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](https://www.iso.org/committee/44547.html) (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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