the pattern of other superelements, e.g., Manifestation: edition statement and Manifestation: publication statement. For example, instead of Manifestation: extent of manifestation, change the label to Manifestation: extent statement.

Remove or qualify the word “physical” in the proposed definition. NARDAC assumes that this superelement may be recorded for both tangible (physical) and intangible (electronic) resources, but the proposed definition limits the use of the superelement to describe manifestations with a physical presence.

Revised proposed definition: A quantification of one or more ~~physical~~ characteristics of a manifestation.”

Unusually NARDAC also offers further suggestions, in case their first suggestion is not accepted. Please see [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/1/NARDAC](#) if you would like to read these.

Note 4: [TTLO](#) approves with amendment:

“We recommend changing the proposed definition to match the definitions of other proposed elements in this set of proposals:

A quantification or measurement of one or more physical characteristics of a manifestation”

Note 5: [WCEO](#) approves with amendment:

“The use of the term “quantification” may be slightly misleading, as there are legitimate cataloguing situations in which extent values may not be expressed

numerically and a qualitative description is therefore required. It would be helpful if this point were made explicit.”

Note 6: [ExamplesEditor](#)’s approval is provisional on seeing more detail from the Extent Working Group before implementation. Her comments are worth reading in full:

“Although I approve of the creation of this element, I would prefer to see at least a preliminary set of instructions, including Options, Conditions, and/or Condition Options. The instructions for manifestation statement elements do not follow a uniform structure. This arrangement is expected and not problematic, but it does make it difficult to infer what the instructions for Manifestation: **manifestation extent statement** would look like based on the instructions in the other manifestation statement elements.

Moreover, I agree with the recommendation to update the guidance chapter on manifestation statements, but I would like to see some suggested revisions. The current instructions for Manifestation: **extent of manifestation** are clearly weighted toward structured description more so than unstructured description. Additional guidance on the use of unstructured description in the new Manifestation: **manifestation extent statement** would give RDA users a better understanding of how to use the element.”

Note 7: [NARDAC](#) approves with amendments:

“NARDAC approves of the recommendations, but we find it difficult to fully assess the recommendation without seeing the proposed text for the conditions, condition options, and options needed for this new element

We also suggest amending the proposed definition to remove the word “physical.”

Revised proposed definition: A manifestation statement about the quantification of one or more ~~physical~~ characteristics of a manifestation.”

Unusually NARDAC also offers further suggestions, in case their first suggestion is not accepted. Please see [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/1/NARDAC](#) if you would like to read these.

Note 8: [TTLO](#) approves with amendment

“We recommend the prerecording option on page 3 be changed to the following to match the other statement elements:

Record an unstructured description using basic, normalized, or other transcription guidelines as a ~~within a value of~~ Manifestation: manifestation extent statement.”