Charter

**May’16: This draft charter will be subject of the GEDERDA first discussions to ensure consensus.**

## **What is GEDERDA’S goal?**

The aim of the **Group of European Data Experts in RDA (GEDERDA)** is to promote, foster and drive the discussions and consensus forming on creating guidelines, core components and concrete data fabric configuration building based on a bottom-up process. To achieve these goals GEDERDA is composed of a group European data professionals appointed by invitation from various research and e-Infrastructures and European co-chairs of Research Data Alliance (RDA) Groups. GEDERDA will operate within the global RDA framework thereby guaranteeing that the discussions are openly communicated and publicly accessible to the global community of experts – RDA members[[1]](#footnote-1).

## **Why is GEDERDA important for you and your work?**

As a data professional, it offers you a neutral and international platform to:

* exchange about state-of-the-art ways of doing and cutting-edge ideas, plans, etc;
* to bring in your views and experiences into the agreement finding on guidelines and to identify disagreements;
* participate in the discussions on core components coming from different sources (not only RDA) and brings you into contact with people building configurations of interest;
* join with others to make plans for specific configurations and get involved in testbed building.

## **What is GEDERDA’S remit?**

The main tasks of GEDERDA are to:

* act as a platform to engage European data professionals in a cross-disciplinary exchange of principles, recommendations and standards in the data domain;
* discuss messages coming from RDA Working & Interest Groups[[2]](#footnote-2) and other initiatives working on data issues;
* discuss core components and concrete infrastructure configuration building and testbeds[[3]](#footnote-3):
* discuss and develop aggregated guidelines/recommendations[[4]](#footnote-4) and contribute to the RDA Atlas of Knowledge[[5]](#footnote-5).

## **Who is part of GEDERDA?**

The RDA EU[[6]](#footnote-6) project will invite European research infrastructures and e-Infrastructures to appoint an expert to participate in the GEDERDA. RDA Group co-chairs will also be invited to join GEDERDA. The work of the GEDERDA is supported by the RDA EU project and the communication and activities to support the work and provide the necessary visibility will be managed through a public, collaborative web space on the RDA web site. GEDERDA will initially run for 1 year to assess progress and results.

## **How does GEDERDA work?**

* It contributes to open interaction forums (wikis) which are maintained by RDA or RDA EU and all statements are open to the RDA community for commenting.
* It brings together the expertise collected within RDA, within the respective initiatives and from other initiatives dealing with data related issues such as FAIR, W3C, IETF, etc.
* Its success will be measured by making progress in achieving broad agreements to improve data sharing and re-use, in pushing the global discussion ahead and in improving the interactions within and between the infrastructure initiatives.
* In keeping with the RDA Guiding Principles, GEDERDA is technology and project independent. In particular, RDA does not promote, endorse, or sell commercial products, technologies, or services[[7]](#footnote-7).
* Members will meet regularly via virtual meetings with at least one face-to-face meeting per year to encourage consensus and convergence on certain aspects.
* It is co-chaired by a member of RDA EU and one of the members appointed by the participating infrastructures.
* RDA EU provides the necessary support for GEDERDA activities.
* An evaluation will be carried out at the end of the first year by RDA EU to assess progress, achievements and eventual continuation.

## **What is RDA?**

The Research Data Alliance (RDA) builds the social and technical bridges that enable open sharing of data. The RDA vision is researchers and innovators openly sharing data across technologies, disciplines, and countries to address the grand challenges of society. With close to 4,000 members from 110 countries (April 2016), RDA provides a neutral space where its members can come together through focused global Working and Interest Groups to develop and adopt infrastructure that promotes data-sharing and data-driven research, and accelerate the growth of a cohesive data community that integrates contributors across domain, research, national, geographical and generational boundaries.

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1. RDA Members are over 4,000 from over 100 countries, for more details see <https://rd-alliance.org/about-rda/who-rda.html> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <https://rd-alliance.org/groups> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://rd-alliance.org/group/data-fabric-ig/wiki/recommendations.html> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. <https://rd-alliance.org/group/data-fabric-ig/wiki/df-configuration-pid-centric-data-management-and-access.html> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. [https://confluence.csc.fi/display/RDAEUKB/RDAEU3+Atlas+of+Knowledge+Home](https://confluence.csc.fi/display/RDAEUKB/RDAEU3%2BAtlas%2Bof%2BKnowledge%2BHome) [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. RDA EU is the RDA Europe project, which is supporting the European RDA community and RDA global. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. https://rd-alliance.org/get-involved.html [↑](#footnote-ref-7)