

To: RDA Steering Committee
From: Renate Behrens, Europe Region representative
Subject: Adding controlled vocabulary to RDA 3.19.6, Regional Encoding, and to the Glossary

EURIG - Editorial Committee thanks ALA for this proposal with which we agree.

EURIG members' and national committees' comments were collated on the DNB wiki and discussed by the EURIG Editorial Committee in a series of voice conferences during September. Comments on the proposed changes follow below.

1. Expand the scope of RDA 3.19.6, *Regional Encoding*, to include all types of digital files.
Agreed.
2. Add a controlled vocabulary for standardized regional codes to 3.19.6.3, the Glossary, and the RDA Registry.
Agreed with regard to video discs.

The inclusion of PAL and NTSC raised some concerns in relation to games, as these are obsolete broadcast standards rather than regional codes. It seems that this may be a situation where RDA should make a distinction between how the resource describes itself (a transcribed note) and what that really means (controlled vocabulary).

We also recommend that "all regions" should not substitute for the terms found on the resource. We note that "all regions" may not include aircraft and this should be made clear in the scope note.

The DACH community proposes the use of language independent codes rather than terms. It will be possible to identify terms by a URI, but at the moment we are not able to exchange URIs in MARC.

3. Add the standard "use another concise term" paragraph to 3.19.6.3, needed due to the addition of the controlled list of terms.
Agreed in principle, with the caveat this should not encourage the addition of variant terms. Variant terms should be handled by use of alternative labels.
4. Create 3.19.6.4, *Details of Regional Encoding*, to accommodate any additional information about regional encoding.
Agreed.