RDA UK
Opening up UK research

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RDA RESEARCH DATA ALLIANCE **EUROPE**

UK NATIONAL NODE

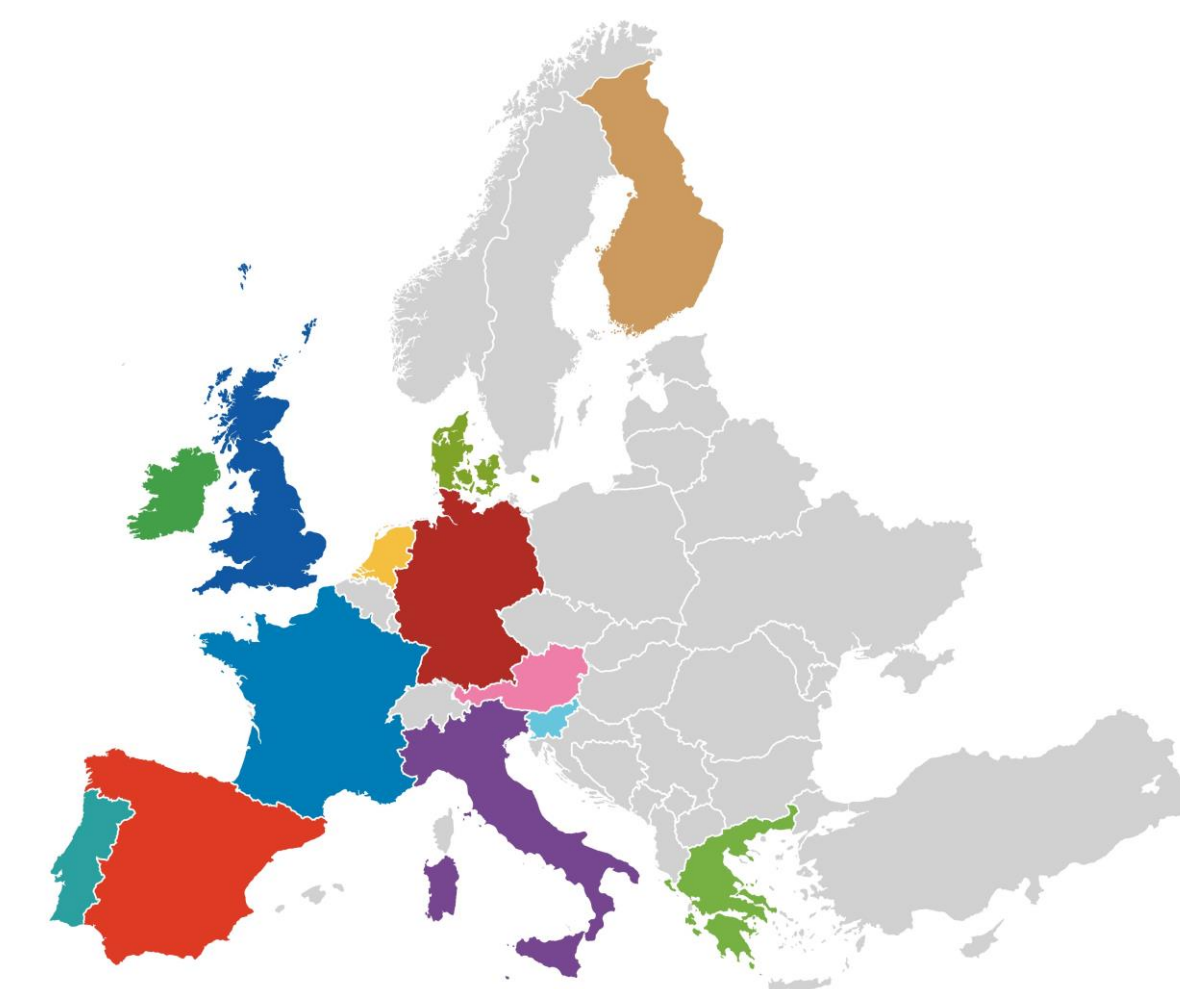*With the second largest membership of any country in the RDA, the UK has an established and active research community. The national node supports and engages with this community, encouraging participation in RDA activities and adoption of RDA outputs, running events targeted at existing and new members, enabling discussion, coordination and support, the promotion of open calls for European participation in the RDA , and the dissemination of RDA activities and outputs. The RDA helps to bring together various data-related EU projects with UK partners, reaching across borders to a global research community.*

Themes

- Creation, organisation and management of a national / regional RDA community
- Interaction with national research funding bodies and RDA governance
- Promotion of open calls for European participation in RDA (plenary meetings, support programmes, ambassadors, early career programmes, etc.)
- Organisation of events (meetings, workshops, training courses etc.) to disseminate and promote RDA activities and outputs
- Dissemination of RDA activities and output and encouraging participation in RDA activities and adoption of outputs, leveraging on the knowledge of the local research system

Focus – to increase the UK membership and active participation in RDA activities, adoption of RDA recommendations and outputs and support the sustainability of the RDA.

