

RDA Knowledge Base Privacy Statement

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1. Involved parties and services

1.1. The RDA TIGER project

[RDA TIGER](#) (Research Data Alliance facilitation of Targeted International working Groups for EOSC-related Research solutions) is a Horizon Europe -funded¹ project coordinated by RDA Europe, a European legal entity (Research Data Alliance Association AISBL) regional partner of The Research Data Alliance Foundation (RDA), global legal entity representing the RDA community worldwide,, with the Committee on Data of the International Science Council (CODATA), Netherlands eScienceCenter, and the Data Archiving and Networking Services (KNAW-DANS) joining as partners.

RDA TIGER supports Working Groups (WGs) that concretely align, harmonise and standardise Open Science developments and technologies in Europe and globally.

1.2. Services Operator and Data Controller

The Consortium acts as the joint Data Controller for the Services described in this document. The Service Operator or Executing Party responsible for the development of the Services for the duration of the project is Data Archiving and Networked Services (KNAW-DANS), an institute of KNAW and NWO formed in The Netherlands.

2. Purposes

2.1. The RDA TIGER Output Support Services

The RDA TIGER Outputs Support Services (OSS) is developed and maintained under the lead of KNAW-DANS until the end of the RDA TIGER project (December 2025). If by the project's end, any changes pertaining to this document need to be made, this will be communicated in due time as detailed under 3.11. The objectives of the OSS are to ensure high quality, usefulness, maintenance, and sustainability of the outputs of RDA WGs. The OSS develops the services that are collectively referred to as the RDA Knowledge Base (RDA-KB) are described in the following section (henceforth "Services"), and which are all covered by this Privacy Statement. These Services are operated and maintained by KNAW-DANS for the duration of the project, and are entirely independent from the RDA, as well as the operator of the RDA website.

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2.2. The RDA TIGER Knowledge Base

The RDA-KB is a portfolio of applications, tools, and services developed to facilitate support to RDA WGs and individuals.² The RDA-KB consists of the following main components:

- **2.2.1. RDA Graph:** a consolidated catalogue containing a disambiguated copy of each RDA resource (e.g. RDA outputs, supplementary materials, authors, organisations, groups, and their relationships), together with RDA-specific vocabularies used for tagging;
- **2.2.2. RDA Publisher:** an application that handles (meta)data preparation and transformation, and assists with the publication of RDA resources (outputs, supplementary materials, or any other resource) to both Zenodo and the RDA Graph;
- **2.2.3. RDA Discovery:** an application provides a means to search for and access any and all RDA-related resources in the RDA Graph, and provides dashboard-like overviews of available resources;
- **2.2.4. RDA Annotator:** a browser plugin that can be invoked for web resources, linking them via free-text and vocabulary-based annotations to the RDA Graph
- **2.2.5. RDA Helpdesk:** The Helpdesk assists RDA WGs and other RDA members to request assistance with, inter alia: tools, software, templates; defining group aims and recommendations; and standardisation, formatting, and publication of outputs.

3. Processing of personal data

The OSS mainly processes information that is already publicly available, in the form of bibliographic data such as authorships, published works, and declared affiliations. Improving the usefulness, maintenance, and sustainability It only processes personal data if this is necessary for a specific purpose. The purpose determines which personal data have to be processed and no more data will be asked for than is essential for that purpose. A table detailing the personal data processed by the RDA-KB components is provided below in section 3.3. The Consortium processes personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the privacy rules arising from it.

3.1. Legal basis for processing personal data

The legal basis for the processing of personal data associated with publicly available bibliography information (as described in section 3) is legitimate interest.³ The Services aim to improve the usefulness, maintenance, and sustainability of the outputs associated with this data, in the interest of both users and providers of this data. In addition, to provide the Services, account information may be collected with user consent. The use of OSS implies that you agree to all terms described in this Privacy Statement. Any personal information used in communication with the OSS or its contact

² See D4.2 “Description of Output Support Services and Maintenance Platform” for more details. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.12568753](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.12568753)

³ See the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), article 6.

persons implies that you accept the use of this information to communicate with you. Should you disagree with any part of this Privacy Statement, please refrain from using OSS, or communicating with its contact persons.

3.2. Scope

This Privacy Statement does not apply to the websites of third parties, such as business partners or sponsors, which may be linked to its components. The KNAW-DANS, nor the Consortium, does not endorse, and are not responsible for the content of these third party websites or their policies or practices. If you provide any personal information to or through third party websites, your transaction will be subject to the terms and conditions and the privacy policies of these third party websites.

3.3. What personal data is collected, and how

The table below outlines the personal data collected by the different Services of the OSS.⁴ Appropriate detailed information is provided and, where required, consent for the collection and processing of personal data is obtained before this is carried out. Said consent may be revoked at any time, whereby the ability to use the service in question is lost.

