**2015-09-04**

**DCAT-AP Revision Working Group meeting**

Meeting Minutes

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| Virtual meeting: DCAT-AP Revision Working Group meeting | | | |
| Venue | Virtual meeting | Meeting date | 2015-09-04 |
| Author | Stefanos Kotoglou | Meeting time | 10:30 – 12:00 |
| Reviewed by | Nikolaos Loutas | Issue date | 2015-09-04 |
| Status | For review | Version | 0.03 |

# Attendees

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| Name | Abbreviation | Organisation |
| Athanasios Karalopoulos | AK | ISA Programme, European Commission |
| Willem Van Gemert | WVG | Publications Office |
| Agnieszka Zajac | AZ | Publications Office |
| Jean Delahousse | JD | Publications Office |
| Andrea Perego | AP | Joint Research Centre |
| Danica Saponja | DS | Ministry of Justice and Public Administration, Slovenia |
| Oystein Asnes | OA | Difi - Agency for Public Management and eGovernment |
| Peter Winstanley | PW | Scottish Government |
| Bart Hanssens | BH | Fedict |
| Bert Van Nuffelen | BVN | TenForce |
| Hans Overbeek | HO | Kennis- en exploitatiecentrum Officiele OverheidsPublicaties (KOOP) |
| Makx Dekkers | MD | AMI Consult SARL |
| Nikolaos Loutas | NL | PwC EU Services |
| Jana Makedonska | JM | PwC EU Services |
| Stefanos Kotoglou | SK | PwC EU Services |

**Agenda**

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# Welcome introduction

WVG welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting of the Working group.

AP suggested broadening the scope of the discussion by discussing not only about DCAT-AP but also updating the WG about GeoDCAT-AP and StatDCAT-AP.

# Report of the public comment period

MD provided an overview of the metrics during the review period of the 5th draft of the revised DCAT-AP. In total, we received 27 comments from:

* 8 people
* 4 countries (Finland, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands)
* 4 public organisations (Publications Office, Joint Research Centre, Finnish IT centre for science, Agenzia per l’Italia Digitale)
* 1 private organisation (]init[ digital agency, Germany)
* 1 public University (VU University of Amsterdam)

MD mentioned that after creating the issues, he organised the discussion document by dividing the issues in four categories:

* Issues related to Agent roles
* Issues needing clarifications
* Issues not to fix
* Editorial issues

MD proposed following the structure of the document with the proposed resolutions for structuring the meeting’s discussion.

# Issues related to Agent roles

[Issue 1](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/semantics-authority), [2](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/clarification-agent-roles), [3](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/define-new-property-type-contributor) and [4](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/add-dctcontributor-dataset):

AP mentioned that dct:creator is safer approach than dct:rightsHolder for the purposes of Authority.

HO agreed with AP and mentioned that in many cases, the creation is outsourced to 3rd parties that are dealing with the implementation of the work.

MD mentioned that “responsible party” is a separate property that can be assigned to the “Authority”. MD expressed his concern that this property allocation might create confusion in the future.

HO suggested creating a footnote in the specification to clarify the use of authority.

AP provided a [link](https://ies-svn.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/metadata/wiki/Use_of_responsible_party_roles) with 12 different roles in Inspire and their definitions.

AP mentioned that these roles will be used in GeoCAT-AP, but there is not yet a property in DCAT-AP for describing these roles.

BVN agreed with reusing roles that exist already in GeoDCAT-AP.

AP recommended that we should consider the idea of using the [Roles Name Authority List](http://publications.europa.eu/mdr/authority/role/) of the Publications Office. WVG agreed with AP and he mentioned that it is possible to use the roles related to the DCAT-AP context from the Inspire vocabulary.

JD noted that it has to be decided whether to add a property or to use a role (it is not possible to apply both).

MD suggested having a vocabulary maintained by the OP. This vocabulary would be a list of properties.

MD provided a [link](http://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/relators.html) to a list that probably contains all the properties that we need.

MD, WVG and AP agreed on working on drafting some text for explaining further the “Agent” roles. The proposal will be communicated via the mailing list.

MD suggested dropping the property “Authority” (dct:creator).

MD mentioned that issues [2](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/clarification-agent-roles), [3](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/define-new-property-type-contributor) and [4](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/add-dctcontributor-dataset) will be covered from the 2 aforementioned proposals.

