

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Christine Frodl, DNB representative
Subject: Language of expression – Revision of RDA 6.11, 6.11.1.3, 6.11.1.4, 7.12.1.3,
26.1.1.3

DNB thanks EURIG for preparing this proposal. DNB welcomes this proposal, but disagrees with the proposed change in 6.11 and suggests the following wording:

6.11 Language of Expression

CORE ELEMENT

Language of expression is a core element when the resource has language relevance.

We think, that it is important to record the language or languages of the expression in any case and not only when needed to differentiate. This would support creating better data and better services. We also would not restrict the language of expression to resources which include text, because resources with spoken word and others also have to be considered. Finally we suggest using codes for languages according to ISO 639.