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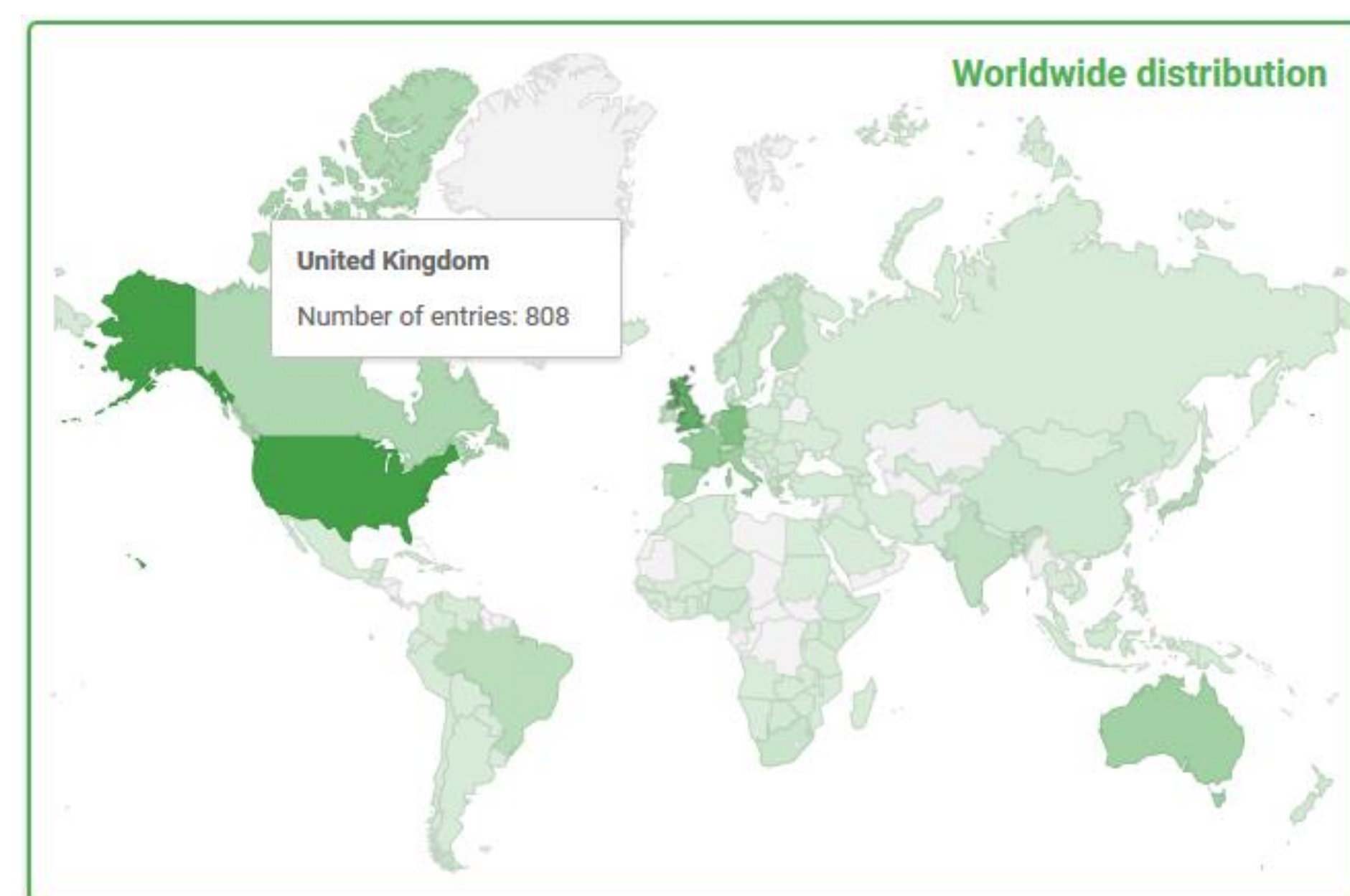juan.bicarregui@stfc.ac.uk
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Events

