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Modern metadata specifications such as EN 15907 define numerous elements that can be used as connectors to entities from other knowledge domains. An obvious example is the sharing of so-called authority data with other institutions such as libraries. A considerable volume of high-quality authority data has become available as Linked Open Data (LOD) for everyone to use and to enrich.

Using LOD resources can not only reduce the burden of maintaining in-house authority data, but also become a reciprocal process in which new information is added to the global knowledge graph. A case in point is the Gemeinsame Normdatei (GND), a vast LOD resource maintained by the German National Library. Over the past few years, the Deutsches Filminstitut has integrated co-maintenance of the GND into their film cataloguing process.

Beyond institutional cooperation, the LOD realm now offers plenty of opportunity for more informal giving and taking. A few of such opportunities of possible relevance to film archives will be illustrated in this presentation.