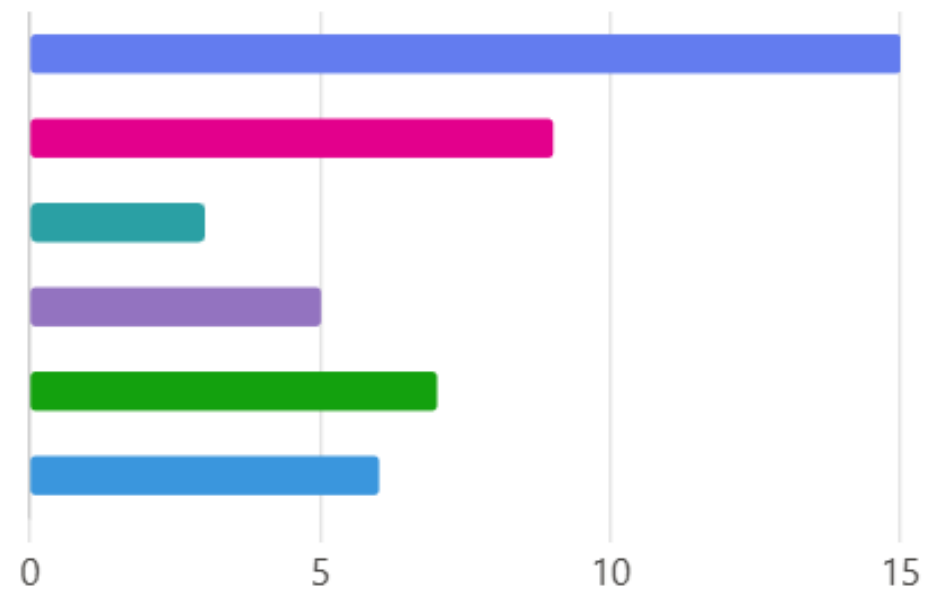


Survey on RDA implementation

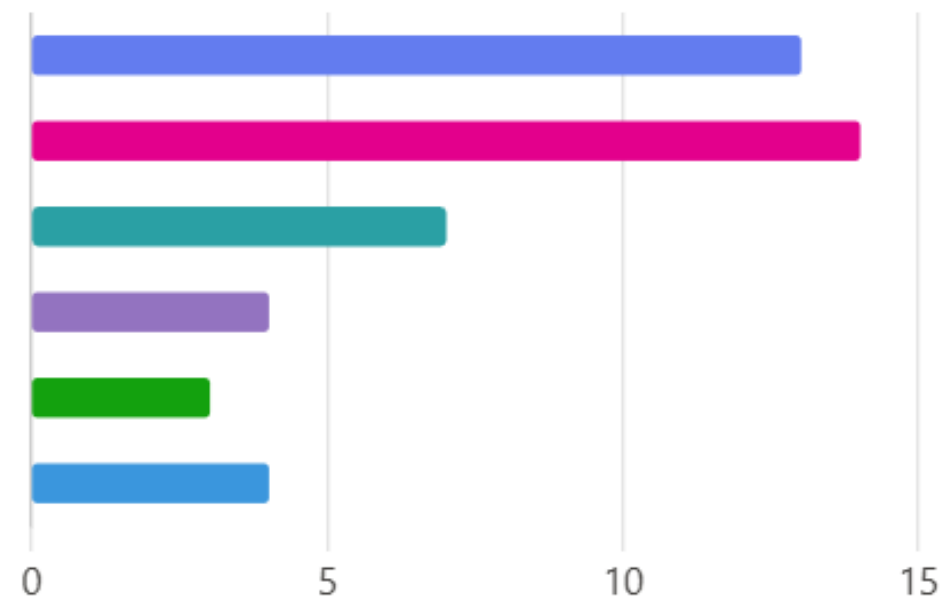
- Organised by EURIG
- Januari – March 2026
- 45 responses
- Preliminary results



