

Advancing the DDC through international collaboration

EDUG at a glance

The European DDC Users Group (EDUG) is the leading interest group and voice for the DDC community outside the United States.

Founded:	2007
Main focus:	Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC)
Led by:	Elected Board (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary)
Key stakeholders:	National libraries, university libraries, bibliographic service providers
Members:	36 institutions/16 countries
Global partnerships:	Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), DDC Editorial Policy Committee (EPC)
Main event:	Symposium & Business Meeting (Annually, April/May)
Website:	https://edug.pansoft.de/tiki-index.php

Core objectives & activities

Expert Exchange: Serving as a diverse forum for DDC usage worldwide to share practical experiences and best practices in DDC classification, and cataloguing in general.

WebDewey, WebDeweySearch, DDC Translation Software: Promoting a shared data infrastructure and modern end-user applications to ensure the long-term data integrity and interoperability of the English DDC data and the translation data.

DDC content development: Submitting and coordinating collaborative proposals to the EPC and OCLC to ensure the system meets evolving bibliographic needs.

DDC translation and access: International cooperation on the translation and localization of the DDC, including shared software and workflows, as well as joint projects to promote the linguistic interoperability of the DDC across different languages and cultures.

DDC research: Exchange and collaboration in various fields, such as automated/AI-based classification, linked data, vocabulary mapping, DDC data formats.

While rooted in Europe, EDUG is a **transnational forum** open to DDC users and institutions worldwide.

Membership & Participation

There are many benefits that come with an EDUG membership!

- Invitation and free participation in all **EDUG events**, including access to the **archive** of all business meeting minutes. EDUG events are held alternately online and in person (when in person, usually as a hybrid event).
- Regular **updates** on EDUG's work
- Many opportunities to **get involved** in EDUG projects, working groups, etc.
- Use the EDUG network to **connect** with other teams, e.g., to **collaborate** on individual projects
- Share news that might be of interest to the group or that should be acted upon by EDUG
- The opportunity to **showcase** your projects to a wider international audience
- **Call attention** to the challenges you have encountered regarding the use of the DDC in your country or institution.

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Being part of EDUG also means being part of a welcoming, vibrant DDC community that has cherished the exchange between its members since its founding in 2007.

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