To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: EURIG
Subject: Machine-Actionable Data Elements for Measurements, Extent of the Carrier, Pagination and Foliation, Dimensions, Extent of the Content, and Duration – Discussion Paper (2015)

EURIG thanks ALA for this discussion paper and strongly supports the initiative as machine-actionable data is highly desirable and of great importance for libraries and their future in linked data environments. EURIG also acknowledges that these are huge changes for cataloguers.

EURIG would like to offer the following comments and outline issues raised by members:

- Pagination/foliation is best accommodated in chapter 2 as it is associated with identification of the resource.
- Extent for text would then record the number of volumes/pages only, which is associated with "select" and has value for collection management.
- We totally support that within 3.4 (Extent of the Carrier) extent of volumes is treated in the same manner as other carriers. The exception for volumes in the current RDA text is not tolerable.
- Machine-actionable data is desirable, but, in order to better focus our efforts, we are not quite sure that extensions or measurements are high-priority. Dates or timespans, for instance, are rather more important to be linked-data-friendly. Machine-actionable data elements for extensions could be approached at the level of applications rather than in RDA guidelines.
- One could e.g. also have normative data for dates as a part of the standard.