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Letter of Support for Text + Initiative

Dear Prof. Hinrichs,

The RDA (Research Data Alliance) is pleased to support the “**TEXT+ Initiative**” being submitted by The Goettingen State and University Library and the German National Library together with the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, the Leibniz-Institute for German Language and the North Rhine-Westphalian Academy of Sciences.

As an international, open, neutral forum for the development of solutions to share and re-use data, RDA’s fundamental mission is to support open science through building social and technical bridges to resolve the grand challenges of society. RDA covers all domains, disciplines and technologies and has no geographical borders, with over 11,000 members in 145 countries worldwide, RDA offers the largest open collaboration platform for open science in the world. To date the RDA community has generated 50 concrete outputs (eight of which are recognized as standards) with over 100 documented adoption cases. RDA outputs are developed by focused Working Groups and Interest Groups, formed of volunteer experts from around the world and drawn from academia, private sector and government. Participation in RDA is open to anyone who agrees to its guiding principles of openness, consensus, balance, harmonisation, with a community-driven and non-profit approach.

RDA very much welcomes that the TEXT+ initiative’s is developed along the lines of FAIR data and aims to provide crucial infrastructure - a federation of distributed data centres and competence centres - in order to enable research-driven data services for language and text-based research data. These aims are well aligned with RDA’s values, aims and activities. We also very much appreciate the participatory approach which will be taken for developing and validating the guidelines and policy recommendations. Furthermore, TEXT+ would greatly benefit the RDA activities by strengthening links with the Humanities community (combining the infrastructure and community perspective).

In the light of the above, RDA is pleased to support the application of the TEXT+ consortium, and looks forward to collaborating with the project during its implementation.

Sincerely,

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