Table 1: Use of personal data by service

#	Service	Use of personal data
1.	RDA Graph	Processing of bibliographic data may include quality improvements, linking to related bibliographic data (e.g. publications or RDA Groups), or improving findability. Other personal data provided by users with consent may be included through 3-5, via 2.
2.	RDA Publisher	May process data provided by users with consent through 3 & 4, as well as other connected services, by preparation and transformation of provided (meta)data, as well as its transfer to the RDA Knowledge Graph or, if specified, Zenodo or other targets.
3.	RDA Discovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May process personal data associated with account management (optional). The component uses an authentication and authorisation component that is integrated with federated identity management (at present supplied by SURF in the Netherlands), allowing authentication e.g. via ORCID and Google Accounts, as well as Edugain Accounts. - Processes and stores data voluntarily provided by users, which may be traceable to the user in question.
4.	RDA Annotator	May process personal data associated with account management (optional), or information provided voluntarily by users.
5.	RDA Helpdesk	Processes personal information associated with support requests provided by users

⁴ For further details regarding data storage policies, refer to the DMP described in section 3.10.

Table 2: Personal data description

#	Personal data type	Data description	Used by OSS service ⁵					Legal basis
			1	2	3	4	5	
1	Name and affiliation	Name and affiliation (where available) associated with publicly available author- or publication metadata is republished on or via OSS services. Name and affiliation collected through Helpdesk tickets which may or may not be associated with such metadata shall not be made public.	X	X	X	X	X	Legitimate interest
2	Biographical / professional information	Already publicly available biographical or professional information (e.g. educational background, research interests, country of origin) provided by the user in question.	X	X	X	X	X	Legitimate interest
3	Email address	Provided by users opening tickets through the Helpdesk					X	Consent
4	Country	Individual's country location as dedicated field in internal data, distinct from country information that may appear in biographical data (row 2)					X	Legitimate interest
5	Associated Google or ORCID account	Account used to access the service			X	X		Consent

⁵ Refer to service number in the table 1

3.4. To whom we disclose personal information

The Consortium does not disclose personal information except for communication among project members for the purposes described in this Privacy Statement, and for the **law enforcement and compliance** purposes described below:

KNAW-DANS or Consortium partners may use or disclose personal information to any third party (a) if we believe that we are required to do so by law; (b) to comply with legal process or respond to requests from governmental or public authorities; (c) to prevent, investigate, detect, or prosecute criminal offences or attacks on the technical integrity of our services; (d) to enforce our Terms and Conditions; or (e) to protect the rights, privacy, property, business, or safety of RDA TIGER, its business partners, employees, members, Site users, or the public. Unless this is prohibited by applicable law, we will let you know if a third party requests access to personal information about you.

3.5. Exercising your privacy rights

You can submit a request to KNAW-DANS to exercise the following rights listed below, as defined in [Chapter 3 of the GDPR](#). Please contact KNAW-DANS at: info@dans.knaw.nl.

- Right to access your personal data.
- Right to rectify and/or add to your personal data.
- Right to erasure of your personal data.
- Right to restrict the processing of your personal data.
- Right to data portability.
- Right of objection.
- Right not to be subjected to a decision based exclusively on automated processing, including profiling.

3.6. Retention of information

In principle, personal data are not retained any longer than is necessary to achieve the purpose for which the personal data are collected.

3.7. Security

The Consortium seeks to adopt commercially appropriate security measures to protect personal information under its control against loss, misuse, and alteration.

3.8. Data Management Plan

The RDA TIGER project maintains a [Data Management Plan \(DMP\)](#)⁶ that describes data usage and GDPR compliance by the project and its personnel in detail, including: data produced; data storage and management solutions; and data lifetime.

3.9. Data Protection Officer

Should you have any questions and/or complaints about the safeguarding of your privacy please contact the KNAW-DANS Data Protection Officer (DPO), acting on behalf of the Consortium, via e-mail: fg@knaw.nl.

3.10. Personal Data Authority

KNAW-DANS will work with you to find a solution if you have a complaint regarding the processing of your personal data. If this does not lead to a satisfactory result, you have the right under the GDPR to submit a complaint to the Personal Data Authority.

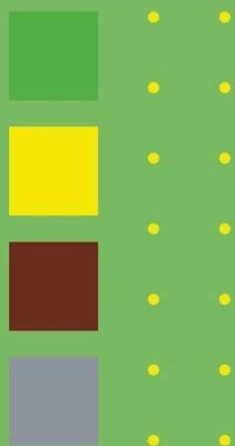
3.11. Updates to the Privacy Notice

Should this Privacy Statement go through significant changes, we will post a prominent notice on our Services for a reasonable time to notify you of these changes. Unless, and until, you object in writing, by contacting us at fg@knaw.nl, all changes will apply to the existing information about you that KNAW-DANS already holds, and the personal information collected from the effective date of the revised Privacy Statement. Your use of our Services following the effective date of any revision will constitute your acceptance of the terms of the updated Privacy Notice.

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⁶ DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8099103>





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