● National library	15
● Academic / university library	9
● Public library	3
● Special / research library	5
● Consortium / library network	7
● Other	6

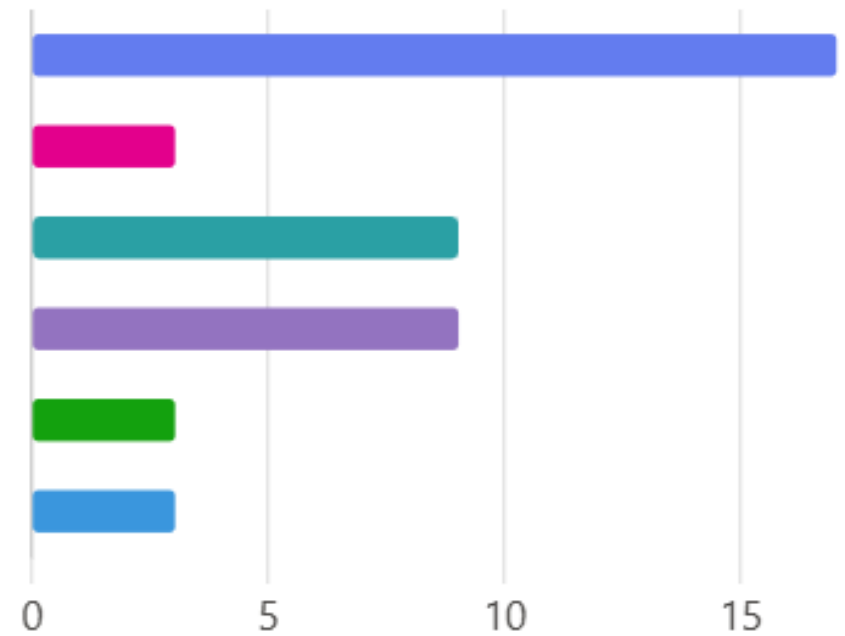


● Head of Cataloguing department	13
● Cataloguing / metadata specialist	14
● Policy or standards coordinator	7
● Technical / systems specialist	4
● Management	3
● Other	4



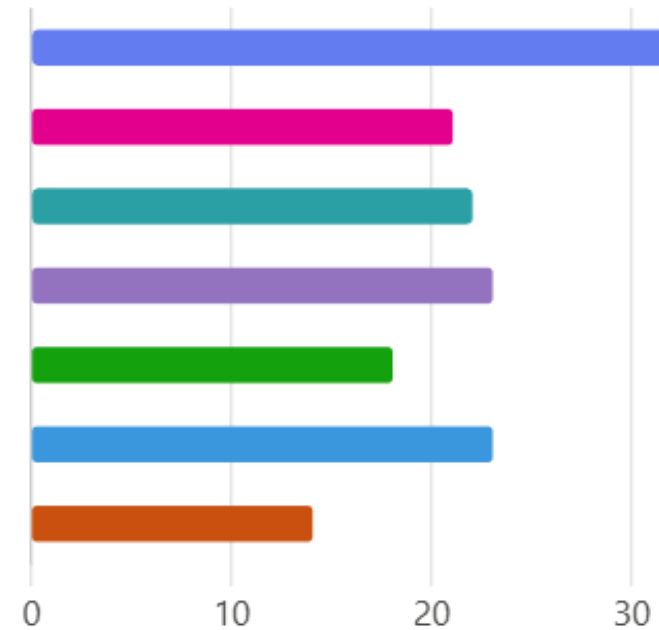
. Does your institution currently use RDA?

