

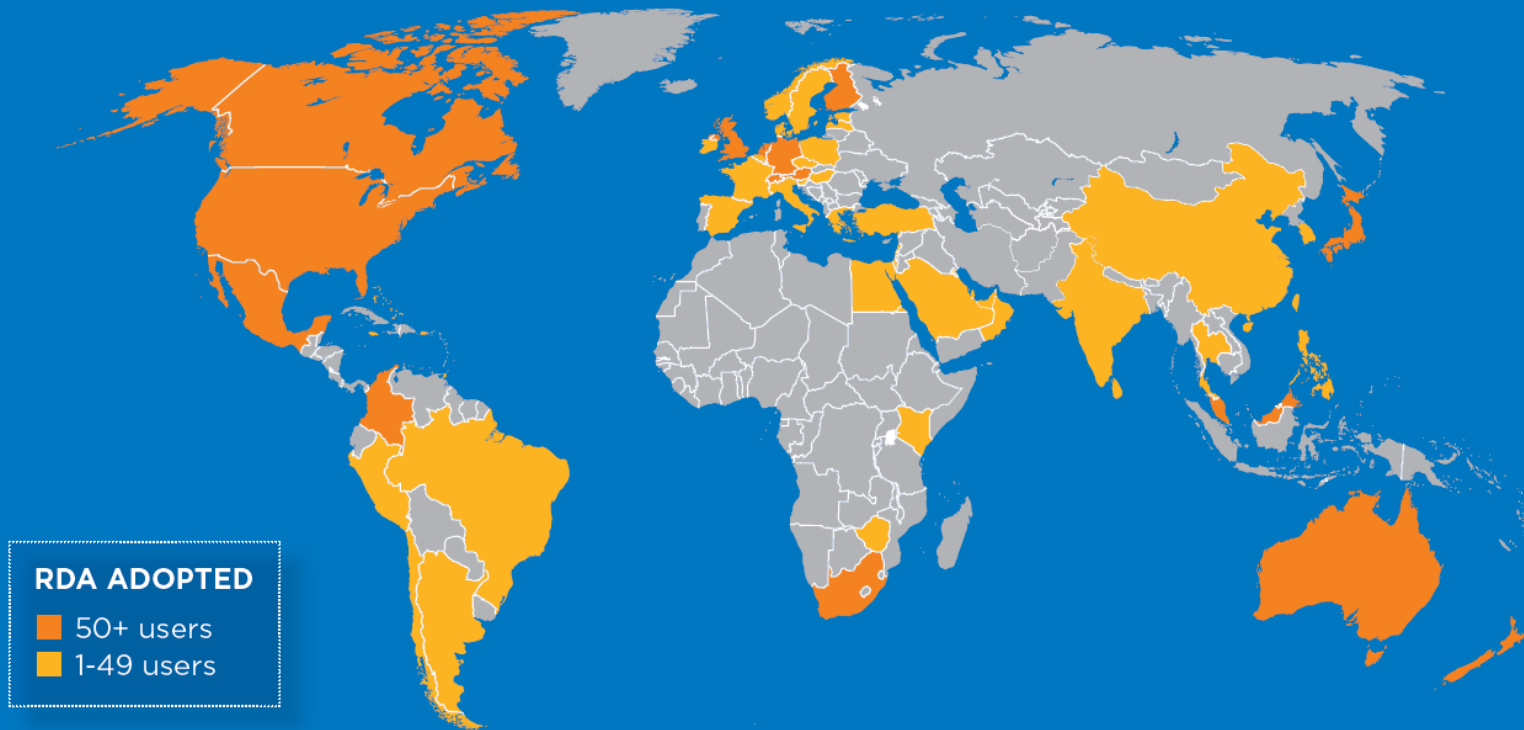


# ***RDA - Chances and Perspectives***

## ***The Europe Region***



# The World of RDA



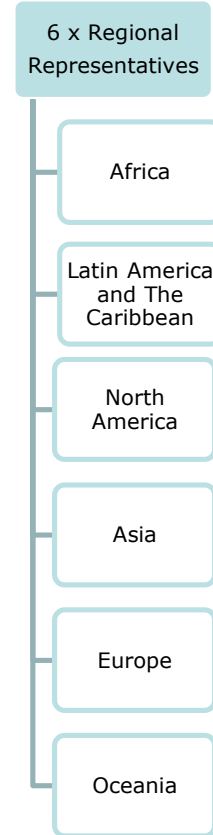
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## Some history

- Responsible for RDA are the RDA Board and the RDA Steering Committee (RSC).
- Until 2015 members came from North-America, Australia, Great Britain and Germany.
- At the end of 2015 the RDA Board and the RSC decided to change their organisation structure.
- Continents have to organise themselves and have to send Regional Representatives to the RDA committees.