- Launch of the UK node - Webinar (12 December 2018). 61 participants
- Introducing the UK node - First workshop (18 January 2019). 58 participants
- Joint RDA-UK/FREYA workshop on Persistent Identifiers hosted by the Wellcome Trust - Second Workshop (16 July 2019). 71 participants
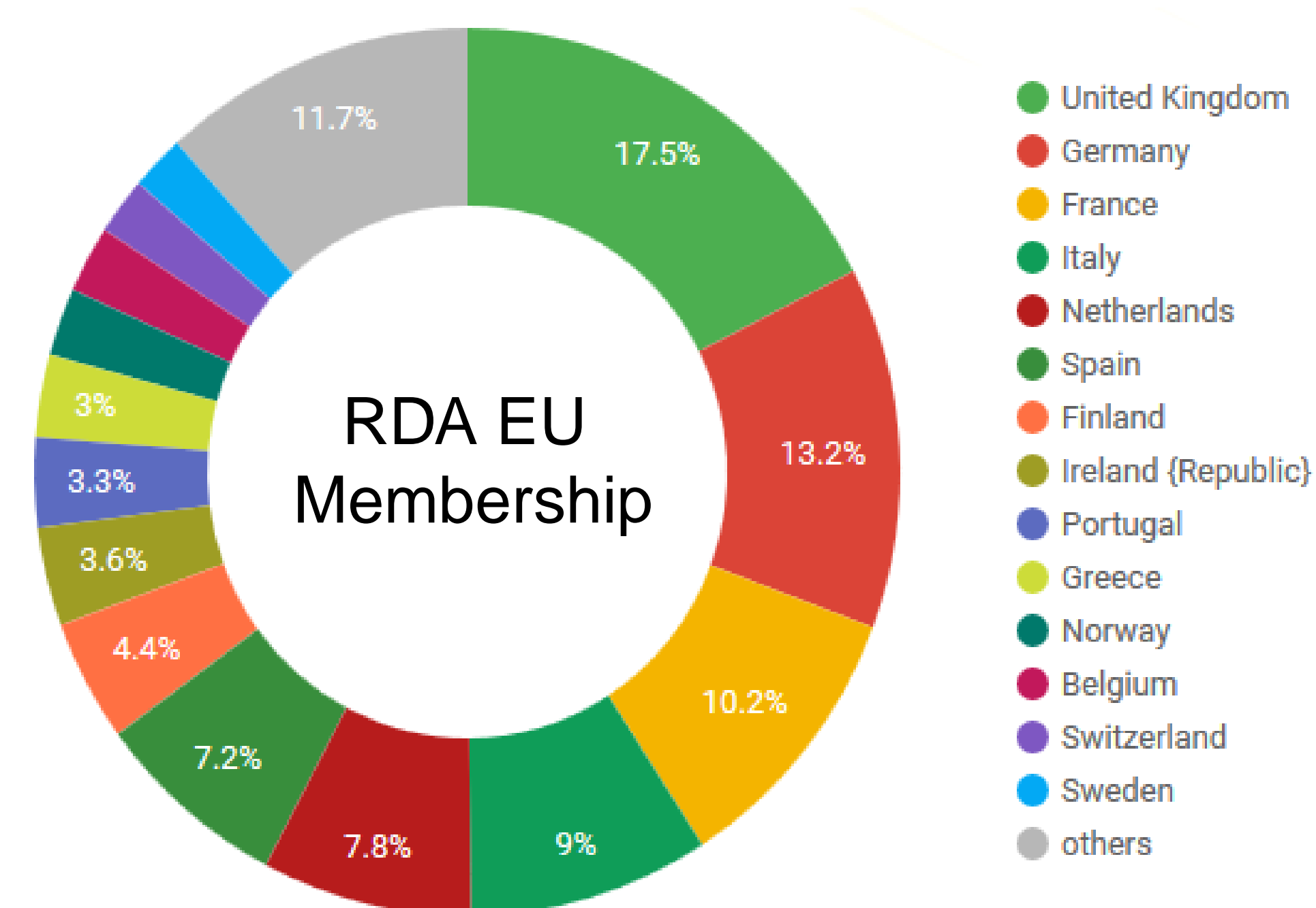- Next workshop – Planning joint workshop with OpenAIRE early 2020

See https://www.rd-alliance.org/groups/rda-united-kingdom for details.

Worldwide distribution

United Kingdom
Number of entries: 808

UK Membership

- There are 808 members in the UK, the second largest membership (after USA)
- Organisational members: Digital Curation Centre (DCC), Science & Technology Facilities Council (STFC), The Alan Turing Institute, Web Science Trust, Wiley
- 44% of Working Groups have a UK co-chair
- 35% of Interest Groups have a UK co-chair
- RDA EU Ambassadors (UK members):
  - Media and Communications - Fiona Murphy
  - High energy physics / Fusion - Shaun de Witt

Challenge to increase membership and reach out to a new audience.

RDA EU Membership

- United Kingdom — 17.5%
- Germany — 13.2%
- France — 10.2%
- Italy — 9%
- Netherlands — 7.8%
- Spain — 7.2%
- Finland — 4.4%
- Ireland {Republic} — 3.6%
- Portugal — 3.3%
- Greece — 3%
- Norway
- Belgium
- Switzerland
- Sweden
- others — 11.7%

Open Research in the UK

The UK node promotes open research activities in the UK.
- Liaison with EOSC projects
  - STFC coordinates EOSCpilot and FREYA
  - STFC participates in EOSC-Secretariat and FAIRsFAIR
- Links to other EU projects
  - OpenAIRE – Jisc is the National Open Access Desk (NOAD) in the UK
  - FREYA – ran joint workshop to highlight the importance of Persistent Identifiers
- Liaison with Funding bodies
  - STFC is part of UK Research and Innovation, which works in partnership with universities, research organisations, businesses, charities, and government to create the best possible environment for research and innovation to flourish.

RDA UK Membership Growth