



RDA Sweden

- a quick introduction

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Research Data Alliance (RDA)



- RDA was launched as a **community-driven initiative** in 2013 by the European Commission, the US National Science Foundation and National Institute of Standards and Technology, and the Australian Government's Department of Innovation
- RDA is building the **social and technical bridges** that **enable open sharing of data** to achieve its vision of researchers and innovators openly sharing data across technologies, disciplines, and countries **to address the grand challenges of society.**
- Read more at <https://rd-alliance.org/>

What does RDA do?



- Activities centre around self-formed, volunteer and focused Working Groups and exploratory Interest Groups

- Aims are to

- exchange knowledge
- share discoveries,
- discuss barriers and potential solutions,
- explore and define policies and
- test and harmonise standards to enhance and facilitate global data sharing & re-use.

34 working groups
& 57 interest groups

<https://www.rd-alliance.org/groups>

RDA in numbers

(April 2020)



- **10385 individual members** from **144 countries** (68% Academia & Research, 14 % Public Administration, 13 % Enterprise & Industry)
- **51 organisational members & 10 affiliate members**
- **91 groups** working on **global data interoperability challenges**
(34 working groups & 57 interest groups)
- **37 flagship outputs** of which 8 ICT Technical Specifications*)
- **100+ adoption cases** across multiple disciplines, organisations & countries

*) information and communication technology (ICT) technical specifications defined by the European Commission as eligible for referencing in public procurement processes.

<https://www.rd-alliance.org/sites/default/files/attachment/RDA-in-a-nutshell-April-2020.pptx>

RDA recommendations & outputs



- **Recommendations:** RDA’s flagship outputs and the equivalent of “specifications” or “standards” that other organisations create and endorse.
- **Supporting Outputs:** RDA outputs that originate from the work of RDA groups, but not always adoptable by other organisations.
- **Other Outputs:** Workshop reports, published articles, survey results, etc. produced by RDA groups. (Not formally endorsed.)

<https://www.rd-alliance.org/recommendations-outputs>

Joining RDA



- Any individual can join the RDA **for free** <https://www.rd-alliance.org/user/register>
- **Only requirement** is to **agree** to the RDA's **guiding principles**:
Openness, Consensus, Balance, Harmonization, Community-driven,
Non-profit and Technology-neutral
- Once a member, you can
 - Sign up for as many groups as you like
 - Comment on all outputs & RDA web content
 - Participate in RDA plenaries & other meetings
 - Vote for candidates to the RDA Council & Technical Advisory Board

RDA plenary meetings



Plenary 15:

~~@ Melbourne, Australia: 18-20 March, 2020~~ → virtual ! 18 March – 10 April

Plenary 16

@ San José, Costa Rica: 10-12 November, 2020 + virtual

Plenary 17:

@ Edinburgh, UK: 20-22 April, 2021 + virtual

*Int'l Data Week & Plenary 18 ?
Seoul, South Korea
@ 8-11 November, 2021*

Regional & national groups



- RDA encourages the initiative and support of its **members** across the globe to animate their **communities on a national level**
- National and regional nodes provide platforms for **exchanging information** (in the local language) about the RDA, its activities and outputs
- In Europe, the H2020 project “RDA Europe” is supporting the formation of **national nodes** (currently **22**)

<https://www.rd-alliance.org/groups/national-groups>

RDA-SE organization & budget



- National node of RDA global, via RDA Europe
- Swedish National Data service (SND) is host institution
 - Core team at SND Gothenburg + Lund
 - Working groups, advisory group
- Application in April 2019 successful!
- “Seed money” (-> ~~May 2020~~) (now prolonged -> Sept 2020!)



RDA-SE aims



- Spread info about RDA in Sweden
- Increase Sweden-based individuals' membership in RDA
- RDA working & interest groups
 - identify interests, increase active involvement
 - inform, encourage and facilitate adoption of Outputs & Recommendations
- Be a platform for dialogue on research data issues
 - engage with broad range of stakeholders & funders
 - map out the “research data landscape” of Sweden
- Engage & network with other national nodes

RDA-SE planned activities



- Set up a web site <https://rd-alliance.org/groups/rda-sweden>
- Information events at SND consortium & network institutes
- Have info points at meetings & conferences (e.g. IFFIS)
- Join network of Nordic RDA nodes
- Promote adoption of RDA recommendations & outputs (webinars)



- Organize a F2F workshop (spring 2020)
- Meetings with funding agencies, “academies” & professional organisations

Please join us!



“RDA is a window to the world’s data expertise”

- Everyone is welcome to join us!
 1. Become a RDA member (<https://www.rd-alliance.org/user/register>)
 2. Sign up for RDA Sweden (<https://rd-alliance.org/groups/rda-sweden>)
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