

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: EURIG
Subject: Machine–Actionable Data Elements in RDA Chapter 3: Discussion Paper

EURIG thanks John Attig for his discussion paper and the members of the *Task Force on Machine-Actionable Data Elements in RDA Chapter 3* for their Aspect–Unit–Quantity model presented in the paper.

As stated in the paper, the reasons to tackle these issues revolve around the desire for better machine processing of the data created. We give strong support to this desire and emphasize the importance of the RDF-perspective, particularly with regard to the future of bibliographic control. Therefore, we are of the opinion that the RDF-perspective on RDA will have significant impact across RDA and will not be limited to chapter 3.

EURIG recommends that the FRBR attribute Extent of Expression be added to RDA for recording those aspects of the extent statement that apply to content.

EURIG has a preference for Option 2a in order to be able to record the indication of extent as it appears on the resource described and in a machine-actionable form.

The paper by John Attig presents a discussion very much still in progress – EURIG wants to participate actively in this discussion, but will need some time to prepare further papers and proposals.