

Concerns: letter of support for RDA project proposal The Netherlands

Dear Sir/Madam,

With this letter, the Advisory Board of the National Coordination Point Research Data Management (LCRDM) strongly supports the project proposal of its Task Group to adopt and enhance the RDA recommendation *23 Things – Libraries for Research Data*. This proposal follows the RDA Europe Call for projects in European organisations that adopt existing RDA recommendations and outputs.

The LCRDM is a network of experts that stands for practical interpretation of the implementation of rules and ambitions for data management. Adopting best practices as formulated in the RDA recommendations and outputs only strengthens this effort and is therefore much appreciated.

Since the release of this specific RDA recommendation in 2015, the focus on Open Science and data support through data stewardship has gained strong exposure in Europe. Training in RDM is an essential element for good data stewardship and through that for the transition towards Open Science.

Based on these international developments, the proposal to not only update the recommendation *23 Things* to meet the latest developments at Dutch/European level, but also to transform the recommendation into a tool that can serve as a starting point for coordinated training efforts in the Netherlands for both researchers and research supporters, is strongly recommended. The expectation is that the outcomes of this project should benefit RDM communities in other (European) countries.

Exchange of expertise, based on the adoption of international recommendations, strengthens both the Dutch RDM community as the international RDA community. Connecting to the working groups of RDA helps experts in the Netherlands to support innovation of the necessary protocols, best practices, standards etc.

With kind regards,

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The LCRDM – the National Coordination Point Research Data Management – exists since 2015 and forms a nationwide network of over 150 experts from 51 research institutions in the Netherlands – thus bringing together a variety of stakeholders in RDM support (librarians, data stewards, policy people, IT people) from a range of research institutions (universities, university medical centers, universities of applied sciences, research institutions and funders).

Within the LCRDM experts are working together in short term activities that are too large for one single institution to take up and that ask for national cooperation to further RDM policy. Activities focus on financing RDM, legal aspects of RDM, data stewardship, engagement, data facilities and infrastructure, research support and advise or governance of RDM. To implement advices and to turn policies into practice, LCRDM closely works together with other Dutch stakeholders in RDM, such as RDNL, UKB, DTL etc.