

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
 From: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
 Subject: Formal responses to RSC/NARDAC/2025/3 – Scope Note for Corporate Body

This document collates in tabular form the responses received from voting members of the RSC to [RSC/NARDAC/2025/4](#), viz.:

- [RSC/NARDAC/2025/4/ALyC](#)
- [RSC/NARDAC/2025/4/EOO](#)
- [RSC/NARDAC/2025/4/EURIG](#)
- [RSC/NARDAC/2025/4/ExamplesEditor](#)
- [RSC/NARDAC/2025/4/ORDAC](#)
- [RSC/NARDAC/2025/4/TTLO](#)
- [RSC/NARDAC/2025/4/TranslationsTLO](#)
- [RSC/NARDAC/2025/4/WCEO](#)

Recommendation 1	<p>Approved by 2: ALyC, ORDAC</p> <p>Approved with minor amendments by 4: EOO, EURIG, ExamplesEditor, TranslationsTLO</p> <p>Rejected by 2: TTLO, WCEO</p>	<p>Note 1: Total number of respondents: 8</p> <p>Note 2: The Technical Working Group rejects this proposal.</p> <p>Note 3: discussion of whether the list is intended to be exhaustive by EOO, EURIG</p> <p>Note 4: shortening of scope note by EOO, EURIG, ExamplesEditor</p> <p>Note 5: the definition should appear under Collective Agents: TranslationsTLO</p>
Recommendation 2	<p>Approved by 2: ALyC, ORDAC</p> <p>Approved with minor amendments by 4: EOO,</p>	<p>Note 1: Total number of respondents: 8</p> <p>Note 2: The Technical Working Group rejects this proposal.</p>

	<p>EURIG, ExamplesEditor, TranslationsTLO</p> <p>Rejected by 2: TTLO, WCEO</p>	<p>Note 4: shortening of scope note by EOO, EURIG, ExamplesEditor</p> <p>Note 5: the definition should appear under Collective Agents: TranslationsTLO</p> <p>Note 6:</p> <p>Note 7:</p>
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Note 1: Responses were received from all 8 voting members of the RSC. As the proposer, Robert Maxwell is non-voting for this proposal.

Note 2: [TTLO](#) rejects this proposal and sets out reasons which are worth reading in full. Due to the current US Government shutdown, it was not possible to contact the former TTLO, whom we assume was consulted at an earlier stage of this proposal, but the current TTLO and the rest of the Technical Working Group came to it fresh when the Secretary published this proposal. We assume that this (shutdown impacting RSC work) is a one-off situation. **Given the Technical Working Group’s response, the Secretary suggests that the RSC treat the proposal as a Discussion Paper, and then indicates a route forwards, taking into account the feedback received in the responses.**

Note 3: [EOO](#) asks, “Is the proposed list intended to be exhaustive? If not, would NARDAC consider changing the last “and” to “or”? This change would be consistent with Guidance: Terminology > Combinations and alternatives (citation # 62.09.05.74).”

[EURIG](#) asks for an explicit statement that the list is *not* exhaustive, pointing out, “particularly missing are types of corporate bodies found outside the Anglo-American sphere of influence.”

Note 4: [ExamplesEditor](#) suggests the following amendment:

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Definition and Scope

A collective agent who is composed of persons who are organized for a common purpose or activity. A corporate body includes an association, commercial or nonprofit enterprise, institution, ~~business firm, nonprofit enterprise~~, government, government agency, project or program, and a religious body, ~~including one identified~~

by the name of a local or place of worship. A corporate body also includes a formally named and convened event such as a conference, athletic or other contest, exhibition, expedition, fair, or festival; and a vessel such as a ship or spacecraft.

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[EOO](#) states she “support[s] the Examples Editor’s suggested amendment, except for the truncation of the phrase “a religious body, including one identified by the name of a local place of worship” to “religious body or place of worship.”

[EURIG](#) agrees, but states she “do[es] not feel that is critical on the entity page”.

Note 5: [TranslationsTLO](#) highlights that the definition should appear under Collective Agent.