- In the RDA Board all regions are represented
- While in the RSC we have no members from Asia, Africa and Latin America for the moment



# Europe Region

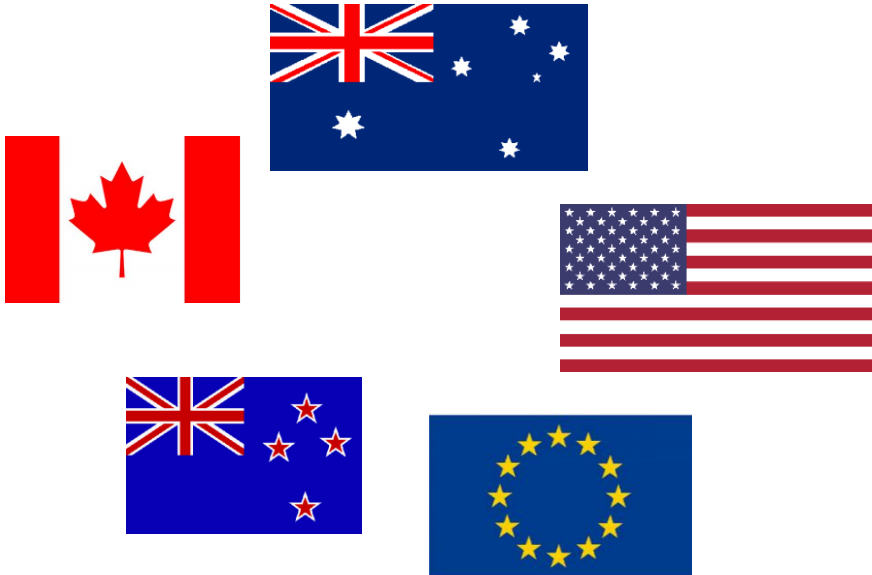


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# Group of Reps



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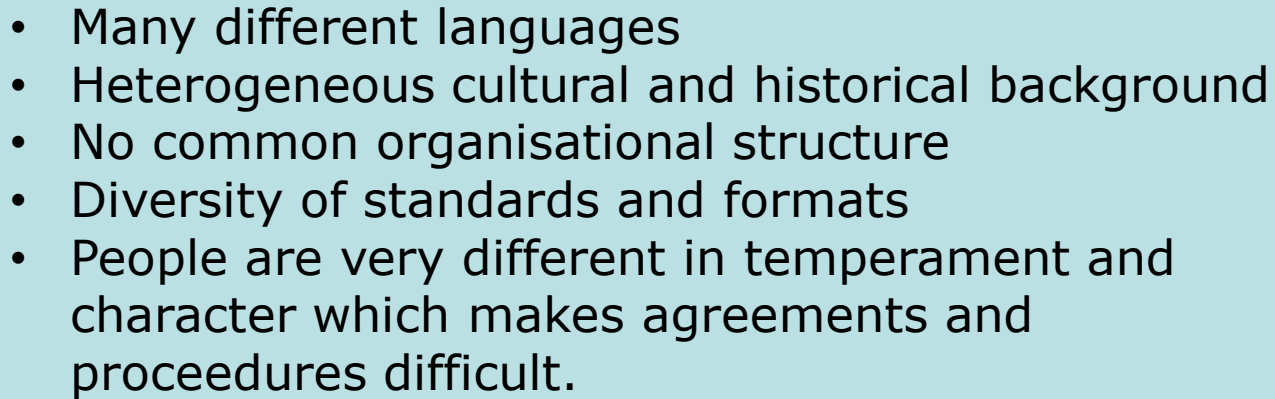
# How to become a region?







# What is specific in Europe

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- Many different languages
  - Heterogeneous cultural and historical background
  - No common organisational structure
  - Diversity of standards and formats
  - People are very different in temperament and character which makes agreements and procedures difficult.

## European RDA Interest Group (EURIG)

- Formally launched in Copenhagen on 27, September 2011.
- EURIG exists to promote the common professional interests of all users, and potential users of RDA, in Europe.
- To encourage and promote co-operation, communication and exchange of experience.
- To work closely with the RDA committees.
- To encourage and promote translations.