● Yes, Original RDA (pre-3R Project)	17
● Yes, Official RDA	3
● Yes, both (legacy data + new toolkit)	9
● Partially / pilot phase	9
● No, but planned	3
● No, and no plans at present	3



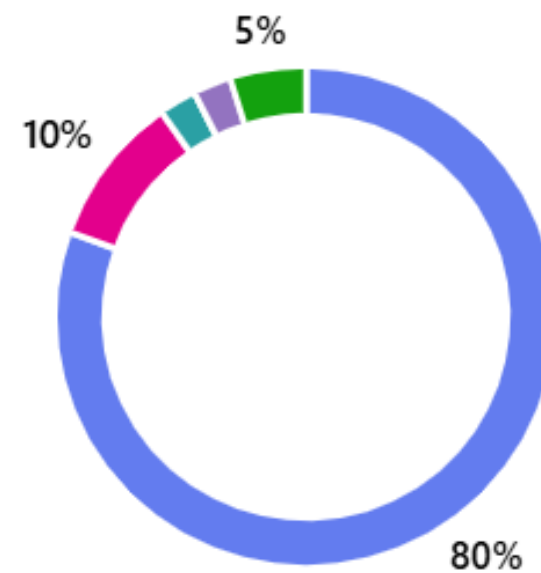
For which resource types is RDA applied?

● Monographs	33
● Old and Rare Books	21
● Audiovisual materials	22
● Digital / electronic resources	23
● Special materials (e.g. maps, prints, archives)	18
● Printed music and scores	23
● Other	14



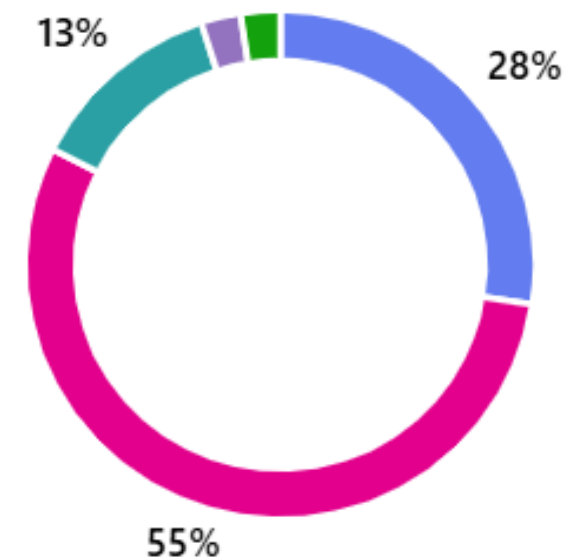
RDA is applied to:

● All new cataloguing	33
● Selected collections only	4
● Selected formats only	1
● Experimental or test datasets only	1
● Other	2



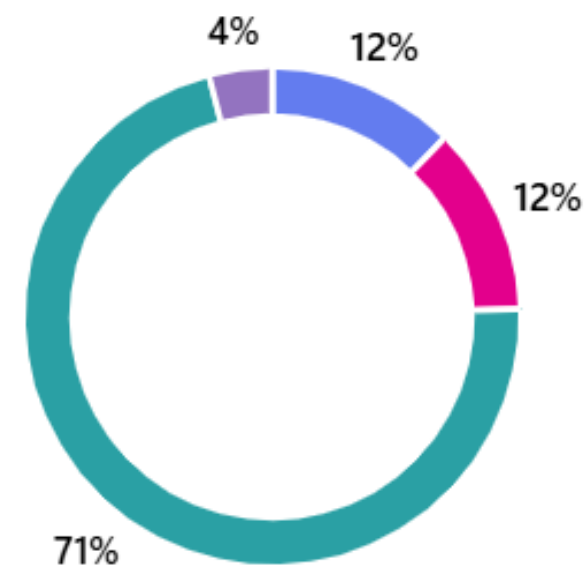
Is RDA applied to legacy (retrospective) data?

● No retrospective changes	11
● Partial retrospective enrichment	22
● Systematic retrospective conversion	5
● Not decided	1
● Other	1



Which implementation approach best describes your institution?

