

Recap from the previous RDA Finland event

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Outputs from the 7th RDA Plenary in Tokyo

- Altogether seven RDA recommendations/outputs and 11 RDA output adoption cases.

Legal interoperability – comment on a RDA deliverable

- The **ownership** of data? **Rights and responsibilities** of data providers and data users? Who has the right to decide about **access** to different data sets?
- **Common principles, training and support** are needed, and more focus should be put on how **research principles** (e.g. data management and data citation) are taught to researchers and also to students in universities.
- Better **nationwide data management policy** and a clear process which acknowledges the freedom of research.
- RDA as a useful forum for these discussions.

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National perspective on RDA outputs

- Increasing the **social impact** of research and highlighting its **benefits for the society** are key issues in developing open science policies and methods.
- Global context, including phenomena such as **openness, digitalization and multi-disciplinarity**, is affecting Finnish research community and research policy framework.
- Topical themes: international **interoperability** of research + **opening of research data** also to international research purposes
- RDA provides valuable **tools** to overstep the gap between national and international research

Supporting open data policy in University of Turku

- Emerging data policy of Turku University, functioning as a starting point for openness of data and data management, and providing new services, training and support.
- Describing the responsibilities of researchers in universities' data policies would be useful.

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The **role of universities** in promoting open data and open access principles

- The creation and implementation of universities' own data policies, a process that also needs to be **supported at the governmental/national level**. The **recognition of open data efforts**?
- **RDA and its outputs** can be utilized in developing these organizational policies around research data.

Research collaboration between universities

- Hardware used in research are very expensive, **joint efforts** in acquisition of this equipment would be cost-effective and it would benefit also inter-organizational collaboration.

RDA outputs **implementation process** at the national and regional level

Conclusion: RDA could be linked more clearly with national initiatives and research actors

What was needed?

National forum for sharing **thoughts and experiences** on adopting RDA outputs, a channel to share **best practices** when it comes to open research data in order to avoid **overlaps**.

Stronger **dialogue** between national, regional, European and global actors.

RDA Finland group

Connects actors working with research data in Finland, and enables them to **interconnect with broader RDA activities**

Offers **information** on open science and open research in Finnish context, but also links it with **European environment**.

Discussion platform: enables researchers to discuss and share views and experiences.

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