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# Metadata Services Integrated Authority File (GND): Changes in MARC 21 format for authority data from 6 February 2024 (Export Release 2024.01)

Dear Sir or Madam

We would like to draw your attention to the Export Release 2024.01 of the MARC 21 format for authority data.

Formats are modified in a fixed chronological sequence (release cycle)<sup>1</sup>. We announce these modifications three months beforehand and keep you informed via the Metadata service newsletter<sup>2</sup>.

## 1. Schedule

### 1.1. External test phase

The release planning includes an external test phase. The field description and the test data are published at the beginning of this phase (see section 3). In the following two weeks, the external test phase then allows all data collectors to trial importing the test data and the online standard interface (ONS)<sup>3</sup> with regard to the announced format changes.

For the 2024.01 release, the external test phase is:

| 6 – 17 November 2023

Please send any feedback (including examples) by 17 November 2023 to [metadatendienste@dnb.de](mailto:metadatendienste@dnb.de).

No further adjustments will be made to the scheduled release once the external test phase has ended. If we receive feedback at a later date, we will examine whether any corrections can be

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<sup>1</sup> <https://wiki.dnb.de/x/wgcbBQ>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.dnb.de/metadatanews>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.dnb.de/EN/ons>

made; such corrections will not be issued any earlier than the following release.  
The test data will be also available for testing the import after the end of the external test phase.

## 1.2. Productive use

The changes will apply from:

- | 6 February 2024 (There maybe disruptions to the interfaces and the Data Shop between 08:00 and 12:00 noon during the technical changeover.)
- | Delivery 6, 2024 of the GND change service<sup>4</sup> expected available 7 February 2024.

## 2. Format changes

### 2.1. MARC field 043 (Geographic area code) (R): Field to become repeatable for work titles. Introduction of new subfields: \$9C: (Context of use) (R), \$95: (Institution to which field applies) (NR), \$9v: (Notes) (R)

MARC field 043 (Geographic area code) in the MARC 21 authority standard has been repeatable since 2020. Following a resolution adopted by the GND committee (meeting 2023/02 of 7 March 2023), the geographic information for work titles is now to be made repeatable (flag: MARC field 075 \$b u \$2 gndgen).

This means that in addition to the standard case "Creator's country of origin/cultural area", which will remain uncoded, it will be possible to express the code "Work's country of origin" (code: "elw") in machine-readable format.

The following subfield will be introduced to transport this code:

- | \$9v: - (Notes) (R)

The subfields

- | \$9C: - (Context of use) (R)  
and
- | \$95: - (Institution to which field applies) (NR)

will also be introduced for field 043. This addition is analogous to the recent introduction of these subfields as part of Export Release 2023.02.

The order of the MARC subfields is: \$c \$9C: \$95: \$9v:

Example:

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XXXXXnz a22XXXXXnc 4500  
001 1231447923
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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.dnb.de/gndchangeservice>

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 005 20231024123315.0  
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 035 \_\_ \$a(DE-101)1231447923  
 035 \_\_ \$a(DE-588)1231447923  
 040 \_\_ \$aDE-101\$cDE-101\$9r:DE-101\$bger\$d1115\$erda  
 042 \_\_ \$agnd1  
**043 \_\_ \$cXA-AT**  
**043 \_\_ \$cXA-CZ\$9C:Werk\$95:DE-101\$9v:elw**  
 065 \_\_ \$a16.5p\$2sswd  
 065 \_\_ \$a2.3p\$2sswd  
 075 \_\_ \$bu\$2gndgen  
 075 \_\_ \$bwit\$2gndspec  
 079 \_\_ \$ag\$qs\$uw  
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 nb.info/standards/elementset/gnd#dateOfPublication\$wr\$iErscheinungszeit  
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 678 \_\_ \$bBroschüre über den Februaraufstand 1934 in Österreich; geschrieben 1934 im Exil in  
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Note: The example with subfield \$9C: in the repeated field 043 is fictitious and serves solely as an illustration.

### 3. Further information and test data

The official Library of Congress documentation of the fields described can be found at <https://www.loc.gov/marc/authority>.

The full description of authority data fields is available in PDF and Excel versions at <https://www.dnb.de/EN/marc21>.

In order to provide a brief overview of the changes made since publication of the previous concordance, all changes to the previous version are given on the first pages of the current field description in the PDF versions in each case.

A sample file containing metadata with the announced changes will be made available in the following days in MARC 21 and MARC21-xml formats with the file name "GNDTestRelease2024\_01" under <https://data.dnb.de/testdat>.

### 4. Unconfirmed advance information about the next but one release

Please note that this advance information on possible future changes is, by its nature, incomplete; changes may also be postponed to a later release<sup>5</sup> or shelved entirely. Similarly, there may also be

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<sup>5</sup> <https://wiki.dnb.de/x/wgcbBQ>

further major changes to the content. Please refer to the release announcement to be published in March 2024 (which will go into productive use in June 2024) for information on the specific points to be implemented.

For the next but one release, no changes are being planned at the moment.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to mail us at [metadatendienste@dnb.de](mailto:metadatendienste@dnb.de).