



Pitch: **A project proposal for RDA**
Submit a project proposal for the RDA Europe Call for projects in European organisations that adopt existing RDA Recommendations and Outputs

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1. Purpose (problem definition, solution oriented) and outline of the subject

RDA Europe has issued a **call** for European organisations to submit project proposals for the adoption of existing *RDA recommendations & outputs*. Deadline for submitting a project proposal is 4 March 2019. In this pitch, based on a list of available *recommendations*, we propose to submit a project proposal via the LCRDM for a non-technical recommendation.

The list of *RDA recommendations & outputs* is extensive, but we think that the topic, **23 Things - Libraries for Research Data**, will garner broad support in the Netherlands. Our proposal is to elaborate on this topic to suit a Dutch context. For example, by broadening its scope to include not only librarians but also other data experts/data stewards (format still to be discussed). The object of this pitch is to submit this widening of scope, product of a Dutch context, as a project proposal for the RDA call.

Once the project proposal has been accepted, task group members will be invited to participate in the project, however preparing a new pitch is also an option (depending on the final formulation of the project proposal).

2. Why is this of institute-transcending importance?

The RDA is an international alliance that focuses on general strategic policy aimed at providing guidelines for the development of (inter)national standards. The RDA consists of a world-wide network of data experts that consolidate RDM efforts at an international level.

A call has been issued to substantiate /translate a number of general strategic policy issues into best practices, user cases and a number of simple projects at research institutions.

By submitting a project proposal, Dutch data management can connect with RDM products in a European/international context. Moreover, it allows the LCRDM to accentuate its profile together with the affiliated institutes and experts as a cooperative organization for RDM in the Netherlands.

By using the LCRDM to draw up a project proposal we can:

- (1) Translate RDM topics with international significance to conform to Dutch practices
- (2) Boost the international profile of LCRDM activities and existing LCRDM products
- (3) Comply with the wishes of the external mid-term review evaluation committee of the SURF innovation programmes (2017) to seek international exposure (affiliation with the RDA is explicitly stated).

3. Deliverable/output, what is the expected yield? (the “product”) + rough outline

Step 1: Devise a project proposal that has the backing of the Dutch RDM community and a completed form for a RDA project proposal drawn up by the LCRDM task force.

Long- term perspective: After the proposal has been approved, help to realize the projects in question. After approval, task group members (if they so wish) will also be involved in carrying out the projects but drafting a new pitch proposal is also a possibility.

Further tasks/details of the pitch are:

- Input with regard to RDA recommendations & outputs cited in the project proposal (substantive)
- Input of LCRDM products and products by other RDM stakeholder groups (such as UKB RD, RDNL (Essentials), research institutions, NPOS, DTL, Go FAIR NL, RDA NL working group) in the RDA recommendations & outputs
- Examples of implemented RDA recommendations & outputs in Dutch research institutions (on a project basis)
- Providing user cases; (contribution to a) webinar and/or a presentation at a RDM conference.

4. Which expertise or competencies are necessary to form a task group? And what means are required?

We are looking for a maximum of 6 people from a variety of different research institutions to help in writing the project proposal.

We will actively seek to connect with existing RDM stakeholder groups in The Netherlands.

5. Estimated duration (max 2 months) and desired planning

Three weeks (11 February - 4 March 2019)

Based on the deadline for submitting project proposals for this call (4 March 2019), we have adopted the following time frame:

Week 7 (11-15 February): kick off meeting task group (via skype)

Week 8 (18-22 February): write project proposal

Week 9 (25 February – 1 March): finalize project proposal

= > 4 March 17.00 hrs: deadline submission project proposal

6. What is already known/completed and why doesn't this information suffice?

RDA has many initiatives and work groups. Response to the open call offers an opportunity for RDM in the Netherlands to connect with these initiatives and work groups in a collective, organized way via the LCRDM. The LCRDM task force will consult closely with the RDA-NL Work Group.