



RDA Germany & Austria

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- Active German(-speaking) stakeholders in RDA:
 - Peter Wittenburg (RDA Europe Project; Max Planck Society)
 - Helmholtz Open Science Coordination Office
 - German Climate Computing Centre
 - German Geo-Science Centre
 - ...
 - Andreas Rauber, University of Vienna, Austria
- Initiative to organise a national event and to start local collaborations

- › Annual RDA Conference in Potsdam since 2015
- › Annual RDA Training Workshop in Hamburg since 2015

- › Funding mostly by conference fees and local support
- › Language: German
- › Attendees from Germany, Austria, South Tirol, German-Speaking part of Switzerland
- › Dissemination over institutional channels → ca. 50% of attendees are not subscribed to RDA Global website

Advantages

- › Bring local/regional/national stakeholders together
→ benefit is considered more „concrete“ for some institutions
- › Establishment of collaborations
- › Discussion of national funding schemes and regulations,...
- › Conferences are more affordable for some people
- › No language barriers
- › More „non-technicians“ attending, e.g. university data advisors, university professors, administration, media,...

Future RDA Germany developments

- › Plans to create a national legal entity
- › non-for-profit
- › Launch at end of 2017
- › National initiative
 - › Voice for the RDA stakeholders & initiative in Germany
 - › Organiser of events, training & consulting,...
 - › Interaction with policy makers
 - › Bottom-up organisation of practitioners and active people
- › Participation is open for non-Germans
- › Collaboration with other German-speaking countries and other RDA initiatives

RDA Austria developments

- Project liaison on data of all Austrian universities „eInfrastructures Austria“
 - More specific focus
 - Involvement of all national universities

- Possibly also establishment of a national legal entity

Challenges / open questions

- Funding schema & concrete activities are yet to be developed
- Localisation of content: Dissemination in German vs. English?
- Own web pages vs. Subpages of RDA Global website?
- Synchronisation with Austrian initiatives and other national RDA initiatives?
- Exchange of ideas with other initiatives is much appreciated