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Subject: Re: coding of dc:language  
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Hi Jörg,

> I would not delete the <dc:language> in any case

Yes, of course, I cannot delete it since it comes with Dublin Core Metadata Set. My recommendation to Susanne was

> to delete this <dc:language> from the examples

with the pronunciation at "from the examples" ;-)

> The original thought about <dc:language> was to identify the language  
> used for  
> that name, especially when you have a station like Bautzen/Budyšin with  
> several  
> names in different languages.

I agree that it is (still) indented to identify the language of names, remarks a.s.o. which do not have a individual 'xml:lang' attribute such as the general 'name' of a station. An additional name (like Budyšin) already has its 'xml:lang' filed.

But I think that we should not add a 'xml:lang' attribute to all fields which may contain a kind of plain text (of any language). This would mean to add 'xml:lang' to all fields defined with type 'string' - which would expand both the XSD and RailML files in an unnecessary way. This is the point where from my opinion <dc:language> comes into play...

Best regards,  
Dirk.

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