



RDA in Portugal

An overview

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Overview of Library organization in Portugal

- National Library of Portugal (+ BPE – Évora Public Library)
- 300 Public libraries
- 180 academic libraries





Major catalogues



[Catalogue of the BNP Collections](#) - provides searching in all collections simultaneously or each major collection separately – 1,3 million bibliographic records



[PORBASE](#) – Online Union Catalogue of the Portuguese Libraries, integrating bibliographic data from the NLP and 200 other Portuguese institutions – over 2 million bibliographic records



[Biblioteca Comum](#) – Aggregated Catalogue for Academic and Research libraries – 4 million records (beta version)



[BND](#) – National Digital Library – around 38.000 digital objects



[RNOD](#) – National aggregator for library materials – 150.000 digital objects



Cataloguing rules in use



- Regras Portuguesas de Catalogação (1984)
- AACR2 and ISBD consolidated edition - cases not contemplated in the Portuguese Cataloguing Rules

Encoding formats

- UNIMARC as exchange and national format
- MARC21 also in use by a few academic libraries





NLP standardization - responsibilities

Coordination of the production, updating and diffusion, in Portugal, of standardization activities related to libraries:

- ❖ To follow and promote national awareness of international standards' development and practice;
- ❖ To develop, translate or to coordinate the preparation / translation of information and documentation standards;
- ❖ To carry out the coordination of the [CT7 - Technical Committee on Information and Documentation Standards](#) (the Portuguese equivalent to ISO TC46);
- ❖ To participate in the PUC – Permanent UNIMARC Committee



RDA Implementation in Portugal

2008 - 2011

Translation and Portuguese edition of the FR conceptual models (FRBR, FRAD)

2012 - 2018

RDA translation to Portuguese, based on the 2015 revision (not yet published)

2015 - present

Training and diffusion of RDA among the professional community





Next steps

- ❖ Portuguese edition of RDA (to be discussed with the copyright holder)
- ❖ Study group about the possibilities of future implementation in Portugal
- ❖ Promoting discussions with LIS schools for RDA teaching

Thank you!

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