RDA Newcomers Session
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HOW TO...rd-alliance.org
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Why an intro to rd-alliance.org?

- Help you understand what is the purpose of the rd-alliance.org website!
- Discover what can you do on it and how the website can support you in your RDA related work!
Overarching goal: to support the RDA Vision & Mission

- **RDA Vision**: Researchers and innovators openly sharing data across technologies, disciplines, and countries to address the grand challenges of society.
- **RDA Mission**: The Research Data Alliance (RDA) builds the social and technical bridges that enable open sharing of data.

Supporting the RDA Guiding Principles

- **Openness** – transparent & open access to RDA member activities
- **Consensus** – through open requests for comments
- **Balance** – tracking & encouraging geographical and thematic balance
- **Community-driven** – huge focus on Working & Interest Groups
Rd-alliance.org aims to...

- Be a communication and a working environment
- **Collaboration tool** & Member (user) generated content - To ease the work of the members & the collaboration within the groups
- Encourage information sharing and generate discussion and debate through the **Requests for community review & comments**
- Facilitate adoption of the RDA Outputs by publishing the group results & promoting uptake
- Engage new community members
- Information tool: Communicating with members & the world
- Updates **News/Events/Announcements**
- Bring practice, research and policy closer together
Who is the website for & what can you do?

All users are encouraged to

View & read

Contribute

Review & comment

Share
RDA on Social Media

- Twitter: @resdatall, @RDA_US, @RDA_Europe
- Facebook
- LinkedIn
- Slideshare
- Blogs
How to play a part in the RDA

There are several ways in which you can play a part in RDA:

- **Register** to the website and become a member of the RDA community
- **Join** the discussion and **subscribe** to the RDA Working and Interest Groups
- Network via Social Media and post your **insights & contributions**
- Follow the proceedings of the **Bi-annual Plenaries** & answer the Open Calls & Contribute
- Apply as an **Early Career Researcher and Scientist working on Data** to attend RDA Plenary meetings
Joining the groups - the working area

Group menu: All wikis, File repository, Mailinglist archive

Group Case Statement – Comment!

Group File Repository: browse files, view & download

Add content: Create Group event, Create Wiki Page

Join group Conference Calls!

Mark group events on your calendar!
User & web Stats – Sept 2014 to Feb 2015

Sessions: 59,982
Users: 27,733
Pageviews: 223,720

Sessions distribution:
- Europe: 50%
- North America: 37%
- Asia: 6%
- Africa: 2%
- South America: 1%

Total RDA Community Members: 2783
For Support...
europe.rd-alliance.org – the European plug-in

Promoting the Research Data Alliance in Europe

Encouraging European participation to RDA

Ensuring sustainability through continuous European contributions

Promoting adoption of the RDA outputs
Thank you