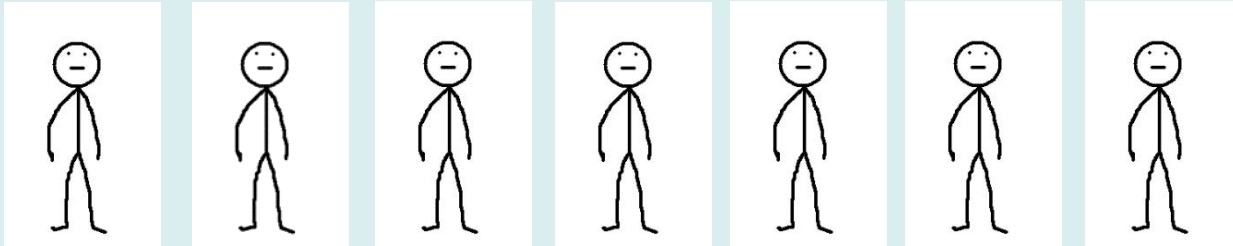
- At the end of 2015 the RDA Board and the RSC decided to change their organisational structure.
- Continents have to organise themselves as a single unit and have to send Regional Representatives to the RDA committees.
- For Europe EURIG has been targeted for this task.
- But EURIG has been only an INTEREST Group.
- So what to do?



- EURIG accepted the challenge and started a revision process immediately.
- At the EURIG annual meeting in May 2016, EURIG changed its organisational structure from an interest group to a decision-making body.
- The EURIG Cooperation Agreement was updated
- An Interim Europe Region Representative to the RSC was nominated.



EURIG has 45 members from 27 countries.



Who makes the decisions?





# RDA and Europe





The European region has become a stable and reliable partner in the RDA Board and in the RSC.

EURIG has participated in the 3R project via it's Editorial Committee and the European Representative.

EURIG members will cooperate in the post-3R-phase as much as possible.



# Europe in the RSC Working groups

**Aggregates** (France)

**Capitalization Instructions** (Italy, Denmark, Germany, Finland, Netherlands)

**Fictitious Entities** (Great Britain, Luxemburg)

**Music** (Denmark, Austria)

**Places** (Switzerland, Germany)

**Rare Materials** (Germany, Spain, Scotland, Sweden, Netherlands)

**RDA/ONIX Framework** (Great Britain, France, Croatia)

**Relationship Designators** (Latvia)

**Technical** (Germany, Spain, Finland)

**Translations** (all translators in Europe)

RSC WGs until  
Summer 2019



# Europe in the new RSC Working groups

## Standing Working Groups

Technical WG (in nomination phase )

Translations WG (all translators in Europe)

## Task and finish working groups

Application Profiles WG (in nomination phase)





## List of Experts for Special Materials



# The 3R Project



It is a challenge!



Good ideas are needed!

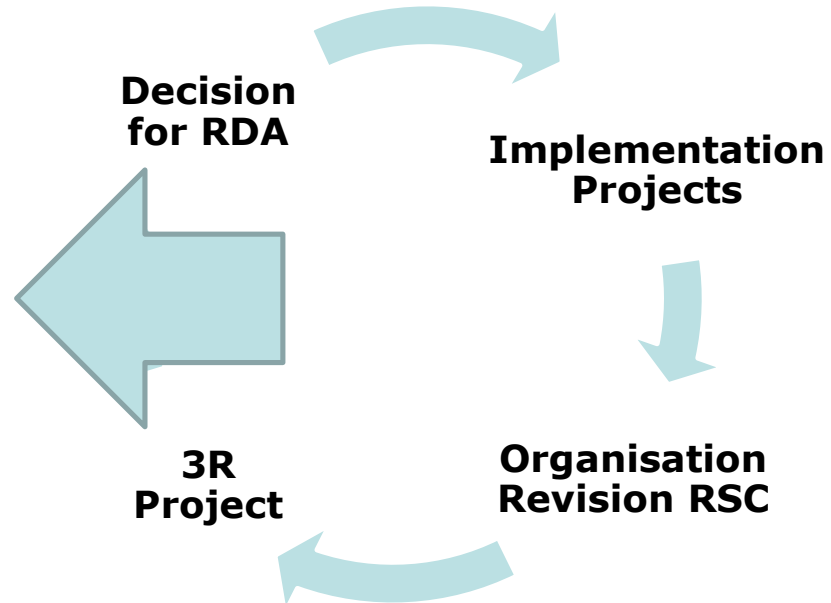
## EURIG Plans

- Adopt the changes from the 3R project in our national or language-based communities.
- Make RDA more international.
- Work out a general RDA application profile and application profiles for special materials
- Set up an European examples working group
- Support the cooperation on European or worldwide level



# Objective for the future

RDA as a really established international standard with a participation process with equal partners from around the world



# Information

- [RDA Board and RDA Steering Committee](#)
- [European RDA Interest Group](#)

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# Thank you for your attention!



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