Procedure

**May’16: This draft procedure 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).

## **What are the procedures?**

RDA EU will take the following steps to form and maintain GEDERDA. RDA EU will:

* contact a long list of infrastructures active at European level and ask them whether they are interested to appoint an expert to participate;
* indicate the names of the experts on the web-site to make participation visible and to give recognition for the effort;
* organise first virtual meetings as soon as possible certainly starting in June accepting that not every expert will be able to participate
* plan at an early point a face-to-face meeting[[2]](#footnote-2) which has the function to forward agreement finding where possible and to detect disagreement and how to go ahead
* set up a wiki where all presentations, reports and comments will be collected
* write notes from each meeting which will be contributed to the global debate within RDA using the existing channels
* feedback commentary from RDA members to the discussions in GEDERDA
* initiate a self-reflection of the group’s work within GEDERDA after a year and make suggestions to RDA EU
* invite the chairs of ESFRI, e-IRG and experts from the EC to act as observers[[3]](#footnote-3)

## **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. There is the suggestion from e-IRG to have a joint meeting already in September in Bratislava. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. This was suggested by the current chairs which we gladly accepted. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)