# Issues needing clarifications

[Issue 5](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/use-checksum-class): The meeting participants agreed with the proposed resolution.

[Issue 6](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/recommended-class-must-or-should): The meeting participants agreed with the proposed resolution.

[Issue 7](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/licence-types) and [Issue 8](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/licence-types-0): The licence types remain mandatory (No change).

[Issue 9](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/clarify-target-dcatlandingpage): The meeting participants agreed with the proposed resolution.

[Issue 10](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/drop-maximum-cardinality-constraint-dcatlandingpage): The meeting participants agreed with the proposed resolution.

[Issue 11](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/values-dctlanguage): The meeting participants agreed with the proposed resolution.

[Issue 12](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/distinguish-controlled-vocabularies-dcattheme-and-dcatthemetaxo):

WVG suggested adding the 13 term vocabulary to DCAT-AP and renaming it to: “Dataset theme vocabulary” (or similarly).

AP suggested exploring the possibility for [creating any connections with Inspire](http://joinup.ec.europa.eu/mailman/archives/dcat_application_profile-geo/2015-August/000180.html).

MD mentioned that the OP and Inspire should discuss and solve this matter.

[Issue 13](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/controlled-vocabulary-type-admsidentifier): The meeting participants agreed with the proposed resolution.

[Issue 14](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/vocabularies-draft-status): The meeting participants agreed with the proposed resolution. We should remain flexible.

[Issue 15](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/publish-and-use-publicly-available-vocabularies): The meeting participants agreed with the proposed resolution.

[Issue 16](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/mandatory-vocabularies): The meeting participants agreed with the proposed resolution.

[Issue 17](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/issue/add-mdr-continents-nal-recommended-vocabularies-spatial-coverag): The meeting participants agrees with the resolution.

AP mentioned that if we recommend a vocabulary that is operational on national level, but at the same time it is not recognised on European level, we should provide more options (more vocabularies) by making clear that the proposed vocabulary is not the only solution.

AP mentioned that he will send a mail to the mailing list explaining in detail his recommendation.

JD mentioned that the marine vocabularies, including the national ones, are all recognised on European (and international) level.

JD suggested that one of those is vocabularies is chosen and is recommended in the specification.

AP mentioned that we should be aware of the plans of the pan-European data portal.

MD assured AP that we are in touch with the pan-European data portal. They participated in the discussions of the Working Group so far.

After a request of MD and due to time limitations, all the participants agreed to skip discussing about the rest of the issues (18-27) and to discuss about them via the mailing list or via Joinup.

# Issues not to fix

*These issues were not discussed (WG members are invited to send a message to the mailing list if they have objections to a proposed resolution. All the proposed resolutions will be accepted if no objections are voiced by 16 September).*

# Editorial issues

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# Discussion about Geo DCAT-AP

AP provided several links:

* [Geo DCAT-AP implementation](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/document/geodcat-ap-implementations)

AP mentioned that there are contributions from HO and from Italy (Antonio Rotundo).

* [Geo DCAT-API](http://geodcat-ap.semic.eu:8890/api/)

This API can be used to convert ISO 19139 records into GeoDCAT-AP, either by submitting a call to a [CSW (Catalog Service for the Web)](http://www.opengeospatial.org/standards/cat), or by loading a static file containing ISO records. The source code and preliminary documentation is available in [Stash](https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/CITnet/stash/projects/ODCKAN/repos/iso-19139-to-dcat-ap/browse/api).

# Implementation experience

NL informed the meeting participants about the actions that we have performed so far. We have:

* asked people to share with the mailing list their implementation experiences and their future plans; and
* implemented (in the context of the [Open Data Support](http://opendatasupport.eu/) project funded by DG CONNECT) a [DCAT-AP validator](https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/software/dcat-ap_validator/home) that will be shared with the Working Group. The validator will be published on Joinup and via the mailing list all the Working Group members will be invited to submit their feedback.

# Next steps, closing

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| ID | Description | Owner | Due date |
|  | Draft text for explaining further the Agent roles. | AP, MD, WVG | 16/09 |
|  | Issue 13: Give a name to the 13-term vocabulary (e.g. Dataset theme vocabulary) | WVG | 16/09 |
|  | Comment on the issues that we didn’t go through via the mailing list or via Joinup | Working Group | 16/09 |
|  | Update the version of the draft based on the decisions and the received comments. | MD, NL, SK | 18/09 |