RDA for the Social Sciences
RDA Europe Ambassadors

Social Sciences

- Discipline page
- RDA overview report
  - Guiding newcomers
  - Flagging relevant work

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An introduction to the RDA world

Interest Groups (56)*
- Various topics and outcomes
- Active over longer periods

Working Groups (32)*
- Various topics but concrete outputs
- Fixed period of 12 - 18 months

Outputs: Official RDA endorsed recommendations

I assessed the most relevant RDA groups for you!
Categorization of RDA Groups

Main Focus
Select All
☐ Data Management
☐ Data Collection
☐ Data Description
☐ Identity, Store, and Preserve
☐ Disseminate, Link, and Find
☐ Policy, Legal Compliance, and Capacity
☐ Not applicable

RDA IGs & WGs
56 IG
32 WG

Domain/Field of Expertise
☐ Social Sciences
☐ Natural Sciences
☐ Engineering and Technology
☐ Medical and Health Sciences
☐ Agricultural Sciences
☐ Humanities

Domain Agnostic
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Diagram:

- General
  - 27 IG
  - 20 WG

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  - 56 IG
  - 32 WG

- Specific
  - 29 IG
  - 12 WG
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Policies
- 4 IGs
- 3 WGs

Data Management
- 3 IGs
- 2 WGs

Technical
- 8 IGs
- 10 WGs

Other
- 12 IGs
- 5 WGs
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[Diagram showing RDA IGs & WGs with categories: General (27 IG, 20 WG) and Specific (29 IG, 12 WG). Further breakdowns into policies, data management, technical, other, domain, data, communities, organizations with specific counts of IGs and WGs.]
→ 7 IGs, 2 WGs & 2 outcomes were classified as highly relevant
Relevant Interest Groups [Top 4]*

**Social Science Research Data IG** [Specific - Domein]
*Exchange on issues from the social sciences and humanities*

**RDA/NISO Privacy Implications of Research Data...** [Specific - Data]
*Relevant for social science researchers working with personal data.*

**Ethics and Social Aspects of Data** [General - Policies]
*Ethical & social issues regarding data archiving, sharing, and reuse.*

**Education & Training on handling of res...** [General - Data Management]
*Information on how to manage your research data.*

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Relevant Working Groups (WGs) [2]*

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Provides useful tips for finding research data. The corresponding article is published in PLOS.

- Tip 1: Think about the data you need and why you need them.
- Tip 2: Select the most appropriate resource.
- Tip 3: Construct your query strategically.
- Tip 4: Make the repository work for you.
- Tip 5: Refine your search.
- Tip 6: Assess data relevance and fitness -for -use.
- Tip 7: Save your search and data- source details.
- Tip 8: Look for data services, not just data.
- Tip 9: Monitor the latest data.
- Tip 10: Treat sensitive data responsibly.
- Tip 11: Give back (cite and share data).

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In summary

There are several Interest and Working Groups relevant to Social Science scholars

→ Get involved

Want to know more?

- rd-alliance.org/rda-disciplines/rda-and-social-sciences
- Full report: 10.5281/zenodo.1401104

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Time for questions & discussion!