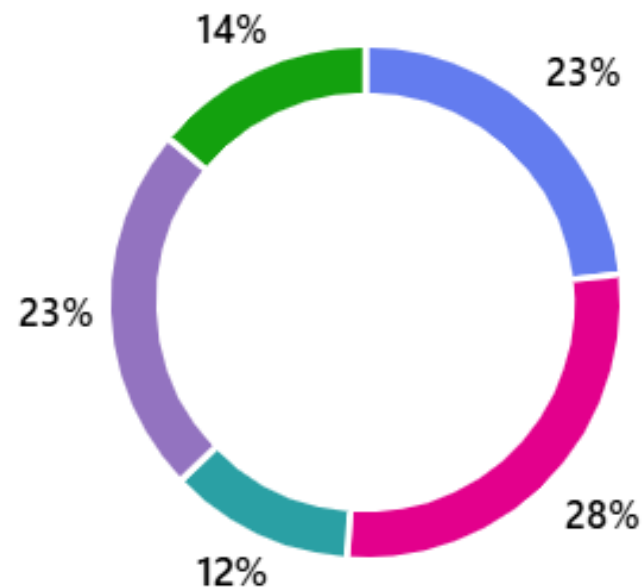
● Scenario A: Linked open data	6
● Scenario B: Relational or object-oriented data	6
● Scenario C: Bibliographic/authority data	35
● Scenario D: Flat file data	2
● Other	0



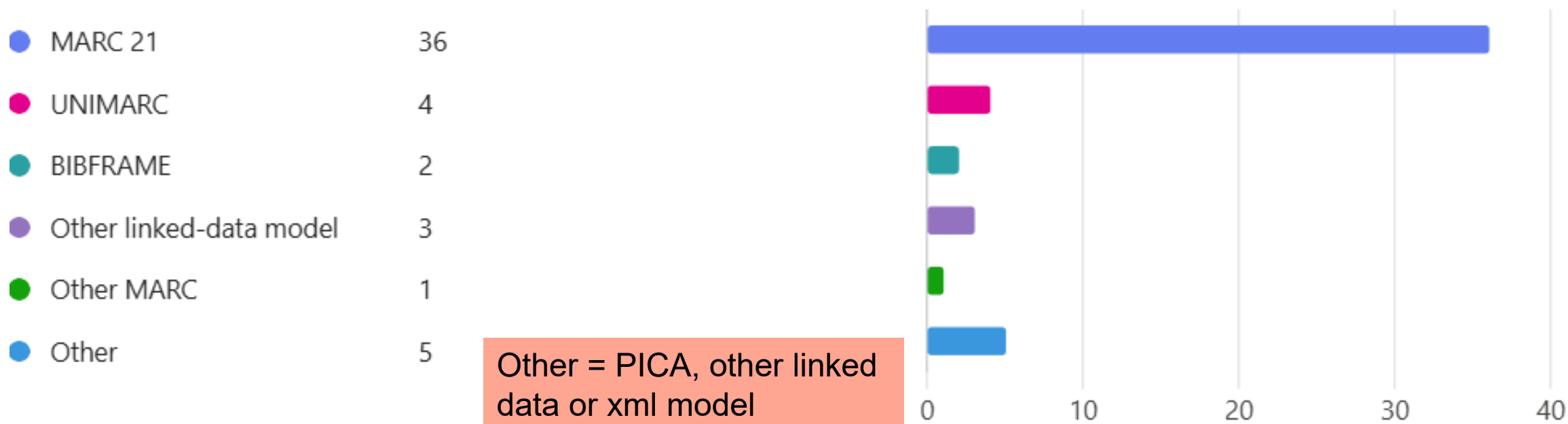
Are RDA application profiles used?

Yes, national profile	10
Yes, institutional profile	12
Both national and institutional	5
No application profiles used	10
Other	6

Other = RDA DACH

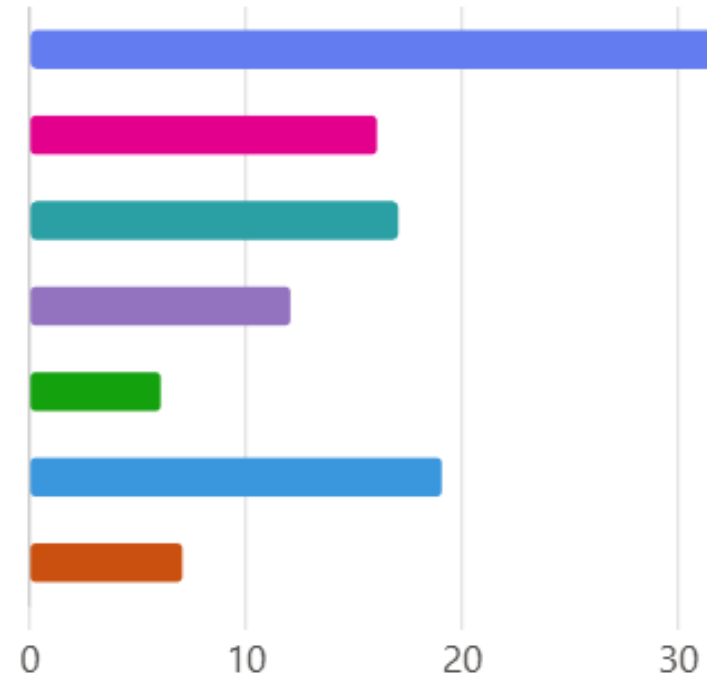


Which bibliographic formats or data models are used with RDA?



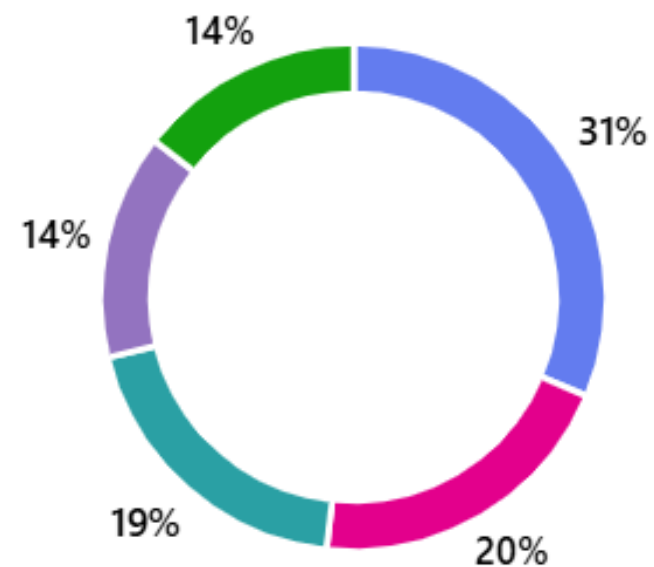
What are the main challenges in adopting the Official RDA Toolkit? (max 3)

● Training and skills	33
● System limitations	16
● Workflow complexity	17
● Language or translation issues	12
● Cost or licensing	6
● Unclear benefits	19
● Other	7



What types of support would be most useful from EURIG?

● Best-practice examples	37
● Training materials	24
● Implementation case studies	23
● Technical guidance	17
● EURIG-led workshops or discussions	17



Training needed

- **Provision in training**
 - On what level ? RSC – EURIG – national – institutional
 - On each level needed, but how can one level help the other?

In your opinion, what is the biggest difficulty of RDA implementation at your institution?

- **1. Training, Knowledge Gaps & Staff Understanding**
- **2. System Limitations / MARC Compatibility**
- **3. Complexity / Abstract Nature of RDA & Toolkit**
 - Library management systems are currently more of a hindrance than an asset to RDA implementation
- **4. Time, Staffing & Resource Constraints**
 - No interest from management
- **5. Legacy Data & Transition from Old Rules**

What advice would you give to institutions planning RDA implementation?

“Successful RDA implementation is less about learning a new standard and more about changing how an institution thinks about bibliographic data. The earlier that mindset shift happens, the less painful everything else becomes”

anonymous - Estonia

If you want to know more

- **EURIG annual meeting**
- **KBR, Brussels**
- **28-29/05/2026**