

ApplicableTerritoryCode vs Deal Territories

The ERN Standard allows communicating territorial differences for `Releases`, `SoundRecordings` as well as other `Resources`. At the same time the `Deals` that can be linked to those `Releases` and `Resources` which also have a territorial scope.

If `Releases` or `Resources` do not have any territorial variations (i.e. only a default `...DetailsByTerritory` composite in ERN-3 or no composite with an `ApplicableTerritoryCode` attribute in ERN-4⁽¹⁾), the recipient of the ERN is to apply this data to all territories that are mentioned in the `Deal`.

As a consequence, territorial data only needs to be communicated **at Resource and Release level** if there are territorial variations for the territories referenced in the current `Deal`. Message senders should avoid sending territorial differences for territories where they do not have any `Deals` or do not expect to have `Deals` soon.

(1) Or no composite with an `ApplicableTerritoryCode` attribute set to anything else than `